



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

25 July 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Xavier Nitin Dholakia, Pauline Doyle

Recently Deceased:
Shirley Storrier, Bozo Cetinic

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If you are unable to leave the house to do grocery shopping or you need someone to go to the Chemist or do other essential shopping for you, please contact the Parish Office and we will put you in touch with a parishioner who has offered to help those living in the parish area during lockdown.

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME: Fr David is the celebrant for 'Mass for you at Home' on television and YouTube this Sunday. Here is the link
<https://youtu.be/KvEuQbhWNOW>

IN RESPONSE TO A BILL BEING INTRODUCED IN SEPTEMBER 2021 INTO THE NSW PARLIAMENT TO PERMIT VOLUNTARY ASSISTED EUTHANASIA IN NSW

The Diocese of Broken Bay and the Diocese of Parramatta are hosting a series of free talks

EUTHANASIA, DYING AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

<https://parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks/>

The talks will be held via Zoom on three consecutive Mondays
in August 2021:

Register for Talk 1
by 29 July 2021

Register for Talk 2
by 5 August 2021

Register for Talk 3
by 12 August 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.
ZOOM LINKS WILL BE SENT OUT PRIOR TO THE FIRST TALK.

Enquiries – Emma Baker at Emma.Baker@bbcatholic.org.au

Our Zoom Liturgy of the Word is back to weekly each **Sunday at 9am** and we would love to have you join us. It is easy to join, just click on the link below at 9am this coming Sunday and follow along with us as we proclaim the word, listen to Fr. David's homily, pray and share together.

Here is the meeting invitation

Topic: Online Liturgy of the Word

Join Zoom Meeting

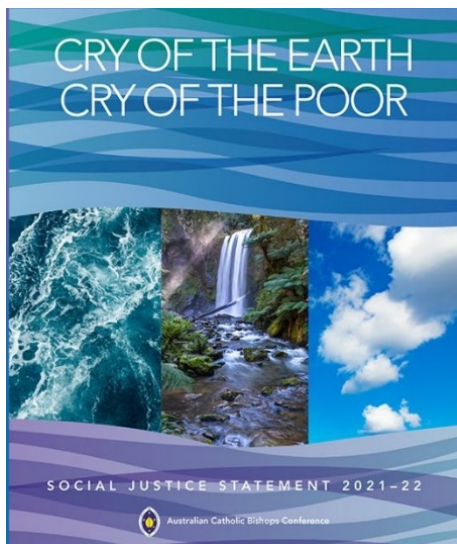
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85132386601?pwd=bEYrRlorWDE2Y3k2azM2ZFZlckFkdz09>

Meeting ID: 851 3238 6601

Passcode: 903824

We look forward to seeing you there.

Within our Parish



An Invitation

Join us for the national launch of the Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*. This is the only statement where all the Bishops of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) release a joint reflection on a particular topic annually. This year it focuses on why it is so important that we as a community respond to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

All are welcome to the launch of the statement which will take place **online at 5:30pm-6:30pm on the 5th of August.**

You will hear from guest speakers including Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, Chair of the ACBC Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service. He will respond to our launch speaker and you will have the opportunity to ask your own questions about the statement and the inputs provided at the launch.

The statement *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor* focuses on building the theological foundations of caring for our common home and our human family. It will also serve as a launch pad for the ACBC's 7-year journey towards the *Laudato Si' Goals*, creating a wholly sustainable Australian church.

To register for the event, click here: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/event/sjs-launch-21-22/>

With the measure you use, it will be measured to you--and even more.
你们用甚麽量器量给人，也必用甚麽量器量给你们，并且要多给你们。



SRE PROVIDERS COVID-19 RESPONSE – LEARNING FROM HOME

SRE Providers have negotiated with the Department of Education to ensure that *Learning from Home* SRE resources are made available for families. The Department will advise schools of the availability of three portals that contain the links to the Approved SRE Providers' *Learning from Home* materials to allow schools to inform their school communities.

