



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



TRINITY SUNDAY
30 May 2021 – Year B/1

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

Recently Deceased: Henry Lai,
Michael Peters, Sofjan Djafar

Sick: Trevor Chard

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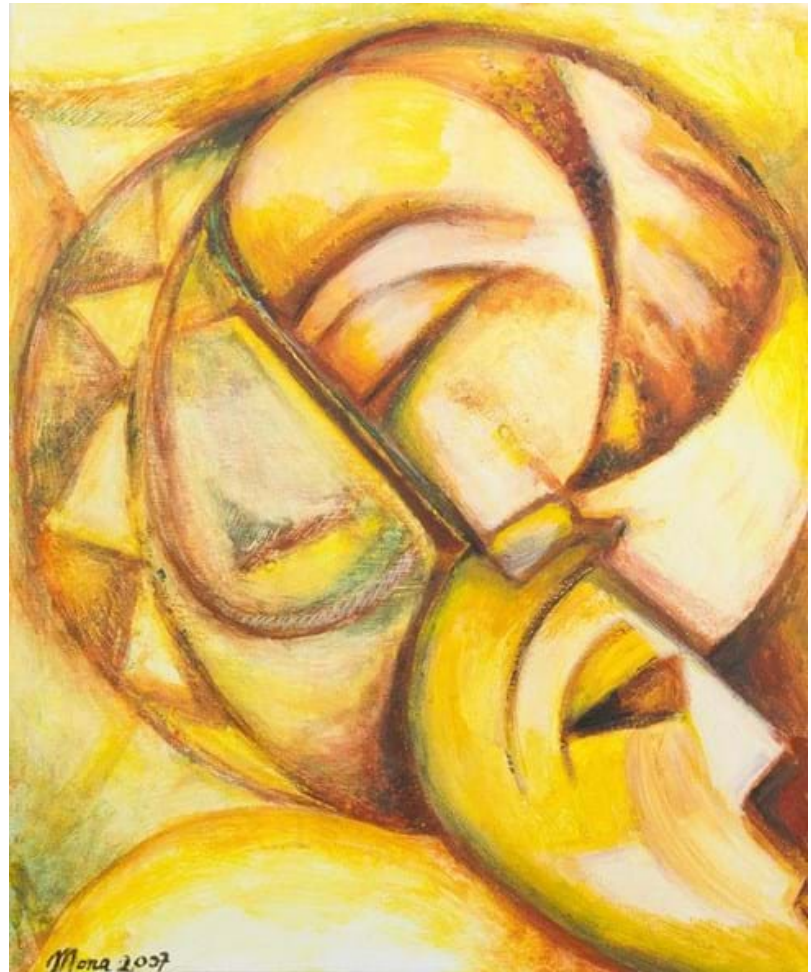
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The gospel reading (Matt 28:16-20) quirkily takes us to the final scene and parting commission in Matthew that in Luke's version includes the Ascension. Indeed, in year A this pericope is read on the feast of the Ascension, notwithstanding its lack of any reference to Ascension. Clearly it is the command to baptise "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" that suggests itself for use on this theological feast which commemorates no event but the very understanding of Holy Trinity. That command provides a contrast to the other baptism referred to early in the gospels and in other New Testament works, John the Baptist's baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. This context makes no reference to forgiveness but simply to a symbolic immersion in God.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - The Most Holy Trinity - Year B

becoming a
catechist

If you are one of those people who can get involved in sharing their faith to all the children in State Schools, please get in touch with Maricel on 9410 9029 or maricel.malapira@bbcatholic.org.au

Within our Parish

HELP FEED 1000 PEOPLE EACH WEEK

Last year your response to assist Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) with food items was amazingly generous. Since this time last year, the call on JRS' for help has increased by 260%. Each week they are providing food and other basic items to over 1000 people each week, around 300 of those are children.

ITEMS FOR THE JRS FOODBANK

FOOD

- Basmati Rice
- Cooking Oil
- Long Life Milk
- Pasta
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Tuna, Red Kidney Beans, Lentils, Chickpeas & Fruit
- Biscuits & Muesli Bars
- Oats & Cereals

TOILETRIES

- Nappies (large)
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Sanitary Pads
- Razors & Shaving Foam
- Deodorant (male & female)
- Soap

PLEASE BRING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS IN A REUSABLE SUPERMARKET BAG TO ST PETER ROOM ON SUNDAY 6 JUNE

CASH DONATIONS TO JRS

If you would like to make a cash donation to JRS, this can be done online at www.aus.jrs.net/en/donate OR call JRS on 9356 3888 to ask about other ways to donate.

CAN YOU HELP?

