

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE 22 November 2020 - Year A/2

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

All the faithful departed.

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Farewell Fr John: Bishop Anthony has announced that Fr John Puliparambil will be appointed as Assistant Priest to Many-Freshwater Parish starting Dec 7th. Covid restrictions will preclude us doing a whole parish farewell event which we would usually do for a departing priest. Instead, Fr John will likely have several small gatherings with groups he has worked closely with. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift for Fr John you can place an envelope in the collection with "Fr John's gift" on it, or send it to the parish office. His last Masses with us will be on Sunday Dec 6th.

In his place Fr Joey Frez will be appointed as our Assistant Priest. Fr Joey comes to us from Wahroonga Parish.

Please pray for Fr John and Fr Joey in this time of transition.

Baptism Font: Our new baptism font is now installed in the church on the front right-hand side of the sanctuary, near the presider's chair, in accord with church liturgical norms which require that a font be stationary, permanent and visible (*General Instruction on Christian Initiation*, 25). The octagonal design is a traditional symbol of the "8th day of creation", that is the new creation which we become through baptism as we become sharers in Jesus' resurrected life.

The font is constructed from sandstone which matches the altar to express the connection between baptism and eucharist. A glass bowl allows the water to be visible. Glass panels display the three holy oils used in sacramental anointing; the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Chrism.

The construction of the font was made possible by one generous donor last year. We are also grateful to local Catholic architect Mark Boffa who generously donated his services of design and project management.

The Works of Mercy: In this Sunday's gospel we hear the great parable of judgement of the sheep and the goats. In it, there are six actions in which Christ is either served or neglected: feeding the hungry the thirsty, visiting the sick and imprisoned, welcoming the stranger and clothing the naked. Together with a seventh action of burying the dead found in the book of Tobit these actions have become known as the Corporal (physical) Works of Mercy. To read more about this classic Catholic model acting world of in the see http://justiceandpeace.org.au/corporal-and-spiritual-works-of-mercy/

> PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME; DO NOT PUT IT BACK IN THE CHURCH HOLDERS.

WITHIN OUR PARISH

TO MINISTRY GROUPS

We have noticed lately that the Meeting Room gates are not being locked at night. As the gates are our main security for our rooms and the classrooms, they need to be locked at night when last meetings are complete.

If you are running a meeting at night in the rooms and you are the last to leave, please lock the gates with the chain and padlock. If you need a key to lock, your red meeting room key will open the padlock. Thank you.

JOIN THE TEAM AT BROKEN BAY DIOCESE: NEW POSITIONS VACANT

Are you keen to part of a renewed vision for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Broken Bay?

After celebrating one year as Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo is announcing a call out to enthusiastic, faith filled and appropriately skilled people who might help implement his dynamic vision with the following invitation:

"As the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, I am shaping a team of people who can meet the challenges of our time with a bold and authentic vision to accomplish the will of God,"

There are six new roles available in the Chancery at Broken Bay:

- Team Leader Catholic Youth;
- Team Leader Life, Marriage & Family;
- Sacramental Life, Liturgy & RCIA Coordinator;
- Executive Assistant (job share / part time 2 days); and
- Diocesan Pastoral Project Facilitator.
- Diocesan Director, Communications

To apply for these roles or for more information go to www.bbcatholic.org.au/jobs. **Applications close Tuesday 2 December.**



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

It is not too late to give to our final CWF collection for 2020. Please take an envelope home with you and return it next week on the plate. Or, there are pencils and pens available in the Church. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

PIETY STALL Now available in the Piety Stall:

- FRATELLI TUTTI Pope Francis' third encyclical, subtitled "on fraternity and social friendship". \$15
- COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2021. The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2021 marks the 99th edition. \$9 each.
- GOD'S WORD 2021: Daily Mass readings, reflections and liturgical diary. \$15 each
- CHRISTMAS cards packs \$4 each; individual cards also available; various Christmas gifts
- LAUDATO SI Pope Francis' previous encyclical on caring for our common home. \$5 each; well worth the cost!

PIETY STALL - Are your children fidgety at Mass? We have a lovely Mass book that would help them understand the Mass and feel connected to the congregation.

OUR LADY'S MISSION - Do you have spare rosary beads, holy cards or any other religious items? At Our Lady's mission (58 Leura Road, Auburn NSW 2144), they would love to receive them. They send them on to the missionaries. Please send to above address if you can help.

