



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



ANZAC DAY/4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER

25 April 2021 – Year B/1

## WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

### Deceased Anniversaries:

Nora Chan, William Dignam,  
Carlo Suplina

Sick: Bishop David Walker,  
Monica Cotter

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*Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18*

Since each year the same image is used on this Sunday it could be nicknamed Good Shepherd Sunday. This particular expression is used only by John, though Christ is referred to as shepherd in 1 Peter 2:25 and 5:4, Hebrews 13:20, and obliquely in Matthew 26:31. Typical of John, this soliloquy cycles through repeating variant phrases indicating that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, that he lays down his life, and that he knows and loves the Father and vice versa. In the preceding element in this bipartite discourse (read in Year A) Jesus in fact declares himself to be not *the shepherd* but *the gate* to the sheepfold. The whole section emerges from the healing of the man born blind, and in that context we see it to be a criticism of the Pharisees in that encounter, exposing the falseness of their leadership: they are so wilfully blind to the grace of God manifested in someone being healed that they cannot be true shepherds; they do not care for the sheep and do nothing beneficial for them. But it also lays the groundwork for the next story, that of the raising of Lazarus who, like the good shepherd's sheep that listen to his voice, hears the voice of Jesus and comes forth from the tomb when he is called (John 11:1-45). Both stories of the healing of the man born blind and of the rising of Lazarus belong to section of John's gospel that is said to take place at Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles, and they are demonstrations that Jesus indeed saves, in accord with the *Hošanot* songs (from *hošiah na* [whence comes our *Hosanna*]: save us) including Psalm 118(117) that were sung during the feast's processions. Moreover, the section concludes with the High Priest's prophesy that "it is better for one man to die for the sake of the nation" which John extends by saying that Jesus will die not only for that nation but will also gather all the scattered children of God. This corresponds to Sukkot being understood as the feast marking the end of the post-Exodus sojourn in Israel's ingathering to the Holy Land.

*Lest we forget*



## Within our Parish



### SENIOR COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 6th May

Come and join us for morning tea and a presentation by Catholic Healthcare. They will speak about in home care and negotiating other aged care options. You may even have questions for them! For more information contact Jan Hunter at [gfiadino@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gfiadino@bigpond.net.au)



The 2021 count will take place on the weekends of **1 & 2 May** (beginning with the Vigil Mass on Saturday 1 May), **8 & 9 May, 15 & 16 May** and **22 & 23 May**. As always, we thank the Wardens for helping with this task over these 4 weekends.

### 音樂劇《流芳濟世》(粵語對白)

我們誠摯地邀請大家一起觀看音樂劇《流芳濟世》，一齣天主教大型原創音樂劇，講述意大利亞西西聖人方濟的傳奇一生。該劇在香港由意大利籍恩保德神父發起，二百多位義工參與，籌備歷時十年，終於在2013年成功演出。

我們將分兩部分播放此音樂劇: Zoom 帳戶 :219 743 9989

第一部分將於 2021 年 5 月 8 日星期六下午兩點 播出

(一小時三十五分鐘)

第二部分將於 2021 年 5 月 15 日星期六下午兩點播出

(一小時二十一分鐘)

歡迎大家一起觀看

如果您有任何疑問，請聯繫 [amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au)

**CHARITABLE WORKS  
FUND – May Appeal –  
8/9 May 2021**



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? Contact the Vocations Office at 0418 522 449 or email: [vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au)



Seminarians of Broken Bay 2021,  
Fr Paul Durkin, Vocations Director &  
Fr Stephen Wayoyi Assistant  
Vocations Director.



### Flowers for Mary in May

During the month of May, we will be including a gift of flowers for Mary during the offertory procession at all our Masses.

With this in mind, we would like to invite families (of all shapes and sizes) to volunteer to bring up the gifts during the offertory procession for the mass you attend. We hope to have a roster of one family for each week during May for each Mass. If you are interested in being involved in these special offertory processions, please email Angela at [angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au) by Thursday 29 April.

## From Fr David

Dear friends

Bishop David Walker sadly suffered a fall at home last weekend and has been admitted to Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick. He has not been well this last week and we expect him to be in hospital for some time. Please keep him very much in your prayers at this difficult time. It may be some time before we are able to enjoy his presence with us.

This weekend we celebrate ANZAC Day, remembering all those who have sacrificed their lives in war for our nation. We remember also those who have been in war in the past and have passed away since. It is a time for us to pause and to reflect on the values by which we give shape to our country. Several of us represented our parish community at the Garden of Commemoration for the Dawn Service on Sunday morning, and through our Masses over the weekend we give special attention to this important national anniversary.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter focusses on the Risen Christ as the Good Shepherd. It is therefore an opportune time for us to pray for good Shepherds. We mark Vocations Sunday, mindful of our need to encourage vocations to the priesthood and to support those who are preparing for Holy Orders. It is with great anticipation that we look forward to the Ordination of Deacon Aldrin Valdehueza in October and we pray that he, and us all, will be conformed more and more to the heart of the Good Shepherd.

