



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish

The Most Holy TRINITY

7 June 2020 – Year A/2

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Anniversary:  
Joshua Jimenez



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**Weekend Masses:** This weekend we are resuming our regular weekend Mass times. Bookings are required via <https://www.trybooking.com/book/sessions?eid=626875> or call the parish office between 9am – 4pm weekdays if you need assistance in booking. Please bring your printed ticket or ticket on your phone to be scanned as you arrive. If you have attended Mass here on the weekend of June 6/7, please allow others to have the opportunity to book in first for the weekend of June 13/14, then, waiting until Saturday morning, you will be welcome to take any remaining spaces.

A few things will be different. The Kirk St carparks will be open, but not the St Pius grounds. All entry will be via the front doors on Archer St (this will change when numbers life to 100). You will have your ticket scanned upon arrival. Please use the hand sanitiser available when you enter the church, and stay home if you are feeling unwell. The church doors will be closed when Mass commences, so please be on time. You do not need to physically sign in on weekends as the trybooking system takes its place.

Fr John will continue with live streaming of mass for the next 2 weeks. To participate, go to [facebook.com/OLDChatswood](https://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/l990FxFs3lc>

**Weekday Masses:** We are keeping our weekday and Saturday morning Masses at 9am only for the immediate future, and will likely reintroduce some 12.15pm Masses when the limit increases to 100. There is no need to book in advance, but you will need to sign in when you come into the church, whether for weekday Mass or for personal prayer. You can come to weekday Mass every day if you wish.

**Marriage enrichment online:** There has been up upsurge of people planning renovations to their homes after so many weeks of working from home and staying home. The challenges and opportunities of Covid-time may have both enriched and stressed our marriages. Some people are rediscovering their families in whole new ways. If you are...

- Excited about making the good parts of your marriage great...
- Committed to making the weak parts strong...
- And open to renewing all the things in between...

The 2020 Catholic Marriage Summit is a series of live and on-demand webinars from June 11-14 and will show you how to get the marriage you want from the marriage you have. Go to <https://www.joyfuleverafter.org/>. If you take part Fr Jim would love to hear how it was for you.

## WITHIN OUR PARISH

**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

**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.

**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 “telltale” 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](mailto:michael.mercer@bbcatholic.org.au) if you would like to be involved.

**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](mailto: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.



**RELEASE OF PLENARY COUNCIL DISCERNMENT PAPERS:** The Writing and Discernment Groups have been working with the listening and discernment received from across Australia for several months. They have completed the thematic papers that will go towards shaping the first Assembly of the Plenary Council.

The papers were released on Pentecost Sunday and can be read and/or downloaded at: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

# Thank You from JRS

Thank you to the staff and families at OLD Primary school for their wonderful support of the drive for the JRS Foodbank. Also, to St Pius X who will support the drive later this month.

Trish Wilson, Gillian Hawkins and Maureen Playdon are continuing to generously support this initiative by sorting, boxing and delivering the items. Gillian and Fernanda made the first delivery to Westmead last Monday. Zoe from JRS emailed thanks to everyone:

***“Wow what a generous community! Thank you so much for supporting this amazing initiative. Your donations will go such a long way, especially during this time when our clients have been facing extra tough challenges during COVID-19. We really appreciate your support and kindness.”***

## CASH DONATIONS

If you can assist JRS with a much needed cash donation go to [www.jrs.org.au/donate-now/](http://www.jrs.org.au/donate-now/) or contact JRS on 9356 3888 or at [info@jrs.org.au](mailto:info@jrs.org.au)

## ITEMS FOR THE FOODBANK

### FOOD

- Basmati Rice
- Cooking Oil
- Long life milk
- Tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas & fruit
- Biscuits & muesli bars
- Oats & cereals

### TOILETRIES

- 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!**

## DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

We will resume this devotion on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 10 am which coincidentally is the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Following the devotion, we shall have morning tea in the Magnificat Room to celebrate this special feast of Our Lady. Please bring a plate to share if you can. Everyone is welcome.

**CENACLE (ROSARY) MEETING:** The Cenacle meeting which used to take place every Monday at 11.30 am will now take place every Monday at 10 am in the church until resumption of the midday Mass.

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Parish

Office closed this **Monday 8 June** due to Public Holiday. There will be a 9am mass on this day. Please call the after hours' emergency number if you need a priest urgently: 0473 046 906.

A good laugh and a long sleep

are two best cures to anything.



**DIOCESAN POSITION VACANT - Development & Relationships Manager, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay:** The Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for the role of **Development & Relationships Manager**. This is a full-time role based at Pennant Hills.

The Development & Relationships Manager is responsible for fundraising & development strategy, fundraising infrastructure, program & collateral, capacity building and parish support services. You will work closely with the parishes of the Diocese and provide support as they carry out the mission of the Catholic Church.

For the full advertisement see the **Positions Vacant** page of the Diocesan website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

**WHEN WILL YOU COME BACK?** 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.

**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.

**FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE**

JOHN 3:16



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