

# Chatswood Catholic Parish



### 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME 27 June 2021 - Year B/1

## WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

### **Recently Deceased:**

Trevor Chard, Patricia Davies, Patricia 'Madeline' Miller

#### **Deceased Anniversaries:**

Stephen Brodie, Thomas Braganza, Juliet Gomez, Bill Freeman

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Today's gospel opens with a reference to arrival on the other side of the sea, which seems to suggest it is the completion of last Sunday's crossing. However, it isn't. Here we encounter another instance of the Marcan sandwich device that nests one story in another: Jesus is approached by the synagogue official named Jairus who pleads for Jesus to come and save his daughter; on the way to the girl a woman suffering from a haemorrhage of twelve years' duration touches his clothes and is healed; the father is then informed his daughter is dead, but Jesus still goes to her, takes her by the hand and raises her. When this is compared with the versions in the other gospels (Matthew 9:18-26 and Luke 8:40-56), we note that Mark, so often concise and even blunt, is oddly wordier. Some of what contributes to this exposes other undercurrents.

In Mark's version of this encounter Jesus manifests more tenderness and affection than in the others. In all he addresses the cured woman as "Daughter", which may be short for "Daughter of God", or perhaps may be a respectful address to any younger or subordinate woman. But in the story of Jairus' daughter, only Mark transmits the tender Aramaic quotation in which Jesus addresses her as "Talitha", lamb or lambkin, an affectionate term for the young. Interwoven with these are the reactions of the disciples, for whom it appears familiarity has indeed bred a contempt bordering on surliness when they say to Jesus "You see the pressing crowd and yet you say 'Who touched me?'!" As for the crowd at Jairus' house, they laugh at him. The insolence and derision of disciples and onlookers is in direct contrast to his respectful gentleness toward the woman and the girl and her parents, and each group is countered by Jesus. The woman already knew that she had been healed, a feature found only in Mark, so the unnecessary words to her, literally, "be healed of your scourge" seem to be for the benefit of the disciples, disclosing the importance of what was happening as a check to their insensitivity. Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig

Flowers this weekend donated for the birthday of John Moon

### Within our Parish

### SENIORS GROUP CANCELLED FOR JULY



Due to the announcement of new restrictions in regards to singing and numbers allowed to gather, unfortunately we need to cancel the Yule Fest and Singing with Louis this Thursday 1 July. We hope to get together in August so please put Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August in your

diaries for our Seniors Morning Tea.

For more information contact Jan Hunter at <a href="mailto:gfiadino@bigpond.net.au">gfiadino@bigpond.net.au</a>



### **DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL**

**HELP** is held every Saturday at 10 am. We have a box outside the Piety Stall for petition/thanksgiving letters to Our Blessed Mother. Why not drop a note of thanks into

the box if you have received a special blessing or a prayer answered from Our Lady or a note to seek her intercession? Your petitions will be included in our prayers at the weekly devotion.

To celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, please join us for morning tea on Saturday 26 June in the Magnificat Room at 10.45 am (after Benediction). Please bring a plate to share if you can.

### FREE SEMINAR ON WILLS AND ESTATES FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BROKEN BAY.

Clergy, parish leaders and interested parishioners are invited to a free seminar at The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara, on Saturday 17 July 2021, 2-3.30pm. The seminar is designed for those who need to prepare or update their Will, and to encourage supporting the future of our Catholic faith through a charitable gift in your Will. Cecilia Castle, principle of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 30 years. Cecilia is a regular speaker and writer on legal topics, and parishioner in our Diocese of Broken Bay. For bookings go to

https://www.trybooking.com/BPNGJ or email David Armstrong david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au



Rhian Clare Arrobang, Eva Rose Merdicino, Migo Tobillo and Sebastian Donikian

#### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

This week the children in our Confirmation program have been thinking about how they belong to a people who are called by God. God calls each of us 'by name'. "I have

called you by name, you are mine." (Is 43:1b)

We listened to some of the stories of people from the bible who have gone before us responding to God's call. Sometimes, their being called changed their name.

God called us by our name at Baptism. At Confirmation we are again called by name. The children have learnt that they can choose the name of a saint they admire to be called at their Confirmation and have begun the process of deciding which saint name they will take.

Please continue to pray for these children and their families as they prepare for their Confirmation.





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### ETHICA WILL BE IN THE PARISH NEXT WEEKEND - 3/4 JULY

Ethica is the social enterprise of Mary MacKillop. Today, we believe that everything we do should make a difference in someone's life.

We have amazing designs and products in alpaca that are ethically made by women artisans who receive a fair price for their work.

This income means they can provide better food, medicine and education for their children.

Each product has the name of the person who made it. ethica is the Fair Trade social enterprise of Mary MacKillop Today – A ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, in the spirit of Australia's first saint.

Please take a copy home of 'Our Sunday Celebration' fold out from the Church foyer. This includes Gail's 'Sunday Extra' page inside.

