



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
**Chatswood Catholic Parish**

14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

5 July 2020 – Year A/2

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
WE PRAY FOR:

**Recently Deceased:**

Stephen Brodie & Lito Castaneda

Stephen Brodie's Funeral is on  
Tuesday 7 July @ 10am in our  
Church.

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When you are purchasing your ticket for the weekend masses, please go directly to our website [www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood) and click on 'Mass Times & Bookings'. Do not click on any old links which have been in previous bulletins. These links do not work. Remember, put down ALL names and contact details for ALL attendees at mass; not just your name when booking 2,3 or 4 tickets.

**Weekday Mass Times:** Monday – 12.15pm, Tuesday – 9am, Wednesday – 9am & 12.15pm with Adoration between, Thursday - 9am, Friday – 9am & Saturday – 9am.

**Booking for Mass:** It appears that the NSW Govt will continue to require churches and other indoor venues to gather names and contact tracing details. We will therefore continue to use a booking system for weekend Masses. This can be accessed on the parish website [www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood) under "Mass times & bookings" from midday Monday each week for the following weekend. If you cannot access the internet, phone the parish office between 9.30am and 4pm Tuesday – Friday. You are now welcome to come to Mass every weekend. Bookings close online 15 minutes before each Mass.

Please bring your printed or electronic ticket showing your QR code (a square barcode) when you come to Mass so that our welcomers can scan your ticket, which is the quickest and best contact-less way to record your details. Please be on time, as the church doors are closed once Mass begins.

For weekday Masses there is no need to book in advance, but you will still need to sign in each time you come into the church.

**New Planned Giving Envelopes:** Please collect your new 2020-2021 planned giving envelopes from the main foyer of the Church. 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.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** As of 1<sup>st</sup> July, the Eucharistic Adoration has been moved to every Wednesday (excluding public holidays or in the event of a funeral) following the 9am Mass and will conclude at approximately 12 noon. To ensure that there are always some people present during this time, we need to formulate a roster and would ask parishioners to register on the form in the foyer of the church stating the period that they will be present. It is imperative that they include contact details so we can contact them should there be a last-minute cancellation of the adoration. We are blessed to be able to spend time with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament and it is sincerely hoped that many parishioners will respond to this opportunity. Please advise us on 0466 961 240 if on any occasion you will not be able to be present during your nominated time.

**FIRST COMMUNION 2020 ENROLMENTS HAVE CLOSED**

# Community Group Profile: Men Alive

Each fortnight we will be profiling one of the wonderful groups, ministries and volunteer opportunities in our parish. For our first profile, we caught up with the Men Alive Chatswood group.

## TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT MEN ALIVE CHATSWOOD?

The Men Alive group in Chatswood has been meeting in our parish for approximately three years. Men Alive was founded in 2003 by Robert Falzon and Peter Shakhovskoy and a small group of laymen.

Since its beginnings, Men Alive has run over 450 events in 26 dioceses throughout Australia and New Zealand for over 25,000 men.

In Chatswood, the group have had weekend retreats and private masses at the parish and now meet fortnightly to reflect on scripture and discuss gutsy topics as a group.

Most members also read and share daily scripture to develop their relationships with Jesus and each other.

## WHAT DO YOU ENJOY THE MOST ABOUT MEN ALIVE?

Fellowship, sharing, being ourselves, supportive, like minded, chivalry, enriching our faith and openness to the Holy Spirit.

## HOW DO THE ACTIONS OF MEN ALIVE SPEAK ABOUT THE LOVE OF JESUS?

Reading daily scripture allows us to become closer to Jesus. We learn about him and he guides us in our daily lives. We support each other and the church.

## DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE MEMORY OR EXPERIENCE IN THE GROUP?

Private masses are intimate and meaningful followed by a meal and drinks.

The Men Alive weekend retreats are enjoyable and rewarding as is Reconciliation at our retreats.

## WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Daily prayer, fellowship with other men, supporting the parish priests, being active in the parish through church ministry, love of Mary.

## IF YOU COULD ASK JESUS TO CHANGE ONE ISSUE IN THE WORLD TODAY, WHICH WOULD IT BE?

For more men to be authentic and active men of faith.

