



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

29 August 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Leticia Nery, Michael Antarakis, Pat Chard, Luigi Agnese, Xavier Nitin Dholakia

Recently Deceased: Thomas van Dijk

Deceased Anniversaries: Vlaho Vlatko (father), Vlaho Vlatko (son), Zele, Nevenka Cetinic Pensa, Filip, Pera, Kata Cetinic Pensa

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In Mark's Gospel, Jesus asks us to consider the direction of our heart. Do we choose to do something good because it is the true good or because we will gain recognition by doing this particular thing? We choose to act in a particular way because it is in accord with the larger understanding of the common good. As an example, we may choose to make a commitment to be a volunteer at a nursing home to befriend a resident and develop a long-term relationship with this individual. We may become mutual friends with the resident and support each other over many years of friendship. Our reason for doing this is based on our understanding of Jesus's command to love and be concerned about those who are in need of fellowship. This action is something we freely choose to do based on our heartfelt wish to give of ourselves to another person. The end result is the mutual good of fellowship.

We could enter into the same situation with a different reason or motivation: to fulfill a requirement or by volunteering because we know it will look good on an application for college. Jesus's challenge to the Pharisees and the Scribes, and to you and me, is to look at our reasons or motivations and determine whether we are acting for personal gain or recognition, or because it is the right thing to do because it is what Jesus is asking of us. The Pharisees were part of a group that was more concerned with outward appearances than the inner conversion of the heart. Piety in a person's life is important, but pious actions intended to draw attention do not respond to Jesus's desire for a conversion of heart.

Maintaining integrity is a lifelong endeavor and centers on our external behavior flowing from our internal conviction. Practices that flow only from habit, tradition, or law may destroy one's own integrity. Jesus is concerned with the disposition of a person's heart that leads to actions that are either good or evil. Moses and the prophets spoke about the conversion of the heart, turning hard hearts into fleshy hearts. Throughout salvation history, God often challenges God's people for going through the motions of prescribed ritual without care for God and God's justice. Sometimes the actions of the Israelites lacked compassion and exposed an intention not centered on God. This is also true of us today. We need to give priority to the process of inner conversion, which manifests itself in outward actions. Jesus is acutely aware that lip service and other outward observances without a conversion of heart are not a true sign of a covenantal relationship with him.

Within our Parish

FROM THE DIOCESE

To support Bishop Anthony's wish to continue to connect and engage online with our community during these challenging times, the Evangelisation team launches **BAY CONNECT** today. This initiative provides an online program of regular activities commencing on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online with our communities.

We have put the link for the program on our Chatswood website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/new-s-events/on-line-gatherings>

The program features commencing Monday, 30 August, include:

- Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - **THE CHOSEN MONDAY** - Join us as we go through the first season of The Chosen, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.
- Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) - **TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.
- Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom - **HUMPDAY HANGOUT W/ BR BERNARD** - Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.
- Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - **FORMATION FRIDAYS** - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.

We request your participation and support by liking and sharing the social media posts including Bishop Anthony's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/bishopanthonyran dazzo> and Diocese Broken Bay Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/brokenbaydiocese/>

God Bless.

The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever.

义人必承受地土，永居其上。

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Facebook Our Lady of Angels
进行现场直播
详情请致电88834063

在这个艰难的时期，我们需要灵魂的滋养！
弥撒后的茶聚将延迟至另行通知

Decorative elements include a red background with yellow flowers, a blue and white striped bowl, chopsticks, a blue fan, and a blue lantern.

PLEASE JOIN US
for the
ONLINE
CATHOLIC MASS
in Mandarin

Sunday
19th of Sept
3 P. M.

Streaming live via Facebook
Our Lady of the Angels
Catholic Church - Rouse Hill

For more information, please call 88834063

Please note that Chinese Tea after mass is postponed until further notice due to lockdown restrictions.
See you online at the mass, spiritual nourishment is key in these trying times!

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From Fr David

Dear friends,

Last weekend we received the tragic news of the sudden, unexpected death of one of the Year 12 students at St Pius X College, Thomas van Dijk. Tom had been swimming last Saturday afternoon, developed chest pains, and passed away early on Sunday morning. He was a gifted athlete and musician and his loss is enormous. Our hearts go out to Brad and Karrie his parents, his sister Isabelle, and his girlfriend Caitlin as they try to come to terms with what has happened. We are overwhelmed by the sheer unpredictability and fragility of life which places us so vulnerably before the Mystery of Life. Our Lady of Dolours had great meaning for Tom and his family are deeply grateful for the support our parish has been able to provide over these days.

Thank you for the lovely messages last weekend in appreciation of our online Centenary Mass. On your behalf, a very special word of gratitude to Ben Thrum and Hamish Lavery who mastered all the technicalities of the occasion. On the night before the day of anniversary, Deacon Aldrin led a beautiful online Vigil of Prayer which was joined by many members of our community. And so, though we could not gather in person at least we were able to mark this very important milestone. Welcome to our second century as a family of faith! Who would have thought it would have been in this way?

Indeed, our online opportunities are now many. These are all listed on our website. One of the new opportunities is a series of Daily Prayer at 12.30pm. We will keep this as a regular schedule every day going forward, and a special thanks to Ditas Naguit for facilitating this.

This Sunday, the Church in Australia celebrates Social Justice Sunday. This year's theme is Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor. It invites us to consider again Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si - one of the most landmark documents for our age. Our pandemic demonstrates just how unhealthy our world has become. If there is one thing we can take from this period of lockdown it is a renewed commitment to care for the earth and each other. I do urge you to go online and read the Social Justice Statement of the Australian Bishops for this year. There are also a range of online opportunities Gail Gill is able to present to us through the month of September by which we can reflect more deeply into the call we are given. Again, do have a look on our website and bulletin for these details.

Finally, a very warm thank you to all those who have supported Team Chatswood for the Vinnies Sleepout on this Friday evening. To date we have raised a staggering \$6000 for this cause. This is simply amazing! Thank you. And what a most important cause for which this has been.

Again, I do ask that you keep the Van Dijk family in your prayer, along with the whole community of St Pius X College. Eternal rest grant unto Tom, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG



SAFEGUARDING MONTH

This week the Parish has been sent communication from Bishop Anthony providing detail about Safeguarding Month 2021. This coming Wednesday, 1 September is the beginning of Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Bishop Anthony has requested that all community members are made aware of the initiatives being held throughout the Month. The Parish therefore, attaches to the bulletin an invitation to participate. Feel free to print the invitation and tick the initiatives in which you would like to engage with. This year's theme is Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities.

**PASTORAL
WORKS** Broken Bay

Rebrand of CWF to **Pastoral Works Broken Bay August Appeal**

At this time, we appreciate any support that can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to operate and provide vital services.

We encourage donations at your parish website or www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Collection envelopes for Masses will be available when parishes re-open.

**Thank you for helping to renew and rebuild lives.
Every gift makes a difference to someone in
hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.**