We would very much appreciate help on:

- **Sunday 6 June from 10.30am** to assist with organising food donations into easily transportable units, in either boxes or reusable supermarket bags.
- **Drivers** who can deliver the food donations to Holy Name of Mary Parish, Hunters Hill on **Wednesday 9 June. To arrive at Hunters Hill between 9- 11am.**

If you can help with either of these, please email gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au or call Nicole on 9410 9000.

Thank You!

SENIORS GROUP



Our next get together is this [Thursday, 3rd June at 10am](#). We are having a personal trainer joining us to run through some strengthening exercises.

As well as enjoying some morning tea. The cost for the next meeting will be \$5, to cover the cost of an exercise band. If you already have one, please bring it along.

Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes. For more information please contact Jan Hunter at gfiadino@bigpond.net.au.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

APPEAL

Thank you for your donations over the last few weekends for the CWF Appeal. If

you still wish to donate, envelopes can be found at the Church doors in the foyer.

ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR SIGNUP FOR 2021



We have something new! Now you can reserve a date for Altar flowers. The 2021 flower calendar is up in the parish office. Altar flower requests are currently being accepted for any Sunday

during 2021. There is now a general flower fund to donate money for flowers when no memorial or celebration is allocated. Altar flower arrangements can be in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion; birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, marriages, etc, and who they were given for will be announced at the beginning of Mass for that weekend. Please consider signing up to place flowers at the Altar in thanksgiving for something, or in loving memory of a family member, or friend. Donations can be made on a one-time basis or annually. The suggested donation for flower memorials is \$100. Volunteers will then beautifully and simply arrange the flowers for Sunday. Please submit your donation at least one week prior to the date you would like to dedicate the flowers. This will give the parish office time to ensure your dedication is in the weekly bulletin.

You can call Nicole in the Parish Office to reserve a date on the Altar flower calendar in celebration, memory, honor of someone/event – or anything you'd like to recognize!

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

From Fr David

Dear friends,

A special thank you to all those who joined together last Sunday for our volunteers' BBQ! It really was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy one another's company and to celebrate the spirit of our community.

Our gratitude, too, to Fr Joey Frez for the beautiful and powerful Service of Prayer in the time of Pandemic last Wednesday evening. It was quite an extraordinary hour of creative and meaningful reflection and prayer. I know it was deeply appreciated by the people that were able to join us.

Last Monday morning we celebrated the 200th anniversary of Catholic Education in Australia with a special commemorative Mass. We were joined by 350 students from across the three campuses at Chatswood, and the liturgy was livestreamed to all 2000 students in our precinct. The occasion is recorded on the following link <https://youtu.be/J9ZHE1KB3qo>

Last Tuesday, we closed our church for several hours while new sound equipment was tested. I am happy to share that I believe we have now found a solution to the long-standing problem of sound in the church. This is primarily an issue of speakers. We have been helped in this by Ben Thrum from Sydney City Studios and Australis who are responsible for the sound in St Mary's Cathedral. We are now finalizing some costings and then will order the new equipment which may take up to 6 weeks to arrive. However, the good news is that soon we should enjoy the benefit of good sound throughout the church.

Last weekend we conducted our final Mass Count for May: we had 886 people with us over the five Masses that weekend. From those who completed the Age Range Census the results were:

0-17	132
18-29	58
30-49	218
50-69	200
70+	138

This week we are inviting people to consider helping in some of our ministries for which new volunteers are needed. Your assistance is deeply appreciated and contributes so much to the vitality of our community. Thankyou!

Throughout this week we are celebrating Reconciliation Week, a time in which we are reminded of our commitment to heal and develop the relationship with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters. On 13 February 2008,

the Parliament of Australia offered its apology for the past. Yet so much still needs to be done if we are to grow truly as a nation. Last Wednesday 26 May is marked as Sorry Day. It was also the fourth anniversary of the delivery of the Uluru Statement of the Heart at Yulara in the Northern Territory. Please do take one of the brochures available at the entrance to the church about this week and let us commit the cause both to our prayer and our action.

Our sympathy to the Peters and Lee families. Michael Peters, a long-standing parishioner, passed away last week and we are to farewell him from our church on Monday 31 May at 10.30am. Sofjan Djafar, the father of Anita Lee, passed away on Thursday 27 May and we will farewell him from our Church on Wednesday, 2 June at 10.30am. Eternal rest grant unto Michael and Sofjan, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. *Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG*

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI



This special feast day in honor of the real presence of the body of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist falls on Sunday, 6 June. We are extremely grateful for the many past donors who supported Our Lady of Dolours during the Christmas,

Easter celebrations and now we are again asking for flower donations to beautify the church for this special occasion. This is your opportunity to contribute to the beautification of our Church by donating flowers. If you would like to contribute flowers for the decoration of our church, you are welcome to bring fresh flowers (white, yellow, or pastels) to church, before or after Mass, on Friday (4 June) or Saturday morning (5 June). Empty vases will be left out near Our Lady of Perpetual Succour image. Please place on either of those days to keep the magic going. Your donation will be graciously accepted and used by our talented flower arranging team to adorn the church on this special feast day.

