



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
**Chatswood Catholic Parish**



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7 February 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
WE PRAY FOR:

**Deceased Anniversary:**  
Franko Bacic

**Recently Deceased:**  
Arthur Fogarty

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Chatswood  
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**SOME SUGGESTIONS TO FOLLOW  
WORD OF GOD SUNDAY THROUGHOUT 2021**

- ✧ Visit the **Parish Library** and choose from a variety of Scripture resources.
- ✧ Take out a free subscription to **Thinking Faith** the journal of the British Jesuits which features Scripture scholars such as Nicholas King SJ  
[www.thinkingfaith.org](http://www.thinkingfaith.org)
- ✧ Go to **The God Who Speaks** website for a range of biblical resources from the basics through to praying with Scripture  
[www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)
- ✧ Take out a free subscription to the **Bible Project** for contemporary resources for all age groups. Offers reading plans, podcasts and videos  
[www.bibleproject.com](http://www.bibleproject.com)
- ✧ Subscribe to the **Parish Life Newsletter** to receive an email on Wednesdays with commentaries and reflections on the readings for the following Sunday. Send an email to: [editor@australiancatholics.com.au](mailto:editor@australiancatholics.com.au) and request a subscription to *Parish Life*.
- ✧ Register for **Read the Bible in a Year** offers a reading plan, podcasts and an App. Go to: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>
- ✧ Register for **Women and the New Testament** with Dr Michele Connolly rsj on Saturday 6 March 2.30 – 5pm in the Magnificat Room.
- ✧ Participate in the Broken Bay Lenten program.
- ✧ Register for **The Gospel of Mark** with Bishop David Walker on 4 to 25 May, 10 – 11am in the Magnificat Room **OR** 6 to 27 May 7 – 8.30pm in the Magnificat Room

Please contact Gail for further information, or to register for any of the parish programs.

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## Within the Parish

### COMING EVENT FOR THE CATECHIST MINISTRY:

**What:** Term 1 Catechist Meeting  
**When:** Monday 8 February 2021  
10AM to 12PM  
Morning tea starts at 9:30AM  
**Where:** Magnificat Meeting Room

Please RSVP to Maricel  
[Maricel.malapira@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Maricel.malapira@bbcatholic.org.au)  
or 9410 9029

**SPANISH MASS** - We are planning to start a Spanish mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. Our first mass will be on February 21. If you would like to help organise this, please contact Fr Joey Frez at 94109037/94109027

Estamos planeando comenzar una Misa en español cada tercer domingo del mes a las 12pm. Nuestra primera Misa será el 20 de febrero, si le gustaría ayudar a organizarla por favor contactar al Padre Joey Frez a 94109037 / [joey.frez@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:joey.frez@bbcatholic.org.au)

**MORNING PRAYERS is back on Thursday after Ash Wednesday at 8.45am** - Morning prayers can refresh and recharge your soul as you get ready to take on the day with help from the best place possible: Our Creator!

Morning Prayer “floods the heart with the breath of life and bathes it in the sunshine of God’s smile”. By giving God your day in prayer first thing in the morning, you get “the clear air of heaven,” flowing into your heart. Make morning prayers as much a part of your routine as getting dressed or eating breakfast. St. Augustine once said “as our body cannot be kept alive without nourishment, so our soul cannot be kept spiritually alive without prayer.”

### SENIOR’S COFFEE MORNING BEGINS 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



We are back. After a false start last year, we are going to start up our Senior’s Coffee Mornings. The first one for 2021 is 10am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March in the Magnificat Room. Please join us for a chat and some morning tea. Fr David will be joining us, so

come and have a chat with him. If you would like any more information please contact Jan Hunter at [gfiadino@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gfiadino@bigpond.net.au).



**7.30am Mass Cuppa** - Please join us on the forecourt this Sunday after 7.30am Mass for a cuppa.

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



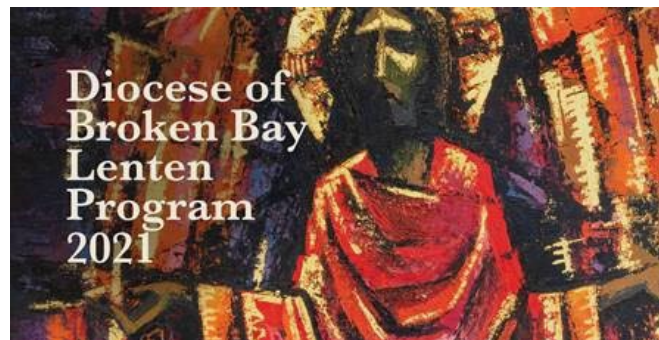
Each year we celebrate the World Day of the Sick on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. This is also the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Pope John Paul II initiated the World Day of the Sick a year after he was diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease. It began in 1993 and each February 11<sup>th</sup>

we are called upon to pray for the Sick and to remember those who care for them.

As the past year has shown us if we have our health then we have much to be grateful for.

During the 9:00am Mass we will have special Prayers of the Faithful and the Anointing of the Sick.



The Program will reflect on Bishop Anthony’s six priorities for our diocese and will feature reflections from Fr David Ranson, Tomasz Juszcak, Kelly Paget, Deacon Sam French, Sr Josepha Mabini & Pina Bernard.

**Join a parish group, form a group with friends or follow the program with your family.**

#### Parish Groups:

Thursdays: 18 February to 18 March 10 – 11.30am  
St Paul Room

**OR**

Thursdays: 18 February to 18 March 7 – 8.30pm  
via Zoom

Register with Gail [gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au) or 9410 9021.