It is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

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### From Fr David

Dear friends

COVID re-emerges for us with the sign that we are going to have to contend with the pandemic for some time yet. As I write this, we are still able to gather, though we must be more conscious this weekend of the numbers in our church not being more than about 175 for any given Mass. As well, we cannot have congregational singing, and masks are obligatory. We have had to defer our planned BBQ for our great Catechists this Sunday to another opportunity. We are hopeful that the situation may be arrested soon, and that we can return to the activity we have been enjoying now for some time.

Once again, we extend our deepest sympathy to Pat Chard and her family on the loss of Trevor who recently passed away. Trevor was farewelled from our church on Friday 25 June. He had been such a large part of our parish family over so many years. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

As I have shared with you on a number of occasions we are committed to the repair and renovation of the parish presbytery at 100 Archer St. Having undertaken all the due diligence in respect to this project, the Parish Finance Committee and myself are now in a position to present to you a detailed brief of the project. This Scope is available this weekend in the church for your review. COVID depending, we have also arranged an open afternoon at the house on the afternoon of Sunday 4 July for those who may be interested to see what we are intending. Should you have any questions about the project please do not hesitate to approach either myself or Michael Mercer, our Facilities and Finance Manager. We would be hoping to get underway with the renovation in August so that the first stage of the project might be completed by the end of the year.

We continue to make progress little by little with a range of other projects – the restoration of our church bell, the installation of sliding glass doors at the entrance to the church, the correction of the sound system in the church. We look forward to all these being achieved in the coming months.

We wish Deacon Aldrin well as he takes the coming week as part of his annual leave.

With my warm regards to you all,

Fr David



Thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support towards the recent Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May appeal.

Donations to our CWF are gratefully received and help the pastoral works of the Church, supporting our Catechists, Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners, St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College and the Ephpheta Centre.

Your contributions throughout the year have assisted enormously towards trying to reach our target. On behalf of our Parish, thank you and God Bless you.

**Please note:** If you have donations to provide, please remember to give by **30 JUNE**, so you can claim tax-deductions if required (all donations over \$2 are tax-deductible).

Donations can be made through the CWF envelope, parish website, or at <a href="https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give">www.bbcatholic.org.au/give</a>



#### **VINNIES WINTER APPEAL**

Envelopes are still around the Church if you wish to donate to the Society of St Vincent de Paul's annual winter appeal. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.







THE YEAR
OF ST JOSEPH
& THE FAMILY
2021

### PARISH LEISURE GROUP (ULTRA BEGINNER: MODERN LINE DANCING)



Line up, line up! Join us to learn the basic line dancing steps routines, whilst having fun with friends.

Challenge yourself to learn the different steps including heel dig, grapevine, jazz square, triple step and pivot turns. When mastered, it can challenge the mind as well as the body.

Regular dancing is great for losing weight, maintaining strong bones, improving posture and muscle strength, increasing balance and coordination, and beating stress.

A big advantage of Line Dancing is that you don't need a partner. Another is that you are with a group of like-minded people who are there with you to have fun, so will be a very sociable part of your life.

Line Dancing is a terrific form of healthy activity, exercising the body and brain whilst doing so in a friendly non challenging environment, open to any age. All you have to do is follow the steps and don't think anyone is watching you .

- Parish Leisure Group starts <u>Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 11am in the Magnificat Room and will occur every Thursday except the first Thursday of the month.</u>
- Bookings are essential. For enquiries and bookings, please email Michael.Mercer@bbcatholic.org.au.
- This new class is following strict COVID-19 restrictions. Due to COVID-19 health and safety plans, dancers must make a booking first with Michael. Restrictions will limit the number of dancers able to attend so first in best dressed.
- Dancers to bring their own water bottle and towel.
- Please consider any health problems you may have before joining (not a stressful activity).

### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 28 June	11.15am	Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
	11.30am	Cenacle (Rosary) Prayer (Church)
	6.30pm	Spanish Choir practice (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Alpha (Magnificat & St Paul Rooms)
Tuesday 29 June	9.45am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	9.30am	Playgroup (Magnificat Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary Group (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
Wednesday 30 June	6.30pm	Indonesian music practice (Church)
	7pm	Faith Enrichment Group (St Peter Room)
Thursday 1 July	9.45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
	5.30pm	Legion of Mary (Magnificat Room)
	6.30pm	Vinnies English Conversations (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Reconciliation (Church)
Friday 2 July	10am	Meditation (St Paul Room)
Saturday 3 July	10.30am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	11.30am	Infant Baptism Preparation (Magnificat Room)
Sunday 4 July	10am	Family Choir practice (St Peter Room)
	10am	Teen Choir practice (St Paul Room)
	10.30am	Filipino group practice (Magnificat Room)
	11.30am	Our Lady Help of Christians Assoc. (St Paul Room)
	4pm	Music Ministry practice for 5.30pm Youth Mass (Church)
	12noon	Filipino Mass (Church)

Physical environments in the Parish must be set up to maximise natural surveillance, minimising opportunities for children to be in secluded areas.

Consider how this can be achieved while addressing noise and privacy.