



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



PENTECOST SUNDAY  
23 May 2021 – Year B/1

## WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

**Deceased Anniversaries:** Juliet Gomez D'Silva, Guillermo Bolingot

**Recently Deceased:** Vincenzo Mollace, Linda Christine Raj, Carmelo Battaglia, Margaret Majarich

**Sick:** Michael Peters, Bishop David Walker

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## Lamentation & Supplication

A Prayer Service for the Pandemic

May 26 (Wednesday) @ 7:30 pm

Please bring photo of relative or friend who died of Covid-19

Our Lady of Dolours Church 94 Archer St Chatswood (02)-9410-9000

The word *Advocate* in the first verse of the gospel (John 15:26-27; 16:12-15) is found as *Paraclete* in Communion antiphons around this time (Sixth Sunday, and Wednesday and Thursday of the Seventh week) as well as in today's optional solemn blessing, so a lexical mismatch may be experienced today. Both are loan words in English: *advocate*, from Latin, entering English first, then *paraclete* a century later from Greek. Later evidence in early Jewish Aramaic sources, specifically Targumim (free translations from the Hebrew, mostly into Aramaic) and the Talmud, confirms that it became a loan word due to its being a technical term in legal contexts for one who defended another, or pleaded or interceded for another. In broader use it may apply to one who testifies on one's behalf, and to teaching, both features of John's text as it unfolds. In this case the Spirit is Christ's witness to us, hence also teacher of his teachings, but as recipients of the Spirit Christians too are witnesses for Christ before the world. The word also functions as a minor thread in John, where all four instances apply to the Holy Spirit (14:16,26, 15:26 and 16:7).



Please note, our church will be closed  
**TUESDAY, 25 MAY FROM 2PM-6PM**  
during which time new equipment to address the  
longstanding problem of sound in the church will be  
trialled. We thank you for your patience.

## Within our Parish



### Confirmation 2021

In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for Confirmation once they have been baptised and are 8 years of age (usually year 3) or older.

Bishop Anthony will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation with the children in our parish on **Saturday 31 July**.

**Enrolments for the program have opened via the parish website. Enrolments close Monday 24 May.**

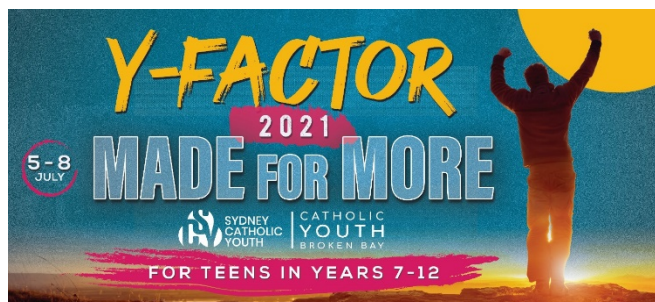
For all the dates, details and to enrol your child go to the parish website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

From the home page, click on **Confirmation 2021** Tile

From there you will find out all the details you will need to enrol. You can also enrol your child from here.

For any queries, contact Angela in the parish office [angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)



**YOUTH CAMP ALERT!** Sydney Archdiocese and Broken Bay Diocese are collaborating on Y-Factor this coming July! Y-Factor is a youth camp for Yr 7-12's during the school holidays designed to help teens catch fire for the faith. There will be time for talks and workshops with guest speakers, games, group discussions, prayer, meal times and free time, night activities and more.

**When:** 5th - 8th July, 2021

**Where:** Benedict XVI Retreat Centre (Charter Bus from St. Joachim's, Lidcombe)

**Cost:** \$260 (Earlybird) for participants. \$100 for leaders (if you make a group of 5+, CYBB will send you for free)!

**More information** on the [downloadable flyer](#) and registrations through [trybooking](#).



Zachary Banfer,  
Victoria Seeto  
and Mia Fletcher

## HELP FEED 1000 PEOPLE EACH WEEK

Last year your response to assist Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) with food items was amazingly generous. Since this time last year, the call on JRS' for help has increased by 260%. Each week they are providing food and other basic items to over 1000 people each week, around 300 of those are children.

### ITEMS FOR THE JRS FOODBANK

#### FOOD

- Basmati Rice
- Cooking Oil
- Long Life Milk
- Pasta
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Tuna, Red Kidney Beans, Lentils, Chickpeas & Fruit
- Biscuits & Muesli Bars
- Oats & Cereals

#### TOILETRIES

- Nappies (large)
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Sanitary Pads
- Razors & Shaving Foam
- Deodorant (male & female)
- Soap

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS IN A REUSABLE SUPERMARKET BAG TO ST PETER ROOM ON SUNDAY 6 JUNE**

### CASH DONATIONS TO JRS

If you would like to make a cash donation to JRS, this can be done online at [www.aus.jrs.net/en/donate](http://www.aus.jrs.net/en/donate) OR call JRS on 9356 3888 to ask about other ways to donate.

### CAN YOU HELP?

We would very much appreciate help on **Sunday 6 June from 10.30am** to assist with organising food donations into easily transportable units, in either boxes or reusable supermarket bags.

**Drivers** who can deliver the food donations to Holy Name of Mary Parish, Hunters Hill on **Wednesday 9 June. To arrive at Hunters Hill between 9- 11am**. If you can help with either of these, please email [gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au) or call Nicole on 9410

9000.

## Thank You!

### F A T I M A - Our Lady speaks but is anyone listening??

In 1917 Our Lady appeared to three young peasant children in Fatima with a message of profound importance to the world. The children responded heroically with two who died early now having been canonized. However, the world at large continued on its way defying God with disastrous consequences. Please come to one of our sessions to watch a compelling talk (45 mins) by well-known Catholic author/speaker Dr Ralph Martin explaining why the message of Fatima remains as relevant as ever to us today. **Session 1:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10am in Magnificat Room; **Session 2:** Sat 29th May at 11am in St Peter's Room.



