



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
*Chatswood Catholic Parish*



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
29 November 2020 – Year A/2

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

All the faithful departed.

**Recently Deceased:**

Jean-Luc Dinel

**Deceased:** Stephen Brodie



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**Vinnies Christmas Appeal.** Next weekend, 5/6 December, is our collection and OLD parishioners' support is appreciated. Your donations are used in a variety of ways including, for individuals and families experiencing financial difficulties, supermarket food vouchers, rent assistance, assistance with the purchase of white goods and removal fees. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

**Farewell Fr John:** As announced last week Fr John will be moving to Manly Parish on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> and Fr Joey Frez will be our incoming Assistant Priest. Unfortunately, Covid restrictions don't allow us to have a large parish gathering to farewell Fr John as we would like to. Instead, you're invited to: reach out to Fr John to say your own farewell, sign a card in the foyer of the church for him, and donate for a gift by putting cash in an envelope with his name on it. He will celebrate the 7.30am and 10.30am Masses on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>.

**What to buy for Christmas?** Many people are difficult to buy for because our affluence means that most of us already have everything we need. Still, there is pleasure in giving, and so a way to give which also does good is to buy a card from either Caritas Australia's "Global Gifts" or Aid to the Church in Need's "Gift of Faith". Each of these Catholic charities allow you to give an amount and receive a Christmas gift card (which you give to your loved one) showing that your donation has provided something specific such as a meal, or shelter, or school books, or support for a seminarian or religious sister. Go to [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au) or [www.thatcatholicshop.com](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com) by Dec 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Reconciliation:** The season of Advent is a time when many people approach the sacrament of Reconciliation. We have Reconciliation available in our renovated, Covid-safe confessional room every Thursday 7pm & Saturday 9.30am. Some additional times will also be available closer to Christmas.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED from 1pm - 3pm next  
Wednesday 2 December as we farewell  
Fr John with a team lunch.

## WITHIN OUR PARISH

### JOIN THE TEAM AT BROKEN BAY DIOCESE: NEW POSITIONS VACANT

Are you keen to be part of a renewed vision for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Broken Bay?

After celebrating one year as Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo is announcing a call out to enthusiastic, faith filled and appropriately skilled people who might help implement his dynamic vision with the following invitation:

*“As the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, I am shaping a team of people who can meet the challenges of our time with a bold and authentic vision to accomplish the will of God,”*

There are six new roles available in the Chancery at Broken Bay:

- Team Leader - Catholic Youth;
  - Team Leader - Life, Marriage & Family;
  - Sacramental Life, Liturgy & RCIA Coordinator;
  - Executive Assistant (job share / part time 2 days);
- and
- Diocesan Pastoral Project Facilitator.
  - Diocesan Director, Communications

To apply for these roles or for more information go to [www.bbcatholic.org.au/jobs](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/jobs).

**Applications close Tuesday 2 December.**

# ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2023

LIMITED AVAILABILITY FOR YEAR 7, 2022



**ENROL ONLINE**  
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OF INSPIRING YOUNG CATHOLIC WOMEN  
1890 - 2020



### PARISH MEETING ROOM BOOKINGS FOR 2021

Please email me your request for the use of the parish meeting rooms with the following information:

- All dates needed for 2021, including if you break for the school holidays.
  - Time needed from and to
  - Contact name, mobile & email of the leader
  - Size of your group. We need this information so we can allocate you the correct sized room for the year.
- Please put your request in writing and email it to [Nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au) by Monday 14 December. **Your current booking will not automatically be rolled over to 2021.**



### SOME FACTS

- Each week Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) looks after the needs of over 900 families and individuals.
- JRS provides for critical needs such as medical care, medicines, food and emergency rent and housing payments.
- During September, refugees around our country were ordered to leave community detention. In the midst of a pandemic and high unemployment, they were given 3 weeks to find somewhere to live and employment.
- The October budget halved assistance for people who are seeking asylum.

### How You Can Help

**TAP & GO ON 13 & 14 DECEMBER TO DONATE TO JRS ALL DONATIONS FROM THAT WEEKEND WILL BE FORWARDED TO JRS IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK**

# Telling the Story of God's Love in Advent

## THE JESSE TREE

At the 9am Mass during Advent, children will hang symbols on our Christmas tree that tell the story of God's love and promise over thousands of years to send a Messiah. Each of the symbols will represent an ancestor of Jesus.

The Jesse Tree is like a family tree of Jesus. The Gospels of Luke and Matthew both make reference to Jesus' ancestors in different ways.

The Jesse tree is named after the father of King David as named in the prophet Isaiah 11: 1-2. *A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.*

Matthew's Gospel actually begins with a genealogy of Jesus that leads into the account of Jesus' birth.



