



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
24 January 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Anniversaries:

Colin Gorman, Lisa Marie McKee,
Juliana Chee, Mara & Ivan
Martinovich

Recently Deceased: Margherita
Vaccaro, Febriani Suryani Kawi

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AUSTRALIA DAY PRAYER

We bless you, God of the universe,
for this land,
for its contrasts of landscape and climate,
for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.
We bless you for our history,
with all its struggle in adversity,
its courage and hope,
Give us in our diversity
tolerance and respect for each other
and a passionate commitment to justice for all.
Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Australia Day Public Holiday Mass – Must Book in

Tuesday 26 January is a public holiday for Australia Day. We will have a special Australia Day Mass at our usual 9am mass on this day. **However, due to numbers, you will need to book in.** Please book in via our website www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood The Parish Office will be closed on this day.



NEW YOUTH GROUPS

Beginning this year, we will have three separate youth groups: one is for Year 7 to 9; the second is for Year 10 to 12; and the third is for over 18. These will be launched this Sunday, January 24 at our 9am Mass. - Deacon Aldrin

Coming in 2021



Women & the New Testament

To celebrate International Women's Day which falls on 8 March in 2021, Dr Michele Connolly rsj will come to our parish to offer a presentation on Women and the New Testament which will also include space for conversation and questions.

SATURDAY 6 MARCH
2.30 TO 5.00PM
MAGNIFICAT ROOM

The focus is on women, but this is for everyone - women and men! Two facilitated opportunities for conversation before 6 March will be offered, dates & times TBC.

Contact Gail
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Sr Michele Connolly rsj is a Sister of St Joseph of Lochinvar in the Hunter Valley. She taught in Catholic Secondary Schools of the Maitland Diocese, including a stint as an R.E. Co-ordinator, for about ten years. She studied theology at YTU Melbourne, and in the USA, graduating in 2008 with a PhD from GTU, Berkeley, CA. Michele's principal area of interest is the Gospel of Mark. In 2018 her doctoral thesis was published by T&T Clark, under the title, *Disorderly Women and the Order of God: An Australian Feminist Reading of the Gospel of Mark*. Michele has taught in Sydney since the 1990s at CTU, Hunter's Hill and since 2001 at Catholic Institute of Sydney, Strathfield. Michele speaks regularly at seminars and conferences on the role of Scripture in our lives.



Living Laudato Si in 2021

Laudato Si' is part of the body of Catholic Social Teachings which inspire conversion of hearts and minds to Jesus' mission and lead to working for justice in our world. Pope Francis calls us to live out our encounter with Jesus Christ in the world around us. During this year, parishioners read *Laudato Si'* in small groups and some have come together to plan for ways that we can all live *Laudato Si'* in our every day lives. In 2021 look out for:

- ♣ Lenten Carbon Fasting
- ♣ Table Talks on Refugees & Asylum Seekers with Jesuit Refugee Services
- ♣ Supporting our Parish Social Justice Projects: StreetWork; Sister Parishes of Bourke & Brewarrina and Maubara Orphanage in Timor Leste
- ♣ Celebrating the Season of Creation in September with prayer, reflection and action
- ♣ Together, finding ways to live more simply in our parish and homes

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF
PLANNING FOR LIVING LAUDATO SI' ?
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*An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters. Pope Francis **The Joy of the Gospel** 183*

From Fr David

Dear friends

I have been with you just two weeks now, and it has been a very exciting time for me meeting many of you and coming to learn all the ways and processes of the parish. Thank you for your patience with me as I keep learning and discovering, and most importantly as I seek to remember your names.

I am especially grateful to our parish staff who have made me so welcome and helped me enormously over these first weeks with you. Already, I am working with our Finance and Facilities Manager, Michael Mercer on a range of different projects to enhance our beautiful church and parish buildings. In my tour of the site the other day, I discovered the parish bell high up in the tower. We are now looking at 'resurrecting' the bell so that we can hear its ring again. It will be exciting to have our bell back in use. We will also immediately address the situation with our Reconciliation room in the church. We will refurbish the room to overcome the problem with sound, making it as welcome as possible to enter.

In the coming weeks I will meet our Parish Finance Committee to consider a number of projects for development in the coming year. I am also working with Deacon Kevin to arrange a meeting with all our liturgy coordinators to encourage them in their ministry and also to invite us to begin to reflect on the forthcoming Season of Lent, which this year begins with Ash Wednesday on 17 February.

Our school staffs are recommencing this week, and it has been a pleasure for me to already be in contact with our new Principal of Our Lady of Dolours Primary School, Mr Marco Ianni, our new Principal of Mercy College, Mrs Brenda Timp, and Mr John Couani, Principal of Pius X College whom I have known for many years. We think of our teachers, students and their families who are all preparing to return to a new year. Let's hope that this year may be much less disruptive for them than the last.

We remember in our prayers the Vacarro family. Margherita, a longterm parishioner of our community, passed away recently and we will farewell her this Thursday, 28 January.

As we celebrate Australia Day on Tuesday let us pray also for our nation, for its safety and well-being during these challenging times.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

Please drop your school reference form requests into the Parish Office with a stamped envelope addressed to the school in question, and these will be handed to Fr David Ranson. Fr David will be in contact with you if needed. Parent Connect Gatherings for 2021 are on hold at this time.



Playgroup which has been in recess will resume on **Tuesdays in 2021!**

Our first session will be Tuesday 2 February

Where: Magnificat Meeting Room

When: Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am

Contact Angela in the parish office for more details.



Twice a year, we run a preparation program for 6-12 old children who would like to be baptised. This program includes the parents and child attending preparation sessions together in a small group with other children and families.

Our next Kids' Baptism Program will begin on **Sunday 7 March 2021**. If you would like to know more about this program, or would like your child to join, you can download the information and enrolment forms from our parish website.

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

- Click on **Sacraments**
- Click on **Baptism** and then **Kids' Baptism**

Complete the enrolment form and email to angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au



Do you love to read?

Join our **Kid's Reading Roster**

Children from year 3 up can join our weekly prayer roster at the **9am Mass**. On the **third Sunday of each month**, children from year 5 can also join the roster to proclaim the readings at our Children's Mass.

This is a great way to come and re your gift and love of singing with our parish community. Contact Angela on the above email address if your child is interested in joining this prayer roster.

Coming Event for the Catechist Ministry:

What: Term 1 Catechist Meeting
When: Monday 8 February 2020 - 10AM to 12PM
Morning Tea begins at 9:30AM
Where: Magnificat Meeting Room
Please RSVP to Maricel



Women of the Well

CREATING SACRED SPACE TO SHARE STORY, LISTENING FOR THE
SPIRIT'S WHISPER IN OUR LIVES

WE EXIST:

to provide women with opportunities to gather and share stories in
Loving Presence.

WE AIM FOR:

Women, authentically heard,
Fully alive,
Transformed by "Living Water" (John 4:6-10)

WE ARE HERE FOR:

Those with an established relationship with the Creator and who are
seeking spiritual growth with like-minded women.

- REST - REFLECT - RELEASE - RECONNECT -

Upcoming Retreats for 2021:

February 19th-21st -- **St Joseph's, Kincumber**
February 26th - 28th -- **The Hermitage, Mittagong**
June 18th - 20th -- **St Joseph's, Kincumber**

COST: \$100 (accommodation, meals and materials included).

Through the financial support of Edmund Rice Ministries, we are able to offer
this heavily subsidised rate until June 30th, 2021.

For more information regarding WoW or the retreats themselves please
contact us through our website:

www.womenofthewell.com.au