## From Fr David

Pentecost! The Great Amen to the journey we commenced 90 days ago when on Ash Wednesday we were sprinkled with ash. Now through our journey of Lent and Easter, the ash springs into life to be a mighty flame, to enSpirit us and embolden us to go out and to give witness to the promise we have received in Christ. May today be both a joyful celebration of the power of the Spirit of God and also one by which we pray for our renewal of heart and of life.

To mark this special moment in our liturgical year I have written a Pastoral Reflection to you. It seeks to capture my impressions of my first months with you and to set the scene for the journey together ahead of us. I hope that you might spend some time with its themes, especially the long prayer that I have included at the end of my Reflection.

Our sympathy to Gerard Say on the death of his much-loved sister Margaret Majorich who passed away on 12 May. We pray eternal rest for Margaret and peace and consolation to Gerard in his loss.

Our annual May Mass Count concludes this weekend. Over the last three weeks our numbers have been: Week 1 over 6 Masses, 1,184; Week 2 over 5 Masses, 869; Week 3 over 7 Masses (1,062). Last week we also had to register the number of females (621) and men (441). This weekend we need to register age ranges and we will do that by a small 'card' in the pews.

This weekend we are commencing our annual appeal for Jesuit Refugee Services. JRS reaches out to many people who have come to Australia with very little, and who struggle to establish themselves in our city. Details of the Appeal are in the bulletin on page 2. Please do keep this in your mind over the coming weeks and in early June we will deliver what we are able to collect. We are also looking for volunteers to pack what we collect and to deliver the goods at a drop off point during the week of 7 June. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

On this Monday, 24 May, the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians, we celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. At 10.30am in every parish and school in Australia this will be commemorated by a special Mass. Our own church will be full of cohorts from each of our schools: Our Lady of Dolours Primary School, Mercy College and St Pius X College. The Mass in the church will be livestreamed to each of the three campuses so that all our students may be able to participate.

Then, on Wednesday 26 May at 7.30pm we are offering a very special Liturgy of Lament and Supplication for the Pandemic, mindful especially of all those affected so dreadfully in nations such as India. We invite you to join us in our church and to bring along photos of those who

may have died of the virus. The evening will be a poignant occasion of solidarity with the world's suffering.

Next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May there will be some construction work occurring on the Mercy College classrooms and our meeting rooms on Kirk St. The panelling on the demountable buildings requires attention and therefore we ask that the use of our meetings rooms be limited over these days.

Since my arrival I have been acutely aware of how the weather, especially when it is inclement, roars into the foyer of the church. When it is raining, this makes the floor of the foyer very slippery and unsafe. To address this, we are to install automatic opening glass doors at the main entrance. We will retain the existing wooden doors; the new glass doors will stand just inside the other side of the entrance pillars. We have now ordered the doors and their equipment, and I am hopeful installation will occur over the next few weeks. Not only will this assist in protecting the interior of our church from the weather but hopefully it will also keep us all a little warmer during the winter months.

As we come to the end of Volunteers Week in Australia, we are looking for some new volunteers for our own community. Next week we will have a range of opportunities available for your consideration. We give thanks for the many, many people who contribute to the building up of our parish!



### ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR SIGNUP FOR 2021

We have something new! Now you can reserve a date for Altar flowers. The 2021 flower calendar is up in the parish office. Altar flower

requests are currently being accepted for any Sunday during 2021. There is now a general flower fund to donate money for flowers when no memorial or celebration is allocated. Altar flower arrangements can be in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion; birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, marriages, etc, and who they were given for will be announced at the beginning of Mass for that weekend. Please consider signing up to place flowers at the Altar in thanksgiving for something, or in loving memory of a family member, or friend. Donations can be made on a one-time basis or annually. The suggested donation for flower memorials is \$100. Volunteers will then beautifully and simply arrange the flowers for Sunday. Please submit your donation at least one week prior to the date you would like to dedicate the flowers. This will give the parish office time to ensure your dedication is in the weekly bulletin.

You can call Nicole in the Parish Office to reserve a date on the Altar flower calendar in celebration, memory, honor of someone/event – or anything you'd like to recognize!



# 17-23 MAY VOLUNTEERS WEEK

A very special thank you to all our many, many volunteers who make our parish so wonderfully vibrant.

As a way of expressing our thanks to you, we invite all of our volunteers to a bbq lunch on Pentecost Sunday 23 May in the O.L.D. Primary School playground.

Bring your family!

## IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 24 May	10am	200 Years of Catholic education Mass
	7pm	Spanish Choir practice (Church choir loft)
	7pm	Alpha (Magnificat & St Paul Rooms)
Tuesday 25 May	9.45am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary Group (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
Wednesday 26 May	10am	Mercy College Assembly (Church)
	7.30pm	Prayer Service for the Pandemic (Church)
	7pm	Faith Enrichment Group (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Menalive Group (Magnificat Room)
Thursday 27 May	9.45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
	6.30pm	Vinnies English Conversations (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Reconciliation (Church)
Friday 28 May	10.30am	Carmelo Battaglia Funeral (Church)
	10am	Meditation (St Paul Room)
Saturday 29 May	10.30am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	11am	Our Lady of Fatima dvd (St Peter Room)
Sunday 30 May	10am	Family Choir practice (St Peter Room)
	11.30am	Our Lady Help of Christians Assoc. (St Paul Room)
	4pm	Music Ministry practice for 5.30pm Mass (Church)

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**THE YEAR  
OF ST JOSEPH  
& THE FAMILY  
2021**