#### Women of the Well - Upcoming Retreats for 2021

February 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – St Joseph’s, Kincumber  
February 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, The Hermitage, Mittagong  
June 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, St Joseph’s Kincumber

For more info, contact [www.womenofthewell.com.au](http://www.womenofthewell.com.au)

## From Fr David

Dear friends

This Sunday, the Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday. It is a commemoration initiated by Pope Francis in January 2020. Ordinarily it is celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. However, with the variability of Australia Day, the Australian Bishops have asked that it be celebrated on the Fourth Sunday. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on the power of the Word of God: a Word that creates and saves. God gives us a word: and that Word Is Jesus, a word that says it all. It is a word that enables us to celebrate even in the face of adversity, that causes us to hope even in the midst of our sadness, that assures us of love even in the midst of fear. We are marking Word of God Sunday in a number of special ways in our church this weekend. We will reintroduce the use of the Book of the Gospels at Sunday Masses. We will also acknowledge the important ministry of Lector and give thanks to those who proclaim the Word of God for us. Our Coordinator of Lectors, Ditas Naguit, has prepared a beautiful parish guide for them and we will present them at each of our Masses. Like Mary, let us ponder the Word of God deep in our hearts so that new life might spring forth for us.

In recent conversation with our Marian Catholic Action Group, it became apparent that Thursday mornings are better suited for Rosary, Exposition and Benediction than Wednesday mornings. Therefore, we will revert to this former scheduling effective on Thursday 11 February. This means that going forward we will have Rosary, Exposition and Benediction on three occasions during the week: Thursday mornings, Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. The 12.15pm Mass on Wednesdays will remain unchanged. On a Thursday morning, Exposition will conclude at midday with a simple Benediction. I am very grateful for the way in which this new scheduling has been suggested.

Thursday 11 February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and it is the day the Church celebrates World Day of the Sick. To mark this international commemoration, we will offer the Sacrament of Anointing during our 9am Mass on that day.

We have begun to prepare for Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent. This year we will offer three Masses on Ash Wednesday, 17 February: 9am, 12.15pm and 8pm. I will be meeting with our Liturgy Leaders on Tuesday 9 February to talk through how we can celebrate our Lent in as prayerful way as possible. It is my understanding that it has been a custom that different groups in our parish lead Friday Stations of the Cross during Lent. We would certainly wish to continue this. If you would like to offer to lead an occasion of the Stations might you let Nicole Gorman, our Parish Secretary know, and we will then coordinate this. We will pray the Stations each

Friday evening during Lent at 7.30pm. Also, we will reintroduce Morning Prayer before the weekday 9am Mass as from Thursday 18 February as we begin Lent.

It is wonderful that this this Sunday we reintroduce our Children's Liturgy of the Word at our 9am Mass, and also our Online Liturgy of the Word for Children on Sunday afternoon at 4pm. We are greatly blessed by our Children's Ministry at Our Lady of Dolours and we thank Angela Hague for her exceptional ministry in this regard.

Fr Joey Frez will be in Melbourne this weekend, commencing the Siloam program of the Heart of Life Centre. This is the orientation weekend for what is a two year parttime course of studies to form spiritual directors. We wish Fr Joey every blessing in this endeavour and a safe journey.

With my warm wishes to all, Fr David

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**MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE CHATSWOOD** students achieved outstanding results in the 2020 Higher School Certificate, and is ranked 93 in the state of NSW

- ☑ 22% of students received an ATAR of 90+
- ☑ The highest ATAR was 99.75
- ☑ 89 mentions in the distinguished achievers list (band 6 in subject/s)
- ☑ 54% of students received Band 5 or above
- ☑ 2 All Rounder Awards where all courses were in the highest band range
- ☑ 94% consistently above the State average for subjects
- ☑ 1 student nominated for ENCORE
- ☑ 2 students nominated for SHAPE
- ☑ 1 student nominated for TEXSTYLE
- ☑ 1<sup>st</sup> Place in 22 subjects in the Broken Bay Diocese

Congratulations to all of the students of Year 12 2020. A special thank you also to staff and parents who have contributed in so many ways to the success of our young women.



*Has recommended*

Our playgroup will be held every second Tuesday  
In the Magnificat Meeting Room  
Between 9.30-11.30am

Our next session will be on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February**.  
We are also looking for caring parishioners who would be interested in helping to host our playgroup parents, carers and children on a rostered basis.

*If you would like to join playgroup, or are interested in being a helper please contact Angela in the parish office.*

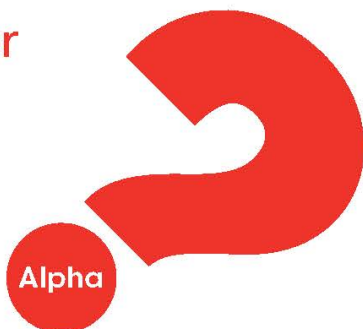


# Alpha Training Day

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

Perfect as an introduction or refresher, the Alpha Training Day will give you the A-Z in running Alpha in your parish and how it can play an instrumental role in renewing your parish. The day includes small-group facilitation training, how to run an Alpha weekend / day retreat, and tips on marketing, promotion and forming an Alpha team.

**Register  
Now!**



**Date:**

Saturday, 13 February 2021

**Time:**

9.00am to 4.30pm

**Venue:**

Corpus Christi Parish Hall  
263 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives

**Presented by:**

Tania Rimac  
Alpha in a Catholic Context NSW  
Coordinator

**RSVP:**

8 February 2021 to  
[faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au)  
or Hazel Lim 8379 1626



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