



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER 3 May 2020 – Year A/2

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
WE PRAY FOR:

**Recently Deceased:**

Diana Thomas &  
Donald Gomes



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Don't forget it's Mother's Day next Sunday 10 May.

**Catholic news from our Diocese and beyond.** Every week our Diocese produces an electronic newsletter called BBNeighbourhoods which contains information from the Bishop and agencies of our Diocese which are relevant to us here in the parish both in our personal prayer lives and for the ministries of which many of us are a part. We put some of this material in our parish bulletin but there is always far more than we can fit in, so to subscribe to receive it yourself email [communications@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:communications@bbcatholic.org.au)

**On April 24<sup>th</sup> Archbishop Fisher wrote to Premier Berejiklian** asking for permission for churches to be reopened for private prayer even before large enough gatherings are allowed for us to again celebrate Mass. This news was reported in the daily newsletter of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference *CathNews*. This daily email gives news not just from Catholic media but also from secular media which involves Catholics and is a great way to keep up with news from the wider church. Go to <https://cathnews.com> to subscribe. We await a reply from the Premier, and we can be sure that *CathNews* will report it when she does.

**Chatswood Parish Mass Livestream.** If you would like to participate in this Sunday's Holy Mass (3<sup>rd</sup> May) in Chatswood Church, go to [facebook.com/OLDChatswood](https://facebook.com/OLDChatswood), and watch our livestream at 10:30am. If you are unavailable at that time, the Mass will be posted on Fr Jim's youtube channel. Click here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLpbDNqP8u1Wx4Gmo8jJydA>

### Ways to pray with your children at home

Last week we introduced you to one of the ways we are working to help families engage their children in family prayer and activities to help support the faith life of families, through our [Children and Youth Ministries page](#).

### This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday!

As such, we offer an article on the above page to help families explore this wonderful paschal parable in age appropriate ways. There is something in this article for all families – regardless of age. Please check it out!

**As we begin the month of May,** another new offering on this page is a way to explore the Rosary with your children. Click on the above Children and Youth Ministries page link.



## WITHIN OUR PARISH

### THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

**Thank you for your continued connection.** We are so grateful to our community who demonstrate their love for their neighbours by generously supporting the Charitable Works Fund.

**The CWF is still working** by providing the funds to ensure our trained CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners are available by mobile phone for those in hospitals in our Diocese. With restrictions on visitors, Pastoral Care Practitioners are needed more than ever for the patients, their families and the staff in the hospitals in our Diocese.

**The CWF is still working** by providing the funds to create online resources for students in public schools in our Diocese to receive Catholic Special Religious Education Classes. This vital ministry will assist parents at home continue the valuable faith formation to Catholic students in the public schools in our Diocese.

**The CWF is still working** by assisting St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College care for students with special needs who are still attending providing additional funds to two schools with students with special needs.

**The CWF works** every day by providing funds to those who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Ephpheta Centre.

When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay. Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible Click on this link to give to CWF [www.givenow.com.au/cwf](http://www.givenow.com.au/cwf) or post your cheque into the Parish Office.

**A GOOD NEWS STORY** of how one Year 12 student is experiencing the shutdown. Do you have a good news story? Tell someone!

We have been watching mass online as a family and we generally pray together each night and on Sunday nights we also say the rosary together.

Learning from home has been good as I find I am able to do the classwork more efficiently at home, which leaves more time for study and more time to spend as a family. We have done a lot more exercise together (which is needed after eating a lot of Easter chocolates!) and we have contacted our family in Ireland more frequently, which has been lovely. We are a really close family and this has given us the opportunity to appreciate each other even more. I have found this time very therapeutic as I did not think that in year 12 that I would have this much time to spend with my family- it has given me a really good balance! – *Cailin, Mercy College*

### DOING PASTORAL CARE

Every need in the world is an open door to share God's love. Coronavirus has created so many needs across our community, particularly amongst the elderly, at risk/vulnerable people of all ages, the newly unemployed, impacted small business owners and front-line medical/services workers amongst many others.

As a church family we have the opportunity to respond with love, bringing the hope and compassion of Christ by serving each other and our neighbours in the community.

One of the ways we can all serve now is by checking in on our neighbours with a friendly phone call or text message.

If you don't have their contact details or would like to help more people in your community, a great way to find out what help and support people need is with a care card.

**Here to Help!**

My name is

I live nearby at

My phone number is

If you are self-isolating or would just like some help, I can assist with:

<input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call	<input type="checkbox"/> Watering the garden
<input type="checkbox"/> Collecting groceries or essentials	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer support
<input type="checkbox"/> Walking the dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Or <input type="text"/>

Just call or text and let me know how I can help.

I will be taking care by washing my hands frequently, not coming too close and dropping off groceries and supplies at your doorstep.

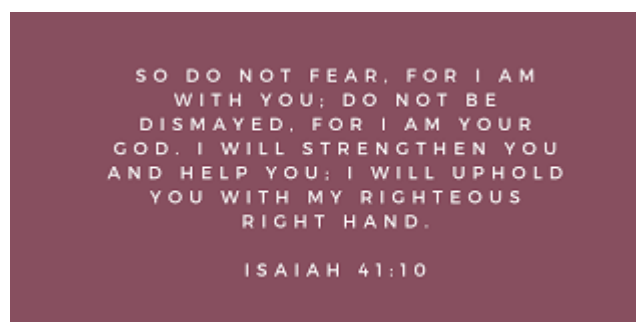
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For a care card you can print at home [click here](#). Simply fill in the card with your details and how you can help and then drop in your neighbours' letterboxes or doorsteps.

