



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER 26 April 2020 – Year A/2

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Mary Laker,
Peter Sherazee, Mary Ann Pereira,
Belinda Kirk, Tony Borsovszky

Deceased Anniversary:
Steve MacDonald

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ATTENTION PARENTS!

Last Sunday we trialled running a Liturgy of the Word for families with primary and high school aged children via Zoom! We were delighted with the positive response and engagement from the 20 families who participated and would like to open this option to more families. If you and your family are interested in joining us and joining into the reading and prayer roster for this liturgy, contact Angela at angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au for further details.

Liturgy of the Word: While we'll continue to offer a 9am online service for families with children, there's also been some enquiries about whether we could offer another timeslot and make it available for people without young children. Yes, we can explore that. If you're interested in taking part please contact Deacon Kevin kevin.hale@bbcatholic.org.au

YouTube: Fr Jim is continuing to do homilies, parish messages and children's homilies on YouTube. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLpbDNqP8urWx4Gmo8jJydA> and subscribe to get notifications as each new homily is posted.

Spiritual Exercises: Perhaps you are finding that you miss the structure and routine of coming to Mass. Or perhaps the time and space you now have is giving you a desire to pray in new ways. You may like to consider participating in a Spiritual Exercises retreat which begins next week. You join a group of 6-10 people which gathers one night a week via Zoom for a guided prayer meditation which Fr Jim, Gail Gill or Sam French will lead. You can then do this prayer exercise by yourself during each day, and come back together with the group to debrief your experience and learn a new exercise.

You will need a copy of Michael Hansen SJ *First Spiritual Exercises* which can be collected from the parish office or posted to you. The cost of the book is \$30.00. The time commitment will be one 90 minute guided Zoom session for 5 weeks and Around 45 minutes daily prayer for 4 weeks. For more information about the Spiritual Exercises. Go to www.fsecloud.life.

Dates and times: Fridays @ 5.30 to 7.00pm from May 1st,
Saturdays @ 5.30 to 7.00pm from May 2nd
Mondays @ 7.00 to 8.30pm from May 4th.

For people who have done this retreat with us in the past two years, there will be a group doing the second retreat in Michael Hansen's book on Sundays @ 5.30 to 7.00pm from May 3rd.
Contact gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au to register.

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr John who celebrated 22 years as a priest and to Deacon Kevin who celebrated 12 years as a deacon this week.

WITHIN OUR PARISH

Congratulations to Susan Low and Ken Iwata who married in our church on April 18th



Congratulations to Susan Low and Ken Iwata who were married in our church on Saturday. In keeping with the government requirements there were only 5 people, including Fr Jim as celebrant and Ken and Susan's mothers as witnesses. Despite not being the wedding they had planned many months ago, it was a beautiful and joyful celebration.

THANK YOU to the many people who have joined our direct parish giving program so that we can continue to serve you both now and when the church re-opens. If you are able, I am hoping that you can update the way that you give to the parish by [clicking here](#) and filling out and returning this giving form. You can arrange a monthly EFT donation into the parish's account named Chatswood Parish (Our Lady of Dolours), BSB 062-784, Account # 1073 8005 and use "PG" & your name as the reference, fill in your credit card details or you can phone Nicole in the parish office on 9410 9000 to authorise a credit card donation.

WHAT ARE OTHER CHURCHES DOING? Fr Jim and Deacon Kevin met the other local church pastors via Zoom this week. Our local Anglican, Baptist, Salvation Army and Pentecostal churches are doing much as we are: posting sermons online, running small group faith programs by video, and making outreach phone calls to their people. We finished the meeting by praying for one another.



26 APRIL 2020 - LITURGY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Liturgy Committee met virtually via Microsoft Teams two weeks ago to discuss and plan liturgical areas in our parish despite the absence of masses and other liturgies. At the meeting, we focused on the Ministry of the Word with discussions centred on reverting to project the readings at masses, the disparate experience across the proclaimers of the Word and the use of mobile phones in church.

Following robust discussions, we agreed to reinstate the projection of readings at masses, work on developing and mentoring our proclaimers with emphasis on voice projection and articulation. On the subject of mobile phones, it is acknowledged having resources on the phone e.g. Daily Missal, Bible, daily prayers make it convenient. We also called out the proper etiquette to turn our mobile phones to silent or switched off has been followed by many parishioners.

We continue to pray we can come together to celebrate masses in church soon.

Parish Liturgy Committee

THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND –

Thank you for your continued connection

We are so grateful to our community who demonstrate their love for their neighbours by generously supporting the Charitable Works Fund.

The CWF is still working by providing the funds to ensure our trained CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners are available by mobile phone for those in hospitals in our Diocese. With restrictions on visitors, Pastoral Care Practitioners are needed more than ever for the patients, their families and the staff in the hospitals in our Diocese.

