



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish

PENTECOST SUNDAY

31 May 2020 – Year A/2

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Anniversary

Rita Cooper,
Maria Raja Kumar



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Easing of Mass restrictions

As of Monday June 1st 50 people will be allowed in the church. We will return to our usual weekend Mass times

Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

For the first two weeks we will ask you to book in for only one weekend Mass, either June 7 or 14 while we gauge the level of demand.

Booking for weekend Masses will be via the trybooking.com platform. This will open at midday on June 1st.

Go to <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/mass-times/sunday-mass-times>

Your phone or printed ticket will be scanned when you come into Mass. If you cannot access the internet, you may have a family member or friend who can help you. If not please call the parish office and we will make the booking for you.

Rostered ministries of welcoming, altar serving, proclaiming the Word and wardens will recommence. The Kirk St car parks will be opened.

Weekday Masses will not require booking, though you may still need to sign in, and the church will be open earlier in the day, before Mass.

At 100 people all car parks will be opened, and both the front and back doors of the church will be used. Music ministry and rostered Communion ministry will recommence. We will evaluate whether there remains a need for the online streamed Mass and interactive Zoom Liturgy of the Word.

When will you come back? At present we have temporary Sunday Mass times which allow us to control people's entry into the church, as required by the NSW Health Dept, with people booking in advance and signing in. However, as we look ahead to when the limit is 100, 150 (which can fit in our church with 4 sqm per person), or unlimited, we need to determine how many Masses we will offer each weekend, and at what times. We have designed a survey which will assist us in gauging people's readiness to return to Mass. Please go to <https://www.research.net/r/KDW75ZH> which will take less than 2 minutes to complete.

Memorial Masses: We know that one of the challenges many of us have faced in the ongoing limitations to large group gatherings and travel restrictions is that we have been unable to attend funerals of people we love. While there have been some beautiful, intimate funerals in our church these past weeks, there are also people whom we may not feel we have properly mourned. The Parish Team and the Parish Liturgy Committee are aware of this, and we intend to offer, when sufficient numbers are again allowed in church, a memorial Mass where we can bring flowers or photos of people we love who have died in these past weeks. It would be a similar liturgy to what we have done for All Souls Day.

WITHIN OUR PARISH

Did you walk across the Harbour Bridge 20 years ago?

Much has been achieved towards reconciliation with our Aboriginal sisters and brothers since then, but there is much more to be done.



National Reconciliation Week began on 27 May and will conclude on 3 June. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians, as individuals, families and communities and most importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We can strive towards a more just, equitable nation by seeking unity and mutual respect.

Prayer for Reconciliation

Almighty and loving God, you who created all people in your image,
lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of our past.

You gave your only Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so that sins will be forgiven.

We place before you the pain and anguish of dispossession of land, language, lore, culture and family kinship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have experienced.

We live in faith that all people will rise from the depths of despair and hopelessness.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have endured the pain and loss of loved ones, through the separation of children from their families.

We are sorry and ask Your forgiveness.

Touch the hearts of the broken, homeless and inflicted and heal their spirits.

In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable.

Holy Spirit, bring hope, bring healing.
Amen

Repairing the cracks: You would have all noticed that we have some significant cracks in the walls of the church. These cracks are in both the internal and external walls.

For the past 18 months we have had engineers monitoring the cracks in the walls. You may have noticed the “telltales” which are monitoring strips which were placed on the cracks to determine whether or not there is continuing movement of the building or growth of the cracks.

The good news we have received this month is that there is no further movement of the building or growth of the cracks. The church is structurally sound and we can now move forward knowing our church is safe for our parishioners for many years to come.

However, the engineer has advised that it is very important that we fix the cracks (internal and external). We have had some quotes and the repairs to the walls will be around \$50,000., which is beyond the church’s operational budget at this time. We would welcome any donors who would like to make specific donations towards this major work.

This beautiful church, now 100 years old, deserves to be kept in good condition. It has stood strong through the growth of Chatswood from a village to a major urban centre, through wars, the Depression and now through a pandemic. Countless people have prayed, worshipped, been baptised, confirmed, married and been buried from here.

Can we find a way to restore and improve it? Contact Michael Mercer on 9410 9030 or michael.mercer@bbcatholic.org.au if you would like to be involved.

Architectural drawings: The parish has dozens of architectural drawings of the church and other parish and school building. Is there an architect or someone familiar with plans who could sort these for us, and advise on how to digitise them? Contact Michael Mercer or Fr Jim

St Pius X College are joining with the parish to collect the specific items named in last weekend’s bulletin for Jesuit Refugee Services. JRS are providing crucial assistance to people who have lost work and are not eligible for any of the government assistance payments. Cash donations to www.jrs.org.au are welcome too.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will continue to be available on Thursdays at 7pm and Saturdays at 9.30am. With the church now open we will be in the church, but not in the confessional, as this is too small to allow two people 4sqm each. We will try alternative locations in the church.

SEWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: At our most recent meeting the Liturgy committee has recommended that the parish allocate each Altar Server their own Alb for hygiene reasons and while many of our servers do already have their own robe, we need to make several more. The liturgy committee is seeking volunteers who can assist with creating patterns for new Albs and then sewing them. Fabric will be provided by the parish.

If you are able to assist with creating the patterns or sewing the Albs, please contact Hamish Lavery on 0408 702 418 or the Parish office on 9410 9000.