Our community needs us now more than ever, if you would also like to volunteer to be part of our community care team call the parish on 9410 9000 or send an email to [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au) with your details and how you can help.

### HOMELESSNESS AND COVID-19

If you are worried about someone who is homeless or rough sleeping in the area please contact SGCH. You can call 8974 9797 or email [pathwaysnorth@sgch.com.au](mailto:pathwaysnorth@sgch.com.au). (A message from St George Community Housing)

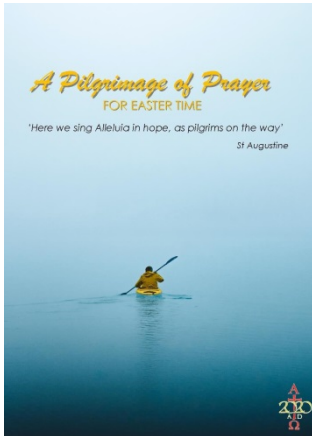




## WEEK 4 OF EASTER PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER

Go to:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/adult-faith-formation/easter-prayer-pilgrimage>



Read through the Introductory Guide before you begin and have your bible with you.

The Easter Pilgrimage of Prayer is in PDF format so you can print it if you would like to do that. The PDF is presented as two sided A4 sheets. A PDF resource will be

posted for each week of Easter time through to Pentecost. It offers ways to pray during the week with the Sunday readings from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel. Guides for keeping a prayer journal and other simple prayers are also included.

This time of Easter offers us a wonderful way to enter more deeply into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

If I can assist you with resources please let me know [gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au)

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.

“Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me Alleluia!” Jn 10:14. Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? Contact the Vocation Office at 0418 522 449 or email: [vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au)

Below are our Seminarians of Broken Bay 2020, Fr Paul Durkin, Vocations Director & Fr Stephen Wayoyi, Assistant Vocations Director.

## CATHOLIC SRE MESSAGE

The Catechist Ministry sends its best wishes to all the parents and their children. We pray that you remain safe and well as you return to Term 2.

The Minister for Education has approved the ongoing delivery of SRE lessons in a *Learning from Home* mode during the restrictions that are in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We would like to inform parents that the lessons are available in the *Learning from Home* mode and to provide the links appropriate to their local circumstances.

Simple to follow **Catholic SRE lessons** are available online at the following link. Click here:

[Catholic SRE Online](#)



## WE LOVE YOU

Even though our Church doors are closed for now, our Church family remains united in love for one another. Perhaps you've been searching for a place to call home and you've found us. Please know that if you are new to our parish, we're delighted to have you with us. You can download a copy of our new parishioner welcome pack on our website [bbcatholic.org.au/Chatswood](http://bbcatholic.org.au/Chatswood). Fill out a connect card and we will be in touch, perhaps having a friendly chat over Zoom or WhatsApp.

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*Seen from space, the earth has no borders. We are all seeing now just how interconnected we are.'*



Scott Kelly 7 April 2020 from the International Space Station

## *Laudato Si Week*

16 to 24 May

Pope Francis invites everyone to participate in a week of reflection and prayer on how we can prepare for a more just and sustainable future.

This is to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Laudato Si*, written for all people

### **The Two Books**

Since the earliest times in our Catholic tradition, there has been reference to the Book of the Word the sacred scriptures, and the Book of Creation. Pope Francis references this, especially in chapter 2 of *Laudato Si* which is titled *The Gospel of Creation*.

St Bonaventure, who is quoted in the Catechism (#293), said that failure to see creation with God's eyes can have disastrous consequences for us.

St Augustine in book XVI of the *City of God* wrote:  
*Look above you! Look below you! Note it. Read it, God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead he set before your eyes the things that he had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that? Why heaven and earth shout to you: 'God made me!'*

Many of the Psalms are in praise of the wonders of God's creation. The Book of God's creation is deeply embedded in our tradition alongside the Book of the Word.

*The heavens declare  
the glory of God;  
the firmament proclaims  
the works of his hands.  
Day unto day pours forth speech;  
night unto night whispers  
knowledge.*

*Psalm 19:1-3*

### **Everything is Related...**

*and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.*

*Laudato Si 92*

Pope Francis begins by asking 'What is happening to our common home? We are living at a time when we are not only seeing widespread destruction of the earth, we are also experiencing the consequences of this damage that is impacting on all of our lives, especially the poor.

### **Read Laudato Si**

As a way of preparing for *Laudato Si Week*, you might read Chapter 2. The document is available at this accessible site:

[www.laudatosi.com/watch](http://www.laudatosi.com/watch)

### **Pray with St Francis of Assisi**

Be praised, my Lord, for all creation.

*Brother Sun, who brings the day and light.*

Sister Moon and for the stars which you have set shining and lovely in the heavens.

*Brothers Wind and Air and every kind of weather by which You uphold life in all your creatures.*

Sister Water, who is so useful, humble, precious and pure.

*Brother Fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness.*

Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many colours.

*Blessed are those who endure in peace. Amen*