

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



### 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME 5 September 2021 – Year B/1

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

Sick: Leticia Nery, Michael Antarakis, Pat Chard, Luigi Agnese, Xavier Nitin Dholakia

Recently Deceased: Terry Wright, Thomas Van Dijk, Anthony Wallace

**Deceased Anniversary:** Robert Playdon

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> **Parish Office hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm (Closed for lunch 1-1.30pm)

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(Parish Liaison with Aged Care Facilities)

God Bless Our Dads!

#### **Father's Day Blessing**

Loving God, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us; the gift of life, the gift of those who love us and especially, today, we thank you for the gift of our fathers.

We ask your blessing upon our fathers who gave us rules to live by, standards to uphold, joys to cherish, faith to live by, hopes worth dreaming of and who blessed our lives with their unselfish and unconditional love.

> We ask your blessing upon our fathers who are unable to be with us today. May they know how much we love and care for them.

We ask your blessing upon adoptive fathers, that they may always know their special role of being a true father, a revelation of God's love for their children.

We ask your blessing upon fathers who have lost children through stillbirth, crib death, sickness, accident and tragedy, that they may have your continuing strength and courage.

We remember our fathers who have died and for the unique way they revealed for us your love. We ask that you keep them in your care until the time comes for us to join them in your Kingdom.

> And we ask your blessing upon the fathers here before us.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live.

Protect and guide them. Keep them in your care and grant that their children may always honor them with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. AMEN.

### Within our Parish

#### FROM THE DIOCESE

To support Bishop Anthony's wish to continue to connect and engage online with our community during these challenging times, the Evangelisation team launched **BAY CONNECT**. This initiative provides an online program of regular activities to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online with our communities.

## We have put the link for the program on our Chatswood website:

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/news-events/on-line-gatherings

The program features, which commenced Monday, 30 August, include:

- Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom THE CHOSEN MONDAY - Join us as we go through the first season of The Chosen, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.
- Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) - TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.
- Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom -HUMPDAY HANGOUT W/ BR BERNARD - Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.
- Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom FORMATION FRIDAYS An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.

We request your participation and support by liking and sharing the social media posts including Bishop Anthony's Facebook

Page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/bishopanthonyrandazzo">https://www.facebook.com/bishopanthonyrandazzo</a> and Diocese Broken Bay Facebook Page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/brokenbaydiocese/">https://www.facebook.com/brokenbaydiocese/</a>

God Bless.

Love and faithfulness meet together, righteousness and peace kiss each other.

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In the wake of the tremendous difficulties currently being faced by those in Afghanistan and by Afghans currently in Australia on temporary visas.

SJAB (Social Justice Around the Bay), St. Vincent de Paul, Northern Sydney / Central Coast Regional Social Justice Committee and Jesuit Refugee Service Australia (JRS) are holding a Webinar titled:

Hope Out of Horror – Seeking Refuge in Australia Thursday, 23 September, 7.00pm – 8.00pm Fr David Ranson will provide an introduction.

This is a chance to hear the stories of those seeking Refuge and Asylum in Australia and to join a cry to Canberra to:

- 1. Offer Permanent Protection for all refugees.
- 2. Enable access to Family Reunions for refugees.
  - 3. Offer a Safety Net, including Medical and Financial Assistance to those in need.

# REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL Go to:

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/stories-ofhope-and-courage-seeking-refugee-in-australiatickets-166888717647



#### SAFEGUARDING MONTH

This week the Parish has been sent communication from Bishop Anthony providing detail about Safeguarding Month 2021. This coming Wednesday, 1 September is the beginning of Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Bishop Anthony has requested that all community members are made aware of the initiatives being held throughout the Month. The Parish therefore, attaches to the bulletin an invitation to participate. Feel free to print the invitation and tick the initiatives in which you would like to engage with. This year's theme is Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities.

### From Fr David

Dear friends,

We have a new person in our parish office! Bishop Anthony has recently appointed a Personal Assistant to my role as Vicar General, and Hilda Mann has now commenced her position with me. Though Hilda won't be directly involved in matters of our parish, she will work from our parish office on a Wednesday and Thursday and so you may see her from time to time. We welcome Hilda and already she is providing me great administrative support across the many diocesan issues with which I deal for Bishop Anthony.