MEETING ROOM BOOKINGS: Meeting rooms are now able to be used again, with strict guidelines from the Government. Please contact Nicole in the Parish Office on 9410 9000 or nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au if you wish to resume your meeting room booking, or wish to make a new booking. ***As numbers allowed in meeting rooms have changed, please do not begin your meeting again without checking with Nicole in the Parish Office as you could have been moved.***

There are guidelines on each meeting room door detailing how many people are able to be in each meeting room at the same time, within the 1.5m restrictions. Each and every person in your meeting, must sign in with their full name and phone number, as per Government requirements. All the instructions for these rooms are typed up and in each meeting room. Please contact Nicole if you have any questions. *Please help us to follow these strict Government rules, to prevent the spread of Covid-19. If these rules are not followed, we could see the closing of the Church and meeting rooms again, possibly for a much longer time.* Thank you.

YOUTUBE: Fr Jim is continuing to do homilies, parish messages and children's homilies on YouTube. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLpbDNqP8u1Wx4Gmo8jJydA> and subscribe to get notifications as each new homily is posted.

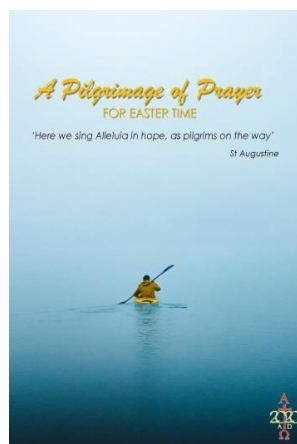
CHATSWOOD PARISH MASS LIVESTREAM: If you would like to participate in this Sunday's Holy Mass (31st May) in Chatswood Church, go to [facebook.com/OLDChatswood](https://www.facebook.com/OLDChatswood), and watch our **livestream at 10:30am**. If you are unavailable at that time, the Mass will be posted on the following youtube channel <https://youtu.be/l990FxXs3lc>

PENTECOST

Final for Easter Pilgrimage of Prayer

Go to:

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



The last session of this Easter Pilgrimage of Prayer is now available from our website.

If you are looking at this series for the first time, please scroll down the page to the Introductory Guide.

This will assist you with how the prayer is structured. It also includes some ways to pray The Examen.

Feedback

I would welcome feedback on this series. What was helpful? What wasn't so helpful. Other suggestions?

Please email me at: gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au

FOOD ITEMS FOR THE JRS FOODBANK

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to assist with the various facets of organising a collection of items for the JRS Foodbank. If you missed the notice in last weekend's bulletin, JRS provides for refugees and people who are seeking asylum. In this time of CoVid, these people are without work and do not qualify for government benefits.

CASH DONATIONS

If you can assist JRS with a much-needed cash donation contact JRS on 9356 3888 or at info@jrs.org.au

ITEMS FOR THE FOODBANK

FOOD	TOILETRIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Basmati Rice ▪ Cooking Oil ▪ Long life milk ▪ Tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas & fruit ▪ Biscuits & muesli bars ▪ Oats & cereals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nappies (large) ▪ Toothpaste & toothbrushes ▪ Shampoo ▪ Sanitary pads ▪ Razors & shaving foam ▪ Deodorant (male & female) ▪ Soap

Items can be left in the St Peter meeting room on Sundays between 7.45am and midday from Sunday 24 May to Sunday 21 June.
Thanks for your generosity!

Adoration: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration in the church on Thursdays from 7pm – 8pm, and Saturdays from 9.30am – 10.30am. We will look at reinstating a weekday morning adoration once the number of people allowed in the church increases.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue to be available on Thursdays at 7pm and Saturdays at 9.30am. With the church again open from this Saturday we will be in the church, but not in the confessional, as this is too small to allow two people 4sqm each. We will try alternative locations in the church to find which is most satisfactory.

I haven't been to Mass for weeks, can I go to Communion without going to Reconciliation first? None of us have been to Mass for many weeks, and Bishop Anthony gave a dispensation to all the diocese from the obligation to attend Mass. This dispensation continues, because with the limited places available many people still will not be able to attend. The only obligation the Church gives people regarding Reconciliation is to attend once per year. I recommend people go around their birthday, which is better than everyone trying to come in the week before Christmas. The notion that everyone should go to reconciliation before receiving Communion is simply impractical: for 1500 people to spend even five minutes in confession each week would take the priests 120 hours, leaving no time to even celebrate the Masses, let alone do anything else! Be gentle with yourself. Come to Reconciliation from time to time when you recognise patterns of sin or major actions which require forgiveness, but trust in God's mercy and love at all times. We come to Communion not because we are good enough, or in a "state of grace", but because Jesus invites us, and *He* is good enough. – Fr Jim

Daily prayers: There are lots of resources to help you with daily prayers and reflections. We recommend the free Pray-As-You-Go app from your app store. You can contact Fr John john.puliparambil@bbcatholic.org.au to receive his daily messages on WhatsApp.

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

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference send a daily email called *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.

Ordinary Time: With Pentecost we conclude the great season of Easter and return to Ordinary Time in the Church's calendar. From Monday we will be in Week 9 of Year 2 in the weekday calendar. Next Sunday we have Trinity Sunday and on June 14th we have Corpus Christi which are considered 'feasts of the Lord in ordinary time'. Sunday June 21st will be the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year A.