



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

4 July 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Josefa
Mendoza, Maria Lucita Sayson Ynclino

Deceased Anniversaries:
Juliet Gomes, Thomas Braganza,
Stephen Brodie

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Following the events in last Sunday's gospel Jesus departs and returns to his home town, his only reported return home. Here again, similarly to the disciples last Sunday, we find familiarity breeding contempt. Mark's Gospel is briefer than the others but it nonetheless sometimes gives more detail than they do because Mark has a tendency not to shy away from embarrassing details. Today he has Jesus say "A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house." Matthew drops the mention of his relations, as does Luke who also drops reference to his house. John's reference is similar to Luke's, but it fits oddly in a different context, and his mother and "brothers" do follow him (though their belief is not perfect). It seems the other evangelists find any suggestion of rejection of Jesus by his own family too uncomfortable, as also the difficult matter of his parentage, which is not avoided by Mark, who refers to him as "son of Mary", and not of Joseph, as the other evangelists do. The townsfolk of Nazareth too have trouble accepting one of their own.

The dynamics of opposition at work here are interesting, and are found throughout the gospel. Prophets are often viewed as bearers of bad news, but if the message is not bad news, it may still be a corrective, or one that augurs change, or it may be a view contrary to the one already accepted. However, no-one likes or even wants to hear bad news, nor to be corrected, nor to have things changed, and there are none so deaf as those who will not hear.

No matter where we turn, we find the same human dynamics at play as in the gospel reading. Since such reactions are so apparently natural, we could do with cultivating a healthy self-doubt, as history informs us it is not always clear who the true prophet is: the protagonist espousing something new, or the antagonist who calls back to the established path. Each hearer needs to ask, "Why does this message cause me disquiet? What do I fear should the other be right?" This then opens us to honest reflection and the ability to enter discussion on any contentious matter. If all participants, or both sides, so reflect and enter discussion then we have conversation, and the possibility of conversion. *Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig*

Within our Parish

FREE SEMINAR ON WILLS AND ESTATES FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BROKEN BAY.

Clergy, parish leaders and interested parishioners are invited to a free seminar at The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara, on Saturday 17 July 2021, 2-3.30pm. The seminar is designed for those who need to prepare or update their Will, and to encourage supporting the future of our Catholic faith through a charitable gift in your Will. Cecilia Castle, principle of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 30 years. Cecilia is a regular speaker and writer on legal topics, and parishioner in our Diocese of Broken Bay. For bookings go to

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPNGJ> or email David Armstrong david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au

ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR SIGNUP FOR 2021



We have had a wonderful response to this new initiative.

If you would like to 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!

He who stands firm to the end will be saved.

惟有忍耐到底的，必然得救。

FROM MERCY COLLEGE “KNAPINSKI KNITS!”



Mrs Knapinski, (or rather KNITpinski) has raised over \$330 and counting for our Vinnies winter appeal. She has been busy knitting beautiful mittens, and staff with cold hands have been purchasing them. Mrs Knapinski has donated any money received to the Vinnies winter appeal.

Whilst we unfortunately had to cancel our Winter sleepout, our efforts of raising awareness, funds and collecting goods has been absolutely amazing!

Collectively we have raised above our goal of \$2000, currently sitting at \$2572.75!!! Representative from St Vincent de Paul society have expressed overwhelming gratitude for the efforts of our college community so far. Thank you to all those who have supported such an important initiative.

Our page is still accepting donations. You can access it at the following link:

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-school-sleepouts/2021-mercy-college-vinnies-school-sleepout>



First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 25 July.

As part of the celebrations for the Year Amoris Laetitia Family, Pope Francis has set aside the fourth Sunday in the month of July as World Day for

Grandparents and the Elderly. This year the **first ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated on Sunday 25 July.



THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH & THE FAMILY 2021

From Fr David

Dear friends

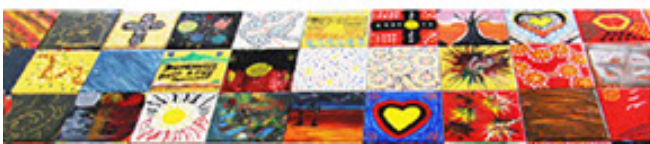
We continue to wait to be able to gather again. The waiting can be difficult; It can be hard to be largely restricted to our homes. However, the restrictions have one aim: to prevent people becoming sick. The more we move around, the more opportunity for the virus to spread. So, we forego some of our freedoms, even our religious freedom, for the sake of our neighbor and out of our deep-seated Catholic sense of social responsibility.