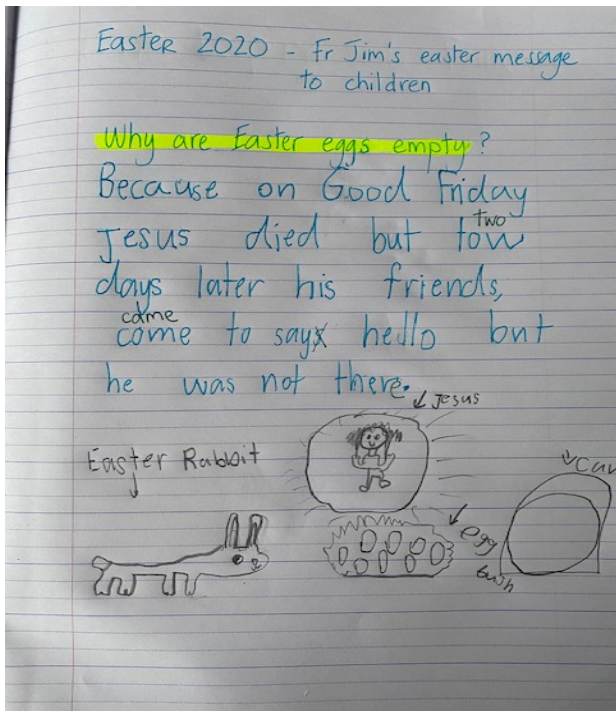
The CWF is still working by providing the funds to create online resources for students in public schools in our Diocese to receive Catholic Special Religious Education Classes. This vital ministry will assist parents at home continue the valuable faith formation to Catholic students in the public schools in our Diocese.

The CWF is still working by assisting St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College care for students with special needs who are still attending providing additional funds to two schools with students with special needs.

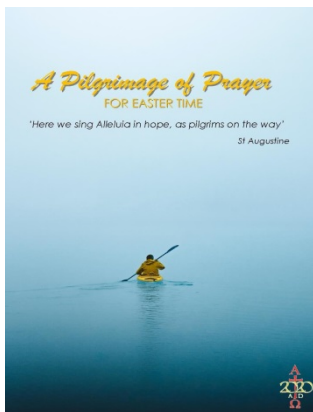
The CWF works every day by providing funds to those who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Ephpheta Centre.

When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay. Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible. Click on this [link](http://www.givenow.com.au/cwf) to give to CWF www.givenow.com.au/cwf or post your cheque into the Parish Office.

“How can families continue to share faith with their children when so many of our ministries including sacramental program, atrium and children’s liturgy are on hold? Here’s an example of how one family encouraged their daughter Laura, aged 6 to reflect on Fr Jim’s Easter homily”.



WEEK 3 OF EASTER PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER



Go to:
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/adult-faith-formation/easter-prayer-pilgrimage>

Read through the Introductory Guide before you begin and have your bible with you.

The Easter Pilgrimage of Prayer is in PDF format so you can print it if you would like to do that. The PDF is presented as a folded A4 sheet. A resource will be posted for each week of Easter time through to Pentecost. It offers ways to pray during the week with the Sunday readings from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel. Guides for keeping a prayer journal and other simple prayers are also included.

This time of Easter offers us a wonderful way to enter more deeply into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

If I can assist you with resources please let me know gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au

Bishop Anthony will be celebrating Anzac Day mass at the Cathedral, Sat, 25 April @ 9:30am
 Livestream: [Hornsby Cathedral Parish YouTube Channel](#)



ATTENTION PARENTS!

WAYS TO PRAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

During this time when we are unable to attend Mass or any of the ministries we provide in the parish for children and families, our aim is to provide parents with ways to engage their children in family prayer, liturgy of the Word and activities to help support the faith life of your children and the whole family. Each week we hope to provide a new idea or activity onto our [Children and Youth Ministries page](#). Check it out by clicking the link!

LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Every need in the world is an open door to share God's love. Coronavirus has created so many needs across our community, particularly amongst the elderly, at risk/vulnerable people of all ages, the newly unemployed, impacted small business owners and front-line medical/services workers amongst many others.

As a church family we have the opportunity to respond with love, bringing the hope and compassion of Christ by serving each other and our neighbours in the community.

One of the ways we can all serve now is by checking in on our neighbours with a friendly phone call or text message.

If you don't have their contact details or would like to help more people in your community, a great way to find out what help and support people need is with a care card.

Here to Help!

My name is

I live nearby at

My phone number is

If you are self-isolating or would just like some help, I can assist with:

<input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call	<input type="checkbox"/> Watering the garden
<input type="checkbox"/> Collecting groceries or essentials	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer support
<input type="checkbox"/> Walking the dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Or <input type="text"/>

Just call or text and let me know how I can help.

I will be taking care by washing my hands frequently, not coming too close and dropping off groceries and supplies at your doorstep.

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For a care card you can print at home [click here](#). Simply fill in the card with your details and how you can help and then drop in your neighbours' letterboxes or doorsteps.

Our community needs us now more than ever, if you would also like to volunteer to be part of our community care team call the parish on 9410 9000 or send an email to chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au with your details and how you can help.