**CREATION**  
Genesis 1:26-31



**ADAM & EVE**  
Genesis 3:1-7



**NOAH**  
Genesis 9:8-17



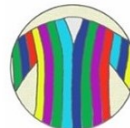
**ABRAHAM & SARAH**  
Genesis 12:1-7



**ISAAC & REBECCA**  
Genesis 22:1-8



**JACOB & RACHAEL**  
Genesis 28:10-15



**JOSEPH**  
Genesis 37:1-4

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

## ST PIUS X PLAYGROUND PARKING

Due to important construction work on the school building, the St Pius School Playground will not be available on Saturday 28 November and Sunday 29 November for parking. Parking will be limited to:

The Kirk Street Carpark  
The Kirk Street Meeting Room Carpark  
The Staff Parking Area at the rear of the Parish Office.

We apologise for this inconvenience.

Parents...put CHRIST back into CHRISTmas for your children!

- make an Advent wreath out of leaves from the garden and appropriately coloured cardboard "candles"!
- place on your Christmas tree at least one bauble that has a nativity message
- simple books on saints and other Bible stories make good stocking fillers
- place a children's nativity set in a prominent position in your home

See the Piety Stall for more ideas! Open after all weekend

Masses except 5.30pm Sunday.



**CHRISTMAS MASS BOOKINGS** open this Tuesday, 1 December @ 12noon. Please log on to our website, <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood> then click on the Christmas Mass Times & Bookings tile half way down the page on the left. (as above). This will take you through to the booking page.

## NEW CHRISTMAS TREE

You will see we have a new Christmas tree this year to grace our church. This tree has kindly been gifted to the parish by a donation from The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 'The Atrium' through Angela Hague and a posthumous donation by Fr Barry Nobbs.



**MAPS AND DRAWINGS:** Parishes tend to accumulate clutter over the years, and not all of it is well sorted or stored! Over the past few months with the help of architect Tina d'Souza we have been going through the parish's collection of architectural drawings. We have now scanned and safely stored all useful architectural drawings and surveyors' plans relating to the parish and its buildings. We have found a few spares which are not needed by the parish, but might be of interest to architecture, geography or history buffs. These are free for the taking in the church foyer this weekend.

## Catechist Ministry

Each year, the CCD hold an annual mass for all the catechists who have devoted their time to the ministry passing on their faith to our Catholic children in the government schools of the Diocese. Catechists are recognised during the mass with these service awards. White roses are placed on the altar, to remember CCD Catechists who have passed away since the 2019 Diocesan Mass.

Due to the cancellation of the annual CCD mass, the annual years of service awards will be presented at the local parish.

Here in our Parish, we will have it at our weekend Masses –28 and 29 November.

It is with much delight we announce that this year, we have 13 Catechists who will be awarded.

2020 Service Awardee	Award
Chrystal De Croos	5 Years
Veronica Tan	5 Years
Mary Rowan	5 Years
Maria Paino	5 Years
Rowena Orge	5 Years
John Hurrell	5 Years
Gillian Hawkins	10 Years
Michelle Hirschhorn	10 Years
Barbara Seeto	10 Years
Pressy Braganza	15 Years
Lydia Manlangit	20 Years
Marie Dorkin	25 Years
Madelyn Ciciolla	30 Years

Let us continue to pray for the continued blessings on the families of the Catechists.

The Catechists, friends and family are all invited to the 2020 Advent Spirituality Morning, 27 November 9:30AM to 12:30PM via zoom.

To register, RSVP to [ccdadmin@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:ccdadmin@bbcatholic.org.au)

If you wish to join us in prayer, reflection and camaraderie, we have this opportunity to zoom together with a 'high tea' break on 27 November in Magnificat Meeting Room at 9:30AM to 12:30PM.

To join us in the zoom together RSVP to [Maricel.Malapira@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Maricel.Malapira@bbcatholic.org.au)

## Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Masses

This year both the 4pm and 5:30pm Masses will have a family friendly focus and include a nativity role play.



If your child would like to be involved in reading or the nativity play at either of these Masses, please contact Angela at [angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au) before 10 December.

Practises for the role play for both Masses will be held in the **Blue Room** (where Children's Liturgy is held) after the 9am Masses on **13 & 20 December**. A **rehearsal** in the church will be held on Wednesday **23 December** from 2pm.

*If you intend to be involved in either of these Masses, don't forget to book your family tickets early to avoid missing out!*

## Christmas Carols at our local Nursing Homes

For several years a group of our parish families have been visiting our local nursing homes during Advent to sing Christmas Carols. This year some of the nursing homes have asked if we could do this in a different way, to remind our elderly that they are in our thoughts this Christmas.



So, this year we are going to share our festive spirit by recording a "Christmas Carols Concert" video to share with them.

We invite your family to sing a carol and record it and send to us so we can add it to our concert.

An alternative to singing a carol is to record a 1 minute long Christmas message, which will be added to the Christmas Carols concert.

Please send your video to Katya Polimeni at: [kpolimenileung@gmail.com](mailto:kpolimenileung@gmail.com).

For more details please **contact:**

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**We would love to have more families join us**