It has been wonderful to recognise how many people watch my weekly message from my YouTube channel. However, I have recently discovered that our Parish has its own YouTube Channel as well. So, we have resurrected this and now not only my own film clips are there, but others as well, including the recording of Deacon Aldrin's online presentation to the parish on the Holy Spirit last Saturday. This Saturday at 5pm I will give the second part of the reflection on this theme, and that too will be available on both YouTube channels. The link to the Parish YouTube channel is now in the bulletin, on the website and in our regular mailouts. Do become a subscriber!

Speaking of things online, we now have the capacity

to contribute to our parish planned giving program online. The link is <a href="https://brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au">https://brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au</a>
This link is also in the bulletin, on the website and in all our mailouts.



Through this link you can give to the First Collection, the Second Collection and the Pastoral Works Fund. Of course, we desperately do need your financial support. Our parish continues on so many different levels, but without congregations joining us every weekend, clearly our income is severely depleted. So, if you can assist us in the same way as if you did before the lockdown that would be so greatly appreciated. And now the easiest way to do this is to go online and use the link. With our deep gratitude.

Sadly, our Catechists have recognised that it is very unlikely that they will be able to return to the classroom in 2021. As we know the government is planning an incremental return to school from 25 October to 8 November. However, the restrictions will be significant, and external visitors such as SRE teachers will not be allowed onsite. In addition, the NSW Department of Education has now made vaccination mandatory not only for teachers and school staff, but for anyone entering a school site.

Notwithstanding, our Catechist Coordinator, Maricel Malapira is doing an amazing job keeping all our wonderful Catechists connected to one another, and it has been a good opportunity, too, for them to do some professional development.

We continue to keep the Van Dijk family in our prayers on the loss of their son, Thomas as well as the whole Pius X College community. We will farewell Tom from Our Lady of Dolours next Wednesday morning.

Let us continue to keep safe and well.

#### **Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG**



## CATHOLICCARE CAN HELP WITH COLES OR WOOLWORTHS VOUCHERS

Times are tough. You might have lost work due to the lockdown, or you might be finding it hard to pay the bills or to put food on the table. Please call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at <a href="mailto:info@catholiccaredbb.org.au">info@catholiccaredbb.org.au</a>. They are here to help our parish families.

Please note this support is able to be offered due to Government funding so they will require ID and some documentation to access assistance but they can walk you through the requirements.



Dear Clergy and Parishioners of Broken Bay, You are invited to join the following initiatives ....

safeguarding-month-2021

WEEK 1: 1-4 September		WEEK 3: 12-18 September	
_	Like Diocesan social media posts that show how Children and Young People participate in our Catholic communities		Sunday 12 September, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday - join Bishop Anthony Randazzo in celebrating Mass at 9.30am via livestream from OLOR, Cathedral. Click here to view: www.youtube.com/channel/
WEEK 2: 5-11 September			UCNenwlfl7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ
	Celebrate National Children Protection Week (NAPCAN) by visiting their national webpage - www.napcan.org.au/ and learn about the theme: Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.		Prayers – Remember in your prayers this week the wellbeing and safety of Children and Young People especially those who are particularly vulnerable due to covid-19. Prayer resources are available from our webpage: www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021
	Wednesday 8 September – Online Launch of new resource for adults of Broken Bay – Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic	w	EEK 4: 19-25 September
	Communities: A guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young People. Access the e-resource here - www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021 Printed copies are available from the Office for Safeguarding (Chancery) P 8379 1605 or E safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au		Wednesday 22 September @11.00am to 12.30pm, via zoom – Ministering to a Church in Trauma presentation by Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar General. To register and receive your zoom link click here: bbcatholic.zoom.us/ meeting/register/tJltce2qpjovHtWs7V ymz9XkWVhlVTlq22Px
	Thursday 9 September @ 12.30pm - 1.30pm - Free webinar facilitated by NAPCAN - eSafety's guide to online sexual harassment and	W	EEK 5: 26-30 September
	image-based abuse. The webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 13 - 18.  To register click here: register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8331659724914836752		The Diocesan Office for Safeguarding places a special devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots. Her feast day is celebrated <b>Tuesday 28 September</b> . You are invited to pray the Mary Undoer of Knots
	Thursday 9 September @ 7pm, Liturgy of Lament – an opportunity to gather and pray to God in acknowledging the suffering caused to		Novena. A wonderful prayer resource can be accessed here: www.praymorenovenas .com/mary-undoer-knots-novena
	our most vulnerable and to give public expression to our sorrow. The liturgy will be broadcast. Click here to view: www.bbcatholic.org.au/	Т	hank you for your participation