Last Monday evening our parish Alpha program commenced again. We had over 20 people join us for a meal and for the first reflection, as well as a number of people participate in the Zoom version. Our many thanks to Gillian Hawkins and the team who made everyone welcome. People are welcome to join at any time during the programme which will stretch out over the next ten weeks.

Next weekend, we will be joined by the Legion of Mary, celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Angeline Arellano-Lopez, from the Sydney Senatus, will speak at all our Masses inviting us to consider participating in this apostolate. The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1921. It is a lay Catholic organisation whose members are giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country. The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work. The unit of the Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which

holds a weekly meeting, where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussion. It is hoped that we might form a number of cells of this time-honoured sodality within our parish. Fr Joey Frez has very kindly agreed to provide spiritual support to the Legion in our parish.

Also on next weekend, the national Mass Count will commence. Throughout the month of May, the attendance at each of our Masses will be counted to assist in a picture of Mass attendance not only in our local community, but also in our diocese, and across the country. This year we have also been asked to complete cards indicating the range of ages at Mass. In our emergence from COVID this information will be pastorally very significant.

Further, on Sunday 2 May at our 5.30pm Mass we will welcome back students from Mercy College and St Pius X College who will participate in our monthly "Youth Mass". This will be the first time we have been able to do this for over a year. A sausage sizzle on the forecourt will follow the celebration.

Now that we have celebrated Easter during which we had to manage carefully the number of people we were able to welcome at our church, we are in a position now to bring the requirement to book for our weekend Masses to a close. **Please note that it is no longer necessary to book for a Sunday Mass. We do, however, still need everyone to sign in upon arrival by either writing their details or scanning the QR code at the church entrances.** Our wonderful Welcomers will still be present to greet us, and to assist us to sign in. This development is another great sign of us being able to return to a greater sense of normalcy.

*Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG*



If you are one of those people who can get involved in sharing their faith to all the children in State Schools, please get in touch with Maricel on 9410 9029 or [maricel.malapira@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:maricel.malapira@bbcatholic.org.au)

### Coming Event for the Catechist Ministry

**What:** Term 2 Meeting

**When:** Monday 26 April 2021 10am-12pm  
Morning tea starts at 9:30AM

**Where:** Magnificat Meeting Room

**Please RSVP to Maricel**

## FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST: NEW LIFE BEYOND FEAR

Facilitated by Elizabeth Lee

Saturday 15 May and Saturday 22 May

Location: Magnificat Room OLD

Timing: 9am for 9:30 start, conclude by 3:30pm

(Session 1 - 9:30-11:00, Morning Tea, Session 2- 11:30 – 1:00, Lunch 45 mins, Session 3: 1:45-3:15)

We have been entombed by the fears of the COVID pandemic, drought, fires, flood, economic insecurity, social isolation and a myriad of personal griefs since the beginning of Lent 2020. Over these two days we will reflect on the stories of Resurrection in the Gospels, stories that drawing us to encounter the Risen One amid our places of darkness, loss and grief, inviting us into the abundance of life Jesus promised (John 10:10).

On Easter Sunday morning we joyfully acclaim that CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELIA! It is easy to imagine that once Easter Sunday arrived all was right for the disciples of Jesus. But the stories of Resurrection that we proclaim between now and Pentecost all commence in a place of fear, doubt and hesitancy. Is this not our experience as we move from places of suffering and death in our lives to place of hope and new life? Resurrection is rarely experienced as a moment of instant transformation but rather a gradually dawning of new life.

What wisdom do these Sacred Texts have to offer as we reflect on our personal and communal experiences of recent times. We have been entombed by the fears of the COVID pandemic, drought, fires, flood, economic insecurity, social isolation and a myriad of personal griefs since the beginning of Lent 2020. As there are signs of the pandemic abating, at least locally, as vaccinations bring new freedoms and as public health orders are relaxed, can we listen to the Gospel stories with fresh ears such that, like the disciples at Pentecost, we are filled with the Holy Spirit?

### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 26 April	9am	Catechist Meeting (Magnificat Room)
	11.15&11.30am	Divine Mercy Chaplet/Cenacle Prayer (Rosary) (Church)
	7pm	Alpha (Magnificat & St Paul Rooms)
Tuesday 27 April	9.45am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary Group (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
Wednesday 28 April	9.50am	Mercy College Assembly (Church)
	7pm	MenAlive Group (Magnificat Room)
	7pm	Faith Enrichment Group (St Peter Room)
Thursday 29 April	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 30 April	10am	Meditation (online zoom)
Saturday 1 May	10.30am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	11.30am	Infant Baptism Preparation (Magnificat Room)
Sunday 2 May	10am	Teen Choir group practice (St Paul Room)
	10.30am	Filipino Group Choir/Music practice (Magnificat Room)
	12noon	Filipino Mass
	6.30pm	Young Adults Fellowship (Magnificat Room)

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