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are still a number of boxes of Planned Giving envelopes to be collected in the Church foyer. These come into effect from next Sunday 6



June 2021. The boxes of envelopes are in alphabetical order. Please note that your Planned Giving Envelope no. might be different from last year. Thank you for collecting them this way as it saves a considerable amount on postage costs for the parish.

MERCY SISTERS, WHO ESTABLISHED THE CANDELA MISSION, LIMA, PERU, VISIT THEIR FORMER SCHOOLS OF ST PIUS X COLLEGE AND MERCY COLLEGE

Three Australian Mercy Sisters, Srs Joan Doyle, Jackie Ford and Patricia McDermott, all former teachers at Mercy College and St Pius X College Chatswood in the 1970's, together established a Mission in the shanty town of Candela, in Lima, Peru in 1994. This poor shanty town in northern Lima, Peru had no running water and sewerage, no paved roads and high levels of unemployment. Working with the local people and with the support of generous donations mainly from Australia, the Sisters were instrumental in establishing a health clinic, two childcare centres, and three Women's Houses. The three Sisters taught when St Pius X College and Mercy Catholic College (previously known as Catholic Girls High School, Chatswood,) was under shared instruction from 1971-1983. During this time classes were mixed, and students and staff from both schools walked across Archer Street daily to attend lessons in Years 11 and 12.

All three Sisters then left Australia to work in the parish of the Australian Columban Fathers in South America. There they helped set up programs to assist local women improve their circumstances through community development. Sister Jacqueline (who had been Principal of Mercy College from 1975 to 1978) said "they entered the program because they felt they had a mission to help the marginalised". She worked first in Santiago, Chile, then moved to Lima, Peru where she was joined by the other two Mercy Sisters in Candela where they lived and worked tirelessly for 20 years.

A key part of their mission was to empower local women to learn new skills and grow in self-esteem. Many of the families had come from the provinces, fleeing years of terrorism and domestic violence. Another aspect of the mission was to help educate women – many of whose children went on to complete secondary schooling – a rare event before the intervention. Although the Sisters completed their time in Candela in 2013, the mission continues today under the auspices of the MSC Sisters in Peru, and the local women who continue to be the driving force in running the facilities and programs in Candela.

For over twenty years, Catholic schools and parishes in Australia have supported hundreds of women through the sale of their beautiful handicrafts that are sold at fair prices. All funds that have been raised go back to the women who have made the goods and, this has been instrumental in helping them educate their children, access health services and build basic facilities such as bathrooms and toilets.

The three Mercy Sisters along with Mary Rajca who is a Mission Educator for the Sisters of Mercy and former student at Mercy (1972), toured both schools on Monday May 3, meeting with staff and students, sharing their stories and memories of their time in Chatswood as well as in South America. Both schools annually hold Mother's Day stalls to support the women of Candela, but this year will be particularly important as the families of Peru continue to be adversely affected by COVID. The Sisters commented: "We are very grateful to all the school and parishes who have supported the mission over the years through the sale of the women's goods. Your purchases have truly made a significant change in the lives of the families of Candela."

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 31 May	10.30am	Funeral for Michael Peters
	11.30am	Rosary (preceded by DM chaplet at 11.15 am) (St Peter Room)
	6.30pm	Spanish Choir practice (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Alpha (Magnificat & St Paul Rooms)
Tuesday 1 June	9.45am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	9.30am	Playgroup (Magnificat Room)
	1.30 & 6.30pm	Confirmation Parent Meetings (Magnificat Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary Group (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
Wednesday 2 June	10.30am	Funeral for Sofjan Djafar
	6.30pm	Indonesian music practice (Church)
	7pm	Faith Enrichment Group (St Peter Room)
Thursday 3 June	9.45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
	10am	Seniors' Coffee Morning (Magnificat Room)
	6.30pm	Vinnies English Conversations (St Paul Room)
	6.30pm	Confirmation Parent Meeting (Magnificat Room)
	7pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Reconciliation (Church)
Friday 4 June	10am	Meditation (St Paul Room)
Saturday 5 June	11.30am	Baptism Preparation (Magnificat Room)
	2.30pm	Parent Confirmation Meeting (Magnificat Room)
Sunday 6 June	10am	Family Choir practice (St Peter Room)
	10am	Teen Choir practice (St Paul Room)
	10am	Confirmation Parent Meeting (Magnificat Room)
	11.30am	Our Lady Help of Christians Assoc. (St Paul Room)