



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish

SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER 24 May 2020 – Year A/2

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
WE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased:
Leonard Hing Chau Tse

Deceased Anniversary:
Alan Brodie



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Booking in for Mass: We have now celebrated our first week with an open church and small, ten person Masses. As expected there has been a high demand for Sunday Masses, but a surprisingly low demand for weekday Masses. This allows us to recalibrate how often each person may attend Mass as we seek to share out this precious experience.

At this stage, people may only attend one Sunday Mass per month. The four Masses (8am, 9am, 10am and 11am) on Sunday 24th are already full, but bookings may be placed with the parish office for Sunday May 31st and Sunday June 7th. Contact nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au or 9410 9000, giving the names and a contact phone number of each person who will be attending (this is a NSW Health Department requirement for contact tracing). The parish website will give you a more up to date notice of which Masses are available.

People may also attend one weekday Mass, 9am Monday – Saturday each week, in addition to any Sunday Mass. This may open up further in the weeks ahead once we know the level of demand. People who are able to attend on a weekday might consider attending just on the weekday, to allow people who are only available on Sundays to take those days. There is also plenty of time to stay and pray after Mass on weekday. To book for a weekday, please place your name on the list in the foyer of the church. Thank you to everyone for your patience and graciousness as we adjust to this new, and hopefully temporary situation.

Adoration: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration in the church on Thursdays from 7pm – 8pm, and Saturdays from 9.30am – 10.30am. We will look at reinstating Thursday morning adoration once the number of people allowed in the church increases.

I haven't been to Mass for weeks; can I go to Communion without going to Reconciliation first? None of us have been to Mass for many weeks, and Bishop Anthony gave a dispensation to all the diocese from the obligation to attend Mass. This dispensation continues, because with the limited places available many people still will not be able to attend. The only obligation the Church gives people regarding Reconciliation is to attend once per year. I recommend people go around their birthday, which is better than everyone trying to come in the week before Christmas. The notion that everyone should go to reconciliation before receiving Communion is simply impractical: for 1500 people to spend even five minutes in confession each week would take the priests 120 hours, leaving no time to even celebrate the Masses, let alone do anything else! Be gentle with yourself. Come to Reconciliation from time to time when you recognise patterns of sin or major actions which require forgiveness, but trust in God's mercy and love at all times. We come to Communion not because we are good enough, or in a "state of grace", but because Jesus invites us, and He is good enough. – Fr Jim

We will continue to offer a videoed Mass on facebook on Sunday mornings and an interactive Liturgy of the Word on Sundays at 9am until such time as everybody is again able to attend Mass in the church.

WITHIN OUR PARISH

MEETING ROOM BOOKINGS: Meeting rooms are now able to be used again, with strict guidelines from the Government. Please contact Nicole in the Parish Office on 9410 9000 or nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au if you wish to resume your meeting room booking, or wish to make a new booking. **As numbers allowed in meeting rooms have changed, please do not begin your meeting again without checking with Nicole in the Parish Office as you could have been moved.**

There are guidelines on each meeting room door detailing how many people are able to be in each meeting room at the same time, within the 1.5m restrictions. Each and every person in your meeting, must sign in with their full name and phone number, as per Government requirements. All the instructions for these rooms are typed up and in each meeting room. Please contact Nicole if you have any questions. *Please help us to follow these strict Government rules, to prevent the spread of Covid-19. If these rules are not followed, we could see the closing of the Church and meeting rooms again, possibly for a much longer time.* Thank you.

The Church will be closing early this coming Friday 29th May due to Broken Bay Diocesan priests coming together to pray for the Diocese and the people of God during this Covid-19 time. The Church will close at 5pm and reopen at 9.30am Saturday 30th May. Fr John

YOUTUBE: Fr Jim is continuing to do homilies, parish messages and children's homilies on YouTube. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLpbDNqP8u1Wx4Gmo8jJydA> and subscribe to get notifications as each new homily is posted.

MINISTRY ROSTERS: In our present circumstance of having very limited numbers of people at Mass, the existing ministry rosters will remain on hold. If, having registered in the manner described on the front page you are taking part in Mass and you are a Minister of the Word or an Altar Server, you will be welcome to exercise that ministry during Mass. We have not yet made provision for music ministry, and as Communion from the chalice continues to be suspended there will not be a need for Communion Ministers in the short term.

CHATSWOOD PARISH MASS LIVESTREAM: If you would like to participate in this Sunday's Holy Mass (24th May) in Chatswood Church, go to facebook.com/OLDChatswood, and watch our **livestream at 10:30am**. If you are unavailable at that time, the Mass will be posted on the following youtube channel <https://youtu.be/l990FxxS3lc>

FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS (SUNDAY 25 MAY 2020): The Australian Bishops have decided to entrust Australia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the title of Our Lady Help of Christians given the difficulties currently facing Australia. The Bishops first consecrated Australia to Our Lady Help of Christians in 1844 mindful of Mary's powerful intercession at Lepanto in 1571 when the then Pope St Pius V exhorted all Catholics to pray the rosary to preserve the Church from the onslaught by opposing forces. On that occasion Catholics responded in great numbers to the Pope's plea and the Christian forces prevailed over a much stronger opponent. The bishops of America, Canada, South America, and England have already consecrated their countries to Our Blessed Lady.

