



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
*Chatswood Catholic Parish*



17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

26 July 2020 – Year A/2

**WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
WE PRAY FOR:**

**Recently Deceased:**

Dr Arturo De Leon Valdoz Sr,  
John Schaeffer, Michael Dayton

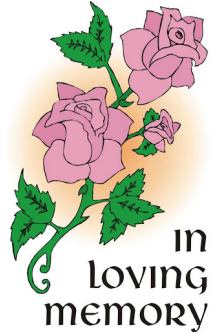
**Deceased Anniversaries:**

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**Memorial Mass:** During the past few months you may have been unable to attend the funeral of someone you love, due to the restricted numbers, limitations on travel, or self-isolation. We want to create an opportunity for you to come together for a memorial Mass at which we can pray for the many people whom we haven't yet fully grieved. We'll have Mass at 12pm on Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> (please book via

[www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/mass-times/sunday-mass-times](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/mass-times/sunday-mass-times)).

We invite you to bring a photo of that person, or a flower to represent them, which we will place in front of the altar as we offer Mass for them.

**Reading the bible – where to start?** Many people eagerly dive into the bible by starting on the first page of Genesis. Few get very far before they are bogged down in ancient genealogies and confusing legends. So where to start? A great place to start is St Paul's Letter to the Philippians. It's a short (4 pages) and simple book which is positive and encouraging in itself, but also becomes a key to understanding Paul's other letters which make up the majority of the New Testament.

So, during August we're going to read and discuss Philippians in small groups of 6-10 people, both face to face, and via Zoom. Face to face in the parish meeting rooms: Mondays 10.30am & 7pm, Fridays 2pm and Sundays 6.30pm. Zoom: Mondays 7pm and Wednesdays 8pm, starting the week of August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact [jim.mckeon@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jim.mckeon@bbcatholic.org.au) to join a group or call the parish office.

**The Feast of St Mary of the Cross** (Mary MacKillop) is celebrated on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We'd like to decorate the sanctuary with Australian native flowers to honour our Australian saint, so please bring any native flowers to the church on Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> and Fri 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Feast of the Assumption** is celebrated on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>. It will not be a holy day of obligation this year, because Bishop Anthony has temporarily dispensed us from the obligation for Mass on Sundays and holy days. It remains a significant feast day which many people will want to celebrate, so we will have a vigil Mass on Fri Aug 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, as well as Saturday Aug 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Bookings will be required for either Mass - [www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/mass-times/sunday-mass-times](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/mass-times/sunday-mass-times)

## WITHIN OUR PARISH



### AV PROJECTOR HELP NEEDED

Help is needed to 'push the button' for the AV projector in our Church during 3 of the Sunday masses. Can you help? Training will be given. We are looking for people for the following masses: 7.30am, 9am and 10.30am. Ideally, we would like as many volunteers as possible so that we can create a roster. If you can help, please contact Charmaine Wan on [charmainewan@gmail.com](mailto:charmainewan@gmail.com) or Nicole in the Parish Office on 9410 9020.

### SCHOOL REFERENCES

Throughout the year people contact the parish office seeking a parish priest's reference for enrolment into a Catholic School. In 2020, Fr Jim invites parents seeking a reference to attend a Parent Connect Gathering which will develop the partnership of parish, family and school in the project of teaching Catholic faith to children in both primary school and high school. **Our next gathering for the year is on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020, 10-11am in the Magnificat Room (Cnr Kirk and Archer Streets).**

To RSVP, please book online through the parish website [bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood](http://bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood) under the schools tab. For more information, please contact Bernadette on 9410 9031 or email [bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au)

### NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are still a large number of new 2020-2021 planned giving envelopes in the main foyer of the Church. Thank you for collecting them this way as it saves a considerable amount on postage costs for the parish.



**If you would prefer to give through credit card, please email Nicole on [nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au) who can send you out a form to set this up.** Thank you.

**CHATSWOODPARISH OFFICE EMAILS:** From 20<sup>th</sup> July, all [Chatswoodparish.org.au](http://Chatswoodparish.org.au) emails have been discontinued. Please update your email address books to ensure all Chatswood Parish Office emails go to [@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:@bbcatholic.org.au). See left-hand side of front page for all team member's emails, or look on the website.

**COMING TO MASS:** When you are booking your ticket for the weekend masses, please go directly to our website [www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood) and click on 'Mass Times & Bookings'. Do not click on any old links which have been in previous bulletins. These links do not work. Remember, put down ALL names and contact details for ALL attendees at mass; not just your name when booking 2,3 or 4 tickets.

**Weekday Mass Times: Monday – 12.15pm, Tuesday – 9am, Wednesday – 9am & 12.15pm with Adoration between, Thursday - 9am, Friday – 9am & Saturday – 9am.**

**Booking for Mass:** It appears that the NSW Govt will continue to require churches and other indoor venues to gather names and contact tracing details. We will therefore continue to use a booking system for weekend Masses. This can be accessed on the parish website [www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood) under "Mass times & bookings" from midday Monday each week for the following weekend. If you cannot access the internet, phone the parish office between 9.30am and 4pm Tuesday – Friday. You are now welcome to come to Mass every weekend. Bookings close online 15 minutes before each Mass.