During the week, Pope Francis remarked that the scourge of the pandemic has “tested everyone and everything. Only one thing is more serious than this crisis, and that is the risk that we will squander it, and not learn the lesson it teaches. It is a lesson in humility, showing us that it is not possible to live healthy lives in an unhealthy world, or to go on as we were, without recognizing what went wrong.” According to Pope Francis, “the present crisis is an invitation to distinguish, discern and sift between what is enduring and what is passing. We cannot go back to doing what we did before, “relying on false securities, habits and projects that aim exclusively at pursuing wealth and personal interests, while failing to respond to global injustice, the cry of the poor and the precarious health of our planet.”

Heal Country

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 4 July 2021

Visit www.natsicc.org.au to access a variety of resources



And part of our own attention must be to our Aboriginal brothers and sisters and their own rightful demand of justice. On the first Sunday in July each year we pay particular attention to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of whom there are over 130,000 Catholics. We acknowledge that God has been walking with them, making his presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the Cammeraygal people who nurtured the land here in our Parish that we call home. At this time, more than any other perhaps we need to learn from them how to be still and how to wait. Gail Gill has prepared a wonderful overview of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday in our Sunday Extra which will come to you this weekend.

Please do take some time to read and reflect on what Gail provides us.

We are maintaining things in our parish office during this time. Angela Hague has wonderfully transposed our preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation to an online mode so our children can continue their formation without interruption. We continue to do much preliminary work on the renovation of the presbytery. All the details about this project will be sent to you this weekend by email. This will represent a major enhancement of our parish's assets, and we continue to hope to start this in August.

As we enter our second week of the current lockdown, let us pray the version of the Lord's Prayer known by our Aboriginal brothers and sisters, (with reference to the copyright held by the Diocese of Broome). Let us pray with simplicity and with longing:

You are our Father, you live in heaven, we talk to you. Father you are good. (x2) We believe your word, Father, we are your children, give us bread today. (x2) We have done wrong, we are sorry, teach us, Father, all about your Word. (x2) Others have done wrong to us, and we are sorry for them, Father, today. (x2) Stop us from doing wrong, Father, save us all from the evil one. (x2) You are our Father, you live in heaven, we talk to you. Father you are good. (x2)
Fr David Ranson

Personal Assistant to the Vicar General, Office of the Bishop

Permanent, part-time position (3 days per week, 10:00am to 4:00pm).

Role split between Pennant Hills and Chatswood locations.

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, under the leadership of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, serves the People of God in the northern regions of Sydney, North Shore, Northern Beaches and NSW Central Coast.

We are seeking an experienced Personal Assistant to support the Vicar General.

In this role you will provide personal and administrative support to the Vicar General, including providing support for his dual role as Parish Priest.

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au

If you are interested in applying, please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

Applications close Friday 9 July 2021.

Joseph House

For young Catholic men



Joseph House is a young men's house of discernment, an innovative living space for young Catholic men to uncover the call to holiness that comes through baptism. Residents will contemplate, pray and actively discern their vocation, whilst being active in the world maintaining regular work, studies and daily life.

Call Vocations Broken Bay on **02 9484 1427**
or email vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au
www.bbcatholic.org.au/josephhouse



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SHOUT A MATE A \$6 PLATE

By **CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay**

Mary Mac's Place is open to anyone who is homeless, lonely or needing a helping hand.

Homelessness and social isolation is a community responsibility.

Mary Mac's located in Woy Woy costs over \$150,000 per year to run. We provide more than 24,000 meals a year at a cost of \$6 per meal.

We are raising funds to cover the costs of these meals and keep this essential service running.

Mary Mac's relies 100% on community support – your donation will help us to continue to provide this service to our community. Please *Shout a Mate a Plate* today!

Every cent of the \$6 will go directly to providing meals and all donations are tax deductible.

Click here to donate: <https://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/shout-a-mate-a-plate/>

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:	5.30pm Vigil, 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am & 5.30pm Filipino Culture Mass: 12noon, 1 st Sunday of month; Spanish Culture Mass: 12noon, 3 rd Sunday of month; Indonesian Culture Mass: 7pm, 3 rd Sunday of month.
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:	Monday 12.15pm; Tuesday 9am; Wednesday 9am & 12.15pm; Thursday 9am; Friday 9am; Saturday 9am

WEEK 5 – SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

This week's message coincides with NAIDOC week. Ensuring a safe parish community involves its people understanding and respecting the strengths, needs and experiences of all from diverse backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with disability, people from culturally diverse and linguistically diverse backgrounds and those who are homeless. Do I have the skill and knowledge to meet the needs of those in my community from diverse backgrounds and be inclusive in my practice?