To mark the occasion of the Bishops entrusting Australia to Our Lady, parishioners are invited to pray the rosary in the forecourt of the church at mid-day Sunday 24th May. Additionally, parishioners may join a Zoom rosary at 2pm on that same day. Those interested in participating may send an email to mctan@optusnet.com.au no later than Saturday evening. All parishioners are reminded of Our Lady's call at Fatima to pray the rosary daily. (Marian Catholic Action Group)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will continue to be available on Thursdays at 7pm and Saturdays at 9.30am. With the church again open we will be in the church, but not in the confessional, as this is too small to allow two people 4sqm each. We will try alternative locations in the church.



BAPTISM JOY

Congratulations to the Miller family who celebrated Nathan's baptism some weeks back. We are delighted for you. With love from your parish family.

Faith in the home - the Domestic Church

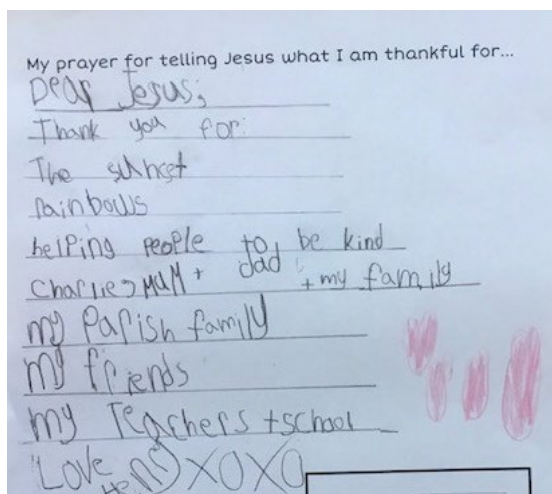


During this time when we have been unable to attend Mass or any of the ministries we provide in the parish for children and families, we have been providing tips and ideas on how to engage families in activities to help support the faith life of their children and the whole family on our [Children and Youth Ministries page](#). Check it out!

One of the articles is on setting up a prayer space at home. I asked parents to send in photos of prayer spaces and other activities they have been involved with in this regard. Today I share with you one of the photos sent in.

And a beautiful prayer of thanksgiving written by Henry who is in Kindy this year. Below what his mum shared when she sent this to me below.

Here is a pic of Henry's prayer to Jesus I wanted to share with you. He wrote this during Holy Week. We were going for a walk before dinner and he said even though there is a virus God still gives us beautiful sunsets. The next day I got him to reflect on what he'd like to thank Jesus for. I helped him with the spelling, but the wording is his. I was very touched by his gratitude. He even drew some love hearts for Him!



FOOD ITEMS FOR THE JRS FOODBANK

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to assist with the various facets of organising a collection of items for the JRS Foodbank. If you missed the notice in last weekend's bulletin, JRS provides for refugees and people who are seeking asylum. In this time of CoVid, these people are without work and do not qualify for government benefits.

CASH DONATIONS

If you can assist JRS with a much needed cash donation contact JRS on 9356 3888 or at info@jrs.org.au

ITEMS FOR THE FOODBANK

FOOD	TOILETRIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Basmati Rice ▪ Cooking Oil ▪ Long life milk ▪ Tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas & fruit ▪ Biscuits & muesli bars ▪ Oats & cereals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nappies (large) ▪ Toothpaste & toothbrushes ▪ Shampoo ▪ Sanitary pads ▪ Razors & shaving foam ▪ Deodorant (male & female) ▪ Soap

Items can be left in the St Peter meeting room on Sundays between 7.45am and midday from Sunday 24 May to Sunday 21 June. Thanks for your generosity!

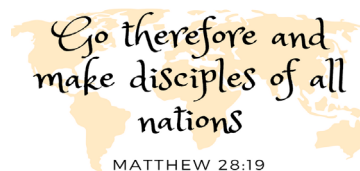
A Note of Gratitude for Pastoral Care: "Recently, I had health issues which made me feel very anxious and stressed. Having a parishioner from our faith family support me and pray for me was a true blessing. I feel comforted and more connected to God than ever.

I believe that every one of us can be a blessing to other's people lives. Even a little thing such as an act of kindness can be a blessing for others. The act of giving God's love is just as thrilling as the act of receiving. Indeed, it is through giving that we enrich and perpetuate both our own lives and the lives of others. My wish is that I can be a blessing to others too.

Finally, despite of my health struggles, I am thankful that such experiences have opened my heart and eyes to see things differently and change my perspective in life."

HOMELESSNESS AND COVID-19

If you are worried about someone who is homeless or rough sleeping in the area please contact SGCH. You can call 8974 9797 or email pathwaysnorth@sgch.com.au. (A message from St George Community Housing)



Laudato Si *Special Anniversary Year*

24 May 2020 to 24 May 2021



Pray an Ecological Examen to begin this special Anniversary Year

Begin the Examen with an awareness of the breath of the Holy Spirit breathing within you. There are six steps in this Examen. Move at a pace that works for you: pause at the sections where you choose to spend more time.

GRATITUDE

Give thanks to God for all of creation and for being wonderfully made in the image of God.
Where have you felt the presence of God today?

AWARENESS

Ask for the grace to see creation as God does - in all of its beauty and suffering.
Do you see the beauty of creation and hear the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor?

UNDERSTANDING

Ask for the grace to see how your life choices impact creation and the poor.
What challenges and joys do you experience as you recall your care for creation? How can you turn away from a throwaway culture and stand in solidarity with all of God's creation and with the poor?

CONVERSION

Ask for the grace of conversion towards ecological justice and reconciliation.
Where have you fallen short in caring for your sisters and brothers and all of creation?

RECONCILIATION

Ask for the grace to reconcile your relationship with God, creation and humanity.
How might you make choices that are consistent with your desire for ecological conversion?

PRAYER

Pray a closing prayer for the earth and the vulnerable throughout the world