



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



PALM SUNDAY
28 March 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Anniversaries:

Mary Laker, Melvie Cullen,
Sr. Antoinette Coorey,
Jim Gallagher



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Our Holy Week and Easter Mass times are now on the website. Bookings are essential. If viewing this bulletin through enews, please click on this link: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/mass-times/easter-mass-times/holy-week-easter-mass-times>

Thurs 1 April	HOLY THURSDAY <i>(Lent concludes before the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the only Mass permitted today)</i> 7pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Fri 2 April	GOOD FRIDAY 10am THE WAY OF THE CROSS 3pm CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 7pm SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS DEVOTION
Sat 3 April	HOLY SATURDAY 9am MORNING PRAYER PREPARATION RITES FOR THOSE TO BE BAPTISED FIRST RITE OF RECONCILIATION 7pm THE EASTER VIGIL
Sun 4 April	EASTER SUNDAY MASSES AT 7.30am, 9am and 10.30am <i>(No evening Mass)</i>

Within the Parish

FLOWERS FOR HOLY THURSDAY

Parishioners are welcome to donate flowers and greenery for use on Holy Thursday and to decorate the Altar of Repose. If you are able to do this it will be greatly appreciated. Flowers can be deposited in the buckets provided at Our Lady's Shrine on Holy Thursday morning.



SENIORS GET-TOGETHER



Our next get-together is at 10am on Thursday 1st April in the Magnificat Room.

Gina Bradley from Ethica will be joining us with her goods and giving us a run down on how Ethica has got through the last year.

Join us for a cuppa, hot cross bun and some shopping.

For more information, contact Jan Hunter gfiadino@bigpond.net.au

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday 2nd April, reopening on Tuesday 6th April. If your matter is urgent, please ring the emergency mobile number 0473 046 906.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE

- 11 APRIL 2021
(2.00 PM - 4.00 PM)

The Feast of Divine Mercy is celebrated on the Sunday following Easter Sunday expressing the association between the two feasts. Easter marks the salvation won by Jesus' atoning sacrifice on the cross and His victory over death. The Feast of Divine Mercy celebrates God's loving forgiveness.

On Divine Mercy Sunday 11 April, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 2.00 pm with the praying and singing of the Chaplet. Benediction at around 4pm. Reconciliation is available from 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

The 9-day Divine Mercy Novena will start on Good Friday 2 April.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. The collection promotes the missionary work for the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employing and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

My people,
what have I done to you?
How have I offended you?
Answer me!



The Youth of our Parish

Supported by CYBB (Catholic Youth Broken Bay)

will be giving

A night of Reflection and Meditation

on the

7 Last Words

of our Lord on the Cross

Good Friday - 2 April @ 7 pm

Our Lady of Dolours Parish, 94 Archer St. Chatswood

From Fr David

Dear friends

We enter the most sacred of our weeks in our liturgical year. It is a week in which, step by step, we are led into the central mystery of our Christian discipleship; the mystery of the life of Jesus breaking free from the constraint of death, such that it is able to be encountered truly and fully across time and space. It will be a privilege to lead our community through the various liturgies, culminating in the proclamation that Christ is risen at the Easter Vigil next Saturday evening.

On Tuesday evening Bishop Anthony will celebrate the annual Mass of the Oils at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in Waitara. It is at this Mass, that the sacramental oils are blessed and consecrated: the Oil of Baptism, the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Chrism. We will welcome these oils into our church at the beginning of our liturgy on Holy Thursday evening. This will be the first time since the pandemic commenced that all the priests of our Diocese will be able to gather together. They will be joined by a limited number of people representing each parish, including our own.

On Holy Thursday evening we have a special possibility for Eucharistic Adoration following our Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be conveyed to an open location at Our Lady of Dolours Primary School at which we will celebrate a time of Praise and Worship, before the Sacrament is returned to the Altar of Repose in the church until midnight.