## WITHIN OUR DIOCESE

### CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay

To mark Homeless Persons Week last year, CatholicCare launched their Shout a Mate a \$6 Plate campaign in support of Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy which is open to anyone who is homeless, needing a helping hand or is lonely.

They are currently sitting at just over \$15,000 of a \$30,000 target! Mary Mac's costs over \$150,000 a year to run. Over 20,000 meals a year are provided a year to those in need and they rely 100% on community support.

Every \$6 donation goes straight to providing much needed meals and resources to the most vulnerable in our local communities – and every donation is 100% tax-deductible.

Please help us mark Homeless Persons Week (2 – 8 August) and provide a hot meal to those in need. [www.shoutamateaplate.org.au](http://www.shoutamateaplate.org.au)



[www.bibleproject.com](http://www.bibleproject.com)

This is a great place to start. It's free and offers a number of ways to engage with the bible. It offers a number of animated videos which include a 'what is the bible and a how to read' the bible. Worth looking at before you look at individual books. It also offers a weekly email with video, scripture readings and questions.

*Light of Torah*

[www.lightoftorah.net](http://www.lightoftorah.net)

The first five books of the bible, known as Torah, are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. This resource was written by Teresa Pirola and is grouped according to the Jewish calendar of reading. There is a weekly leaflet available that is very easy to follow and as well as insights for each section of the Torah reading, provides scripture tools for everyday life. Each leaflet can be downloaded from the website.

## OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, the Archbishop of Brisbane, is a gifted scripture scholar. These videos are freely available at:

[www.archbne.org/mkpm](http://www.archbne.org/mkpm)

*Mercy in the Scriptures* (3 videos)  
*Living Biblically in a Secular World* (7 videos)

Fr Michael Fallon MSC has a very large range of biblical commentary available at:

[www.mbfallon.com/](http://www.mbfallon.com/)

# Reading the Bible

Scripture is at the centre of everything we do together as Church. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. It helps us to understand how we are called by God to live as Jesus showed us how to live and how to relate to each other and to all of God's creation.

'Today Jesus speaks these same words to you: ***"Take heart, I am here with you, allow me to enter and your life will change"***. That is why the Lord gives you his word, so that you can receive it like a love letter...' Pope Francis

The Bible is not a single book, it's an amazing collection of different writings from the Jewish and Christian traditions. It's written by different people, in different places, over many centuries. In effect it's a whole library, rather than an individual book.

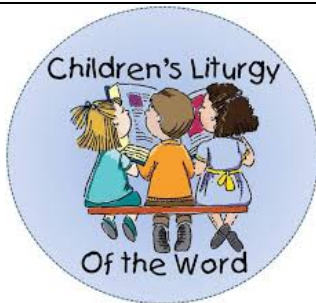
It brings together history, poetry, song, prayer; legal documents, moral codes, religious instruction. It speaks about God's love for all people; God's special love for the Jewish people; the coming of Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection; the gift of the Holy Spirit; and the beginnings of the Christian Church.

The Bible is for all of us, but sometimes finding our way into it can be overwhelming. There are some resources in the next column to get you started if you haven't picked up a bible before and others to take you a little further.



**PLEASE LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: Our Lady of Dolours!** We really want to create an online friendly forum, so if there's any news or information relevant to the Parish community - or even something like a nice prayer

you'd like to share with the page: put it on the page or message the pages admin for them to then share with us all. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/OLDChatswood/> and like our page to get things happening now!



## Resumes at 9am Mass

We are delighted to announce that from this **Sunday 26 July**, we will again be offering Children's Liturgy of the Word during our 9am Mass.

Families with children who would like to attend, please listen out for the children to be invited by the priest at the beginning of Mass.

Our wonderful parent volunteers have all been updated on operating in a COVID safe way as well as undergoing required child safeguarding training.

If you would like to know more about our Children's Liturgy program, please contact our Children's Liturgy Co-Ordinator Branka Posa at: [branka\\_111@hotmail.com](mailto:branka_111@hotmail.com)

## We held our YOUNG ADULTS DINNER last



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**  
We had a great turn out. Lots of eating, talking and socialising. It was also a great opportunity to

meet our new seminarian Aldrin Valdehueza. If you haven't already met Aldrin, please introduce yourself this weekend.

## REMEMBER TO REGISTER, OR UPDATE YOUR PARISH REGISTRATION WITH US

### Parish Registration Process

The registration process is easy. Just download the Parish Registration form from the parish website [www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood), click on the orange box 'Parish Registration Details'. You may return it to the parish office by mail, email or in person.

**Why is a Parish Registration important?**  
Parish registration is important because it helps us to serve you, improve communication and provide information to you! For example, your registration will allow us to access your sacramental records, to issue letters on your behalf, verifying you're an active parishioner in connection to Baptism, Communion, Confirmation or Marriage. Being registered will ensure you receive an electronic copy of the weekly parish bulletin.

### Updates and Changes

For those already registered, it would be great to know if you have:

- Changed address in recent years
- Welcomed a new child to the family
- Pledged for planned giving donations



**THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING FOR 2020** is now being offered as an online program for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. **Begins Saturday, 15 August 2020.** Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

**Aim:** To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.

**Cost:** FREE

**Registration:** [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)