



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
26 September 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick:

Gordon Thomas, Leticia Nery,
Pat Chard, Luigi Agnese, Xavier Nitin
Dholakia

Recently Deceased: Frances Chan,
Kim Yin Chau

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Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

In the first part of Mark's Gospel today, the disciples exclude from their community an anonymous individual who is driving out demons in Jesus's name.

Often we use the term *mystical Body of Christ* to describe the Church community. Paul says the mystical Body of Christ is like a human body that needs all the various parts in good, working condition for the whole to properly function (see 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 and Romans 12:1-8). Paul emphasizes our need to appreciate the gifts others bring to the Body of Christ. The Christian community is not about being envious of others' gifts. Instead, the Christian community stands on its openness to all and invites that gift to be used to build up the community, the Church.

An ideal outcome of this kind of Church community would be that its members would act in ways that build up the Body of Christ. This is not always true, however. Mark wants us to be aware of conduct that causes scandal and diminishes the communion that binds us together. This is what the Gospel means when it tells us that if our hands or feet (actions) lead us to sin, then cut them off, or if our eyes (attitude) lead us to sin, then pluck them out.

As members of the Church, the mystical Body of Christ, we are called to welcome all members and to appreciate their unique gifts. We also must conduct ourselves in ways that do not bring scandal to the community.

Within our Parish

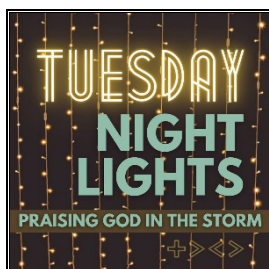
EXPLORING THE FAITH COURSE OUTLINE

Have you ever thought Why is the Old Testament so important to our Faith? What really is the Good News? How can we be so confident in the Resurrection? Why do we need prayer? What takes place when we receive the Sacraments? How do we fit in the universal Church? Exploring the Faith is a 30-week course that explores these things and more, starting Wednesday 22nd September 2021 (7.15pm-9pm) through to 1st June 2022. No prerequisites to joining, however places are limited. Course will initially start online, and shift to in person at OLD Parish once restrictions are lifted and it is relatively safe to do so. Please click link to see booklet and course outline.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/faith-formation-social-justice/faith-formation-social-justice/faith-formation>

Please contact Anthony Seeto for further information and registration:

exploringthefaith@gmail.com



Need some joy and hope in lockdown? Looking for a place to come together for community, praise and prayer? Join the CYBB Team – Alex, Rachel and Deacon Adrian – as they share stories of God’s help

in peoples’ lives and lead you through a short session of prayer. All youth and young adults from across the Diocese of Broken Bay are invited to tune into Tuesday Night Lights! If you’re not sure where you’re at with God, you’re totally welcome too – come along and see what it’s like. You can tune in every Tuesday @ 7:00-7:30pm via our the @cybbaus Instagram Live as well as Facebook and YouTube!

Parents and guardians please note: CYBB runs livestream events on our social media channels where obtaining parental permission slips for minors is not possible. Please exercise oversight of livestream events by discussing them with those in your care and please get in touch with us at alex.leach@bbcatholic.org.au or on 0447 841 216 if you have any questions or concerns.

Wisdom is better than
weapons of war.
智慧胜过打仗的兵器。



THE PARISH PASTORAL AND MISSIONARY COUNCIL met online on Thursday 16th September.

The meeting started with a reflection on an extract from Fratelli tutti Chapter 2, A Stranger on the Road (Parable of the Good Samaritan Lk 10:25-37). Pope Francis' message was of how, like the persons in the parable that failed to stop and help the assaulted man, we cling to our time rather than show solidarity and mercy. If not already, we are in danger of becoming indifferent to the needs of those around us, whereas in reality, our individual existence is deeply tied to that of others. In relation to this "life is not simply time that passes; life is a time for interactions".

Following the study reflection, we explored initiatives to encourage interactions, including online initiatives (Our Lady of Dolours Parish Chatswood YouTube presence) as well as a faith formation programme in the parish starting soon. There was also the endorsing of a proposal from Jo Karaolis which began from discussions in the Social Justice Committee meetings. The proposal is to establish a Community Action Group that would work with other faith groups and not-for-profit organisations to reach and befriend the marginalised, and to make our local area and beyond, a fairer place for the disadvantaged.

We also discussed the need to plan for the lifting of restrictions for the coming month of October as vaccination rate targets are met. Details still need to be clarified by government and health advisors, and while implications of lifting restrictions still need to be discussed, it is prudent for us to prepare and plan for a measured reopening of the church and community activities. *The Parish Pastoral and Missionary*



Sunday 3 October @ 2am.
**Next weekend, don't forget to put
your clocks forward 1 hour.**

From Fr David

Dear friends

I am very happy to share with you the news of the appointment of a new parish team member in the role of Children's Ministry Assistant. As you appreciate our Children's Ministry here in our parish is altogether exceptional. Angela Hague does a remarkable job as our Children's Ministry Coordinator. Her ministry certainly requires support. Availing of funds already budgeted, we have now recruited for the position of a Children's Ministry Assistant and with pleasure I share with you that Mona Saouma has been appointed. Mona is well known to us in our parish family and she is very excited about this new opportunity for involvement. Mona will commence her part time role with us on Tuesday 19 October. Welcome Mona!

We also have another very exciting initiative underway. This is a community outreach project led by Jo Karaolis and supported by our Parish Social Justice Group. Placed in the heart of Chatswood CDB, there is the opportunity for us to become a centre of support and care for the marginalised and needy of the mid-northern suburbs of Sydney. Distress is growing in the area as evidenced by the increase of people sleeping roughly on the streets and by the significant increase in demand on food banks, domestic violence refuges, youth support services, and mental health providers. So, a Community Action Group is a practical way for us to live our faith through leadership training and opportunities for service. In a few weeks' time on Thursday, 14 October we will launch this initiative inviting those keen to participate into a time of reflection and training leading up to the end of the year with the intention of implementing a practical strategy in the new year. We will have further details about everything over the coming weeks.