In addition to Stations of the Cross on the morning of Good Friday at 10am and our Solemn Commemoration of the Passion at 3pm, on the evening of Good Friday this year we will have a special Triduum prayer service at 7pm: The Last Words of Jesus. This takes the form of a series of short Scripture readings, followed by a reflection, a prayer and song. The reflections will be offered by a number of young adults. It will be a very prayerful way of marking the spirit of this day

We have 18 people being baptised over the Easter weekend, the majority at the Easter Vigil on Saturday at 7pm, and several at our 9am and 10.30am Easter Sunday morning Masses. We offer them our warm welcome and pray that this moment in their unfolding journey of faith will be one of great blessing and promise.

A special thank you to Deacon Kevin and all our liturgical coordinators who have been planning hard over the last several weeks to enable our ceremonies to be beautiful and meaningful. Please be sure to take our Celebrating Holy Week booklet available in the church as it has the full programme for the coming week. Special gratitude to Gail Gill for publishing this beautifully presented booklet.

Might you have any flowers from your garden that you could contribute for our Holy Thursday Mass and for our Altar of Repose which is where the Sacrament will be from Thursday evening to the Easter Vigil? If you could bring these along by Thursday midday, that would be a wonderful help to our liturgies!

As I write this the NSW Government has further relaxed COVID restrictions. From Monday, we can enjoy congregational singing again! We are seeking clarification about the numbers we will be able to welcome going forward, but we hope to be able to make an announcement about this over the weekend. This underscores now our initiative to restore our parish life back to the greatest sense of normalcy.

This is the last week of Term 1! On Wednesday evening, Deacon Aldrin and I will travel to Mulgoa to join the Mercy College Year 12 students on retreat, and on Thursday afternoon the boys from St Pius X College will have liturgies in our church in preparation for Easter and to conclude the term. Our Year 4 children from Our Lady of Dolours Primary School celebrated a Liturgy of Reconciliation in our church last Thursday. We give thanks for all our students, and we hope that the first term finishes well.

Let us keep each other in our prayers over the coming days. May this Easter be blessed for us all.

Fr David

RETURN OF PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES

Just a reminder that you can begin to return your Project Compassion boxes by placing them in the basket in front of the lectern on the Sanctuary, or drop into the Parish Office during the week. Please count up the amount in their Project Compassion box and write the amount raised on the box and tick whether you require a receipt or not. **And thanks too for remembering your Project Compassion envelopes: they may be put on the collections at any Mass or left at the Parish Office.**

Baptisms This Weekend:

William Raymond Kinkade,
Cooper Chun Kit Mak



ALPHA IS COMING BACK!!

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions where we ask questions about life, faith and meaning.
Everyone is welcome.

Join us as we take the opportunity to explore the questions of life around a meal, a talk and discussion.



Where: Chatswood Catholic Parish - Meeting Rooms
Kirk Street, Chatswood NSW 2067

When: Commencing Monday 19 April 2021 at 7:00 pm

For more details – and to register – go to:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/alpha>

In-person or On-line options available – Registrations essential
For queries contact: Gillian 0412 373 324 or Terence 0466 778 328
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IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday 28 March	9.30am	Lent Family Group gathering (Magnificat Room)
Monday 29 March	10am	Mercy College Easter Liturgy (Church)
	6pm	'The Jesus I Never Knew' (Magnificat Room)
Tuesday 30 March	9.45am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	9am	Playgroup (Magnificat Room)
	7pm	Young Adults Lenten Program (Magnificat Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary Group (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
Wednesday 31 March	6.30pm	Indonesian music practice (Church)
	7pm	Faith Enrichment Group (St Peter Room)
Thursday 1 April	12.15pm	OLD Primary Easter Liturgy (Church)
	1.30pm	St Pius X College Easter Liturgy (Church)
	6.30pm	Vinnies English Conversations (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church)
Friday 2 April	10am	Meditation (Zoom online)
	10am	Stations of the Cross (led by the youth) (Church)
	3pm	The Lord's Passion (Church)
	7pm	Seven Last Words (Church)
Saturday 3 April	7pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday 4 April	9am	Easter Family Mass (with children's baptisms)
	12noon	Filipino Easter Sunday Mass

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**THE YEAR
OF ST JOSEPH
& THE FAMILY
2021**