The Catholic *Learning from Home* resources are available either through the Department's Christian SRE portal [Christian SRE](#) OR directly on the CRESS website [Catholic Learning from Home Lessons](#) - CRESS is the network of Catholic SRE Providers across NSW. The *Learning from Home* lessons have been developed in the Diocese of Broken Bay and are available for parents and students across NSW. They are provided in a user-friendly *Click n Learn* PowerPoint format. New lessons have been uploaded to the website this week and the CCD team is developing more lessons should they be needed.

Important Update:

- ❖ Working with Children Checks due to expire between 19 July 2021 and 26 September 2021 have been extended for three months.
- ❖ People who are granted an extension will be advised by email and the system will be automatically updated.
- ❖ **Find out more:** <https://www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news/working-with-children-checks-extended-for-three-months>



Due to the current Covid-19 lockdown, obviously people cannot visit the Service NSW Centre to renew their expiring Working With Children Check numbers. The Office of the Children's Guardian have once again extended the expiry dates within a certain time period.



"I am with you always" are the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly: the whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!



#IamWithYouAlways

@laityfamilylife

From Fr David

Dear friends

We are now settling into a marathon with the COVID restrictions sadly. We have to face now that it may be many more weeks before we can gather in the way in which we would like. However, it is truly wonderful to learn the many ways by which we are keeping connected as a community - through online meetings and prayer, through our many WhatsApp group chats. As just one example, Angela Hague has had 16 online groups for our children preparing for their Confirmation. A very special thank you to all those who are coordinating these opportunities; you are providing a great gift to us all, and your efforts will be more important than ever in the weeks ahead.

In these ways, too, we can keep mindful of one another in good times, and in difficult ones. Our warmest congratulations to Deacon Roberto and Yvonne Corpuz on the birth of their grandson Raf Emmanuel in Los Angeles, son to John and Lisa; not so long ago Joshua and James Isaac Albéniz, performed at Wollongong Eisteddfod where they received First place for the U15's Ensemble (Duets/Trios, all instruments). The link is here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPH_OgL6Cyo.

Deacon Aldrin celebrated a birthday during the week and we wish him every blessing!

Mary Gallagher, however, has not been well with a broken wrist and Anita Lee requires some unexpected surgery and so we send them our love. A couple of days ago we learnt of the death of Shirley Storrier on 18 July. Shirley was one of the foundation members of the parish Social Justice group. For many years she served as secretary, a passionate advocate on a range of issues. Terry and Dolour Meagher took her to the 5.30pm vigil Mass for some years once she gave up driving and she always sat with Kay Straiton. We will farewell Shirley next Tuesday, grateful for her remarkable contribution to our community. Unfortunately given our COVID restrictions the funeral will be closed, limited to just a few but I know that we will be joined by many in spirit.

We are also very sad to learn that Rima and Praveen D'Souza and their family are leaving us, relocating to Western Sydney. And also, Kevin and Angela Crawford are leaving us to relocate to Newcastle. Kevin and Angela were married in Our Lady of Dolours church 55 years ago. And so, this is a huge transition for them. On behalf of everyone I express our deepest gratitude to Rima and Praveen, Kevin and Angela for their wonderful presence and the beautiful gift they have all been to us. We want you to know that though we may not see you as before, you will always be a part of our family of faith.

There are a number of things in which you may be interested: last weekend I participated in the formation sessions for members of the forthcoming Australian Plenary Council and its first Assembly in October;

this Sunday I am the celebrant for Mass for you at Home on television and YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/KvEuQbhWNOw> And don't forget the online Family Liturgy that we have each Sunday morning at 9am, the details of which are in the bulletin. The Diocese of Broken Bay and the Diocese of Parramatta have joined to sponsor a special series of online lectures and presentations on the topic of Euthanasia through the month of August. I am providing the first of these on Monday 2nd August. This series of reflections has critical importance given new legislation that is being introduced into the NSW Parliament next month. The details of how to register for this series will also be in this weekend's bulletin and Saturday email. Do register on <https://parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks/>

We have a parish Rosary online every Sunday evening at 8pm; Fr Joey is also exploring the possibility of introducing some other opportunities for online parish liturgies, and Deacon Aldrin will offer a parish recollection on Saturday 31 July at 11am. We will have the log on details for this available next week but do put the date and time in your diaries. Gail Gill is considering how to present an online series on the Annual Social Justice Statement to be published at the end of August.

