



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS Chatswood Catholic Parish



3rd SUNDAY in LENT
7 March 2021 – Year B/1

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Anniversaries:

Tessie Darantan & Eduardo Darantan

Recently Deceased: Phillip Chaplin,
NG Long Yun Ronnie, Jean Wilson,
Rita Ortega

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International Women's Day – Monday 8 March 2021



International Women's Day is a worldwide celebration of the economic, social, cultural and political achievements of women. First celebrated over 100 years ago, the theme for 2021 is "Choose to Challenge".

A challenged world is an alert world and choosing to challenge gender inequality and celebrate the achievement of women is something men and women as individuals can do which collectively contributes to an inclusive world.

BROKEN BAY NEWS: - This issue features stories on the Year of St Joseph and the Family, Bishop Anthony's message on the 35th anniversary of the Diocese, as well as a special feature on Engelbert Piccolruaz, a wood carver who is creating a statue of St Joseph for the Hornsby Cathedral Parish (pictured on the cover). Also featuring stories on local Boonah artist Michael Buzinskis winning the Willoughby Council art competition, Seniors living life to the full at CatholicCare's Memory Innovations Centre and a feature on our 2021 new School Principals. [Read it online now here.](#)



John's account of the cleansing of the Temple (John 2:13-25) has particular relevance to Lenten preparation for the approaching crisis in Jerusalem and the crucifixion. A shorter form, less v.23-25, is read on the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (09 November). Mark's version (11:15-17) might have been considered better