We have commenced the much needed project of the renovation of our parish presbytery. Happily, all asbestos has now been removed from the property. This now allows the electricians to arrive and for the various sections of the project to be implemented. Mr Glen Worne is our builder for the project and I am grateful to Michael Mercer, our Facilities and Finance Manager, for the way in which he is so diligently overseeing and managing the project.

Once we have reopened, we would like to introduce a second midday Mass in our church during the week so that from Monday to Friday there is daily Mass at 12.30pm Mass in addition to the 9am Mass Tuesday to Saturday. We now accommodate this given that there will be three priests in our parish, following Deacon Aldrin's ordination to the priesthood on Monday 18 October. It is proposed that we shift the time of the midday Mass slightly to 12.30pm. This enables a little more flexibility with

funerals that would ordinarily be scheduled at 10.30am. All going well, we would be able to introduce this new framework for weekday Masses in the week of Monday 25th October.

Please keep in your prayers the Chan family who farewelled Francis on Wednesday, and Tia whose father FX Soedibyo sadly passed away recently in Indonesia. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG

Upcoming EVENTS

A FEW THINGS HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND:

- ❖ Fr Joey is providing his 2nd seminar on the **Spirituality of Incarnation** this Saturday 25th September @ 5pm. Click on this link to go to our website for details <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/news-events/on-line-gatherings> You can also view Fr Joey's 1st seminar on the Spirituality of Incarnation last weekend on this link.
- ❖ Anthony Seeto is pioneering an excellent series **Exploring our Faith** – a 30-week systematic exploration of what we believe as Catholics, which began last Wednesday 22 September. What a remarkable opportunity! It's not too late to join in. Please contact Anthony Seeto for further information and registration: exploringthefaith@gmail.com



SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION Q & A Forum

With **Br Ian Cribb sj**

26 September 1.30 – 3.00pm

For the past 30 years Br Ian has worked in the ministry of Ignatian Spirituality as a giver of retreats, spiritual direction and formation of both Jesuits and lay people. For 10 years he was the Director of the Sevenhill Spirituality Centre before coming to Sydney in 2016. Br Ian is currently the Community Leader of the Gonzaga Jesuit Community in Kirribilli and a member of the St Ignatius College School Board. He is the Jesuit Provincial's Delegate for Ignatian Spirituality and Formation and the CEO of Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia. More recently, he has been working as a member of the Formation team for facilitators and members of the coming Plenary Council.

No need to book

Zoom Meeting ID: 86009976809 Passcode: 730460

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A Message from Fr David on Preparing for the Re-opening of our Church

Dear friends,

We are edging closer to the time when our church can open again, and when we can gather albeit with some level of restrictions continuing for some time. On current modelling it may be that the NSW Government's target of 70% fully vaccinated will be reached as early as around 8 or 9 October. The Government has indicated that it will allow opening of sites the following Monday. So, we are hopeful that our church may be opened again as early as 11 October. How wonderful it will be to see each other again!

It is time for us then to begin to prepare for this possibility!

We have yet to receive the detail of the Public Health Orders that will be operative at that time. However, some items are already clear:

1. The number able to be in our church will be restricted by the 4sq meter principle. This means for us that 150 people will be able to be at any one liturgy. This number will need to be inclusive of children under 12, but hopefully we will still be able to have our weekly children's liturgy in some form.
2. We will therefore need to return to a booking system for Mass. The details of the booking system will be available on our Parish Website once we have clarification of the actual date of reopening.
3. Everyone will need to check in electronically.
 - a. It will be simple if you have the Service NSW App on your smartphone. The Parish Office can help you download the Service NSW App if you do not yet have it.
 - b. If you do not have the Service NSW app on your smartphone, you can still check in using the parish QR code. However, you will need to enter your details each time.
 - c. For those who do not have a smart phone, check in will need to be done through a personal COVID check-in card that will need to be scanned as you enter the church. The card needs to be applied for online at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/create-covid-19-check-card>. If you have any difficulty downloading the card, please make contact with our Parish Office who will assist you. Nicole in our Parish Office will be able to create your card for you. We have invested in scanners for these cards.
4. We will need to wear a mask at all times in the church
5. We will not be able to have congregational singing for the time being.

The main point is to be sure to have our COVID-19 check-in card if we do not have a smart phone. Our Parish Office can certainly arrange this for you.

At this stage, we do not have clarity about what the reopening of our church might mean for those who are not vaccinated. We will need to await the detail of the Public Health Orders and offer advice at that point.

Let us be sure to keep each other in prayer during this period of transition back to social life and may our community grow more strongly through our care for everyone at this stage.

Fr David

Broken Bay News wins top ACPA Award

The Diocese of Broken Bay's quarterly magazine, *Broken Bay News*, has taken out the top award at the 2021 Australasian Catholic Press Association Awards. This is only the second time Broken Bay News has won this prestigious award, the first time was in 2004.

The Bishop Philip Kennedy Memorial Trophy is awarded to the publication that wins either one of two awards: Best Print Publication or Best Online Publication.

Broken Bay News was awarded Best Print Publication after judges commented that it was a very engaging publication and an outstanding contribution to the Catholic media landscape in Australia and New Zealand. It also won the Most Improved Publication award.

The September issue of Broken Bay News is online. You can read the award-winning magazine here:

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_september_2021_issue_211