If there are other online events that you would like me to share with everyone, do be sure to let me know.

In the coming days we will be able to share information in respect to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation which had been scheduled for Saturday 31 July but which may now need to be rethought given the uncertainty of the COVID situation. We give thanks for the way in which our many children have been fully prepared, notwithstanding.

This Sunday we celebrate on Pope Francis' invitation the first Annual grandparents' day. Our warm greetings to all those who have this distinction! May your day be one of special celebration and one on which we value the unique gift you are to our families.

Each of us is a gift to one another. Let us treasure this gift even more deeply during this time of separation from one another.

Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG

CHINESE RCIA CLASS

Our new RCIA class will start on Saturday, 7th August at 9:00am via zoom.

中文成人慕道班将于 8 月 7 号在 Zoom Meeting 开课。有兴趣了解天主教或有意向领洗者可联系：

- Grace Tai (广东话) 0403 345 809

- Rose Huang (普通话) 0490 536 978

Catechists' News

As you will have heard, the Premier announced ongoing restrictions in response to COVID-19, with the lockdown in Greater Sydney continuing until 30 July 2021. See <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19> for current advice from the NSW Government.

The Department of Education's website provides advice for families in relation to current restrictions for schools. See the [Department's website](#) for latest information. The site is updated regularly. The Department of Education has worked closely with NSW Health to develop a framework for COVID-19 response settings for public schools.

Department of Education Framework for COVID-19 Response

This framework includes four levels of restrictions in the school setting:

- **Level 4:** Students learning from home, but schools open for students and their families who need it. For those on school sites, masks mandatory for all staff and all students in Year 7 and above (noting exemptions apply). Note: This is the current situation in the Diocese of Broken Bay, with only some school staff and children of essential workers on site.
- **Level 3:** Students learning at school, with non-essential visitors restricted from school sites, reduced mingling between student and year cohorts and restrictions on activities; masks mandatory for all staff and all students in Year 7 and above (noting exemptions apply). It is anticipated that schools in Greater Sydney will move to Level 3 when the current learning from home period finishes. The timeframe for this will be subject to NSW Health recommendations. Note: Because SRE falls under the NSW Education Act, it is considered an "essential" part of the curriculum, however the "reduced mingling" requirement prevents SRE from returning in Level 3.
- **Level 2:** Students learning at school, with non-essential visitors restricted from school sites, and certain activities modified to be COVID-safe; masks recommended indoors for all staff and all students in Year 7 and above (noting exemptions apply).
- **Level 1:** Students learning at school, with all activities occurring in a COVID-safe way.

The Department of Education has advised SRE Providers that Special Religious Education (SRE) will be permitted in schools in Level 2 and Level 1.

VACANCY - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT – CHATSWOOD

Permanent, part-time role 15 hours per week (2 days per week and Sunday morning)

The Chatswood Parish is seeking to recruit a part-time Children's Ministry Assistant, 15 hours per week, 2 days per week (Tuesdays and Wednesdays), with an occasional Sunday morning as required. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, supporting the Children's Ministry Coordinator to ensure the smooth running of all ministries for children and families in the Parish.

The ideal candidate will have experience working with volunteers in a Catholic environment, is comfortable working autonomously and an understanding of the need for accountability and ownership in a role, excellent administration and time management skills and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings.

The role provides support for occasional Sunday morning mass, monthly online Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental programs, Playgroup and Good Shepherd Catechesis Atrium activities. You will be working closely with Our Lady of Dolours Primary School to strengthen the relationship between school and Parish.

If you have high developed relationship building skills coupled with strong administration experience and this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. For further information please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications close Friday 30 July 2021.

The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to Child Abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.

The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.