## BEING PART OF MEN ALIVE HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS BECAUSE...

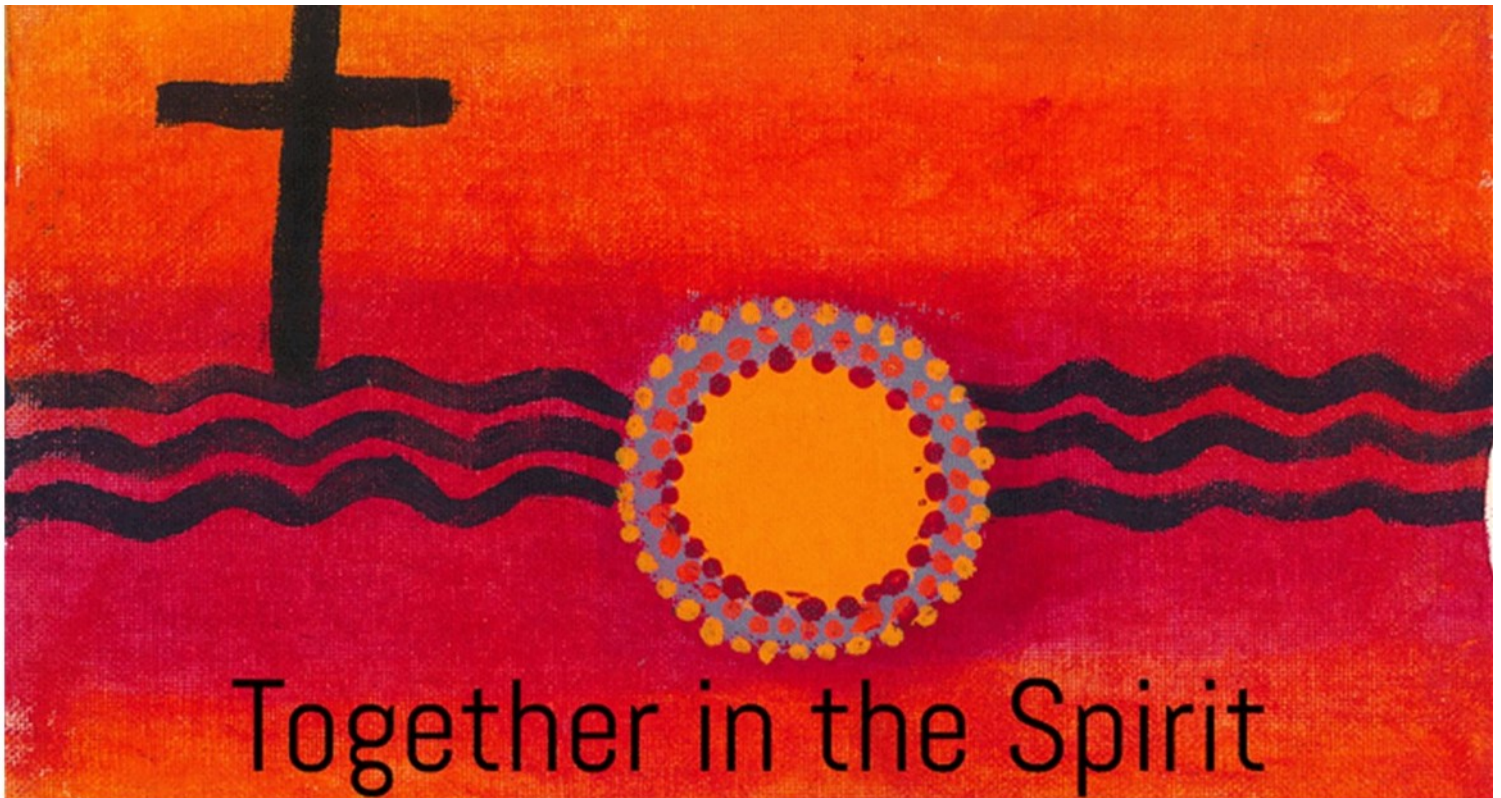
We have learnt from each other and from scripture to further develop our relationships with God. We feel supported through our difficult times and helps us deal with contemporary issues.

Men Alive has changed our way of thinking to put God first and turn to him in times of difficulty.

## HOW CAN PARISHIONERS GET INVOLVED?

The group meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the parish meeting rooms. For more details, please contact David by calling 0401 560 693 or emailing [davidsunjaya@hotmail.com](mailto:davidsunjaya@hotmail.com)





## TWO INVITATIONS

Fifty years after the 1967 referendum that allowed the federal government to count Aboriginal people in the national census, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegates gathered at Uluru in May 2017, to craft the *Uluru Statement from the Heart*. The statement is addressed to the Australian people. It asks us to change the constitution to allow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people a voice in the laws and policies that are made about them. The last paragraph of the concise statement is an invitation:

***“In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard.... We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.”***

Another invitation was issued by Pope John Paul II at Alice Springs in 1986 to Aboriginal and all Australian people, especially to us who are Catholic Christians:

***“You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.”***

The most recent *Closing the Gap* report in 2018 shows that Aboriginal people still face many challenges today. They experience widespread inequality, discrimination and cultural disconnection because of

complex policies that have limited their voices from being heard in decision-making processes that affect their lives. The result is described in the *Statement from the Heart*:

***Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.***

This is the torment of our powerlessness.



## TOGETHER IN SPIRIT

Fr Frank Brennan SJ writes; ‘The Church in Australia must be shaped by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and spirituality for it to be a Church of this land.’ At the end of each Mass we are sent forth to live as Jesus did with love and justice especially for our sisters and brothers who suffer injustice. Living justly includes being informed.

If the *Statement from the Heart* is new to you, or if you would like to know more about it, go to

**[www.fromtheheart.com.au](http://www.fromtheheart.com.au)**

Dear Our Lady of Dolours Parish,

On behalf of the entire JRS Australia family, I am writing to say thank you for the incredible work your parish has done to support people seeking asylum, refugees and migrants in vulnerable situations. We deeply appreciate the kindness you have shown, your community has gone above and beyond! Your support represents the spirit of welcome in this country.

With gratitude

Carolina Gottardo

Director JRS Australia



Trish Wilson, Maureen Playdon, Gillian Hawkins & William Leung

## *A Community Effort in the Spirit of Welcome*



Ryan Balboa and St Pius X students



Our Lady of Dolours School students



Charisse Gange and Mercy College students

### **LAST DELIVERY TO JRS WESTMEAD**

Charisse Gange from Mercy College, Ryan Balboa from Pius X College and Millie Brown from OLD Primary school inspired extraordinarily generous responses to the JRS food drives they organised in their schools.

The delivery team welcomed William Leung's offer of his six seater wagon to help transport the last delivery to JRS Westmead on Thursday 25 June.

We are grateful to James Godfrey for sourcing and delivering the many boxes that were needed to hold all of the donations.

Thanks again to you for your generous donations and to the hardworking team who packed and transported the items: Gillian Hawkins, Trish Wilson, Maureen Playdon, Meredith Collum & Fernanda Carillo Rodriguez.

### **RESULTS IN 1 MONTH**

- ◆ Over 100 boxes of items
- ◆ 18 carloads to Westmead
- ◆ 3 trips to Westmead