Working Bee - Saturday 28 November 2020

Our pre-Christmas Working Bee will be on Saturday 28 November from 9am to 12noon. Our goal is to have as many of our committed parishioners available to help us get the church and grounds sparkling ready for the Christmas celebrations. If you can make it on the day to help out, please give some thought to what tasks you would like to get involved in. We look forward to seeing many of you there.



Baptism This Weekend: Isabella Nixon





Enrolling your child in a Catholic School this year?

Throughout the year people contact the parish seeking a parish priest's reference for enrolment into a Catholic School. In 2020, Fr Jim invites parents seeking a reference to attend a Parent Connect Gathering which will develop the partnership of parish, family and school in the project of teaching Catholic faith to both primary school and high school.

We will host several more gatherings before the end of the year, 10 am - 11 am in the Magnificat room (Cnr Kirk and Archer Streets).

For more information, email Bernadette bernadette.ho@bbatholic.org.au

To RSVP, please book online through the parish website www.bbcatholic/chatswood under the school's tab.

2020 PARENT CONNECT GATHERING DATES

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	24 October	10 - 11 am
Saturday	07 November	10 - 11 am
Saturday	12 December	10 - 11 am

God bless you. 🕐

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CANCELLATION OF NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP – Sat 28 November

The OLPH Novena will be cancelled on Saturday 28 November due to the parish having a working bee that day in preparation for Christmas.



Cancelling a mass booking: If you have booked a mass for the weekend and find you are unable to attend, for whatever reason, please follow these instructions to cancel your booking. Open your email from trybooking, which you received when you booked your mass ticket and use the "return tickets" function. It's near the bottom of your confirmation email from Trybooking. This way, someone else can book your spot. Thank you.

"In a world which, unfortunately, has been damaged by the virus of indifference, the works of mercy are the best antidote."

– Pope Francis



Taking steps to care for the marginalised and vulnerable, Sisters of Charity follow the example of St (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta.

Catechist Ministry

Each year, the CCD hold an annual mass for all the catechists who have devoted their time to the ministry passing on their faith to our Catholic children in the government schools of the Diocese. Catechists are recognised during the mass with these service awards. White roses are placed on the altar, to remember CCD Catechists who have passed away since the 2019 Diocesan Mass.

Due to the cancellation of the annual CCD mass, the annual years of service awards will be presented at the local parish.

Here in our Parish, we will have it at our next weekend Masses –28 and 29 November.

It is with much delight we announce that this year, we have 13 Catechists who will be awarded.

2020 Service Awardee	Award
Chrystal De Croos	5 Years
Veronica Tan	5 Years
Mary Rowan	5 Years
Maria Paino	5 Years
Rowena Orge	5 Years
John Hurrell	5 Years
Gillian Hawkins	10 Years
Michelle Hirschhorn	10 Years
Barbara Seeto	10 Years
Pressy Braganza	15 Years
Lydia Manlangit	20 Years
Marie Dorkin	25 Years
Madelyn Ciciolla	30 Years

Let us continue to pray for the continued blessings on the families of the Catechists.

The Catechists, friends and family are all invited to the 2020 Advent Spirituality Morning, 27 November 9:30AM to 12:30PM via zoom.

To register, RSVP to ccdadmin@bbcatholic.org.au

If you wish to join us in prayer, reflection and camaraderie, we have this opportunity to zoom together with a 'high tea' break on 27 November in Magnificat Meeting Room at 9:30AM to 12:30PM.

To join us in the zoom together RSVP to <u>Maricel.Malapira@bbcatholic.org.au</u>

I love it when I hug someone, and just when I'm about to let go, they hug me even tighter.



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL enrolling now for 2021. Kindy, Years 5 & 6. Secure your spot today! 9419 2645



Preparing for Advent

The first Sunday of Advent is on 29 November. At <u>www.pray.com.au</u> the Advent Season of Creation series will look at the daily Scripture readings in the light of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*. The readings from Isaiah during Advent are full of realism about the world, a deep sense of God's presence in the natural world, and the conviction that relationship with God affects the whole of creation not just our hearts.

Daily Reflections

Each day, a Catholic writer will take a deeper look at the readings from Isaiah and the Gospels and offer a reflection for your prayer during Advent.

The Guest Writers

First Week:	Andrew Hamilton SJ
Second Week:	Michael McGirr
Third Week:	Rachel McLoughlin IBVM
Sundays & Christmas:	David Holcroft SJ

Daily Videos

Daily videos will accompany each reflection <u>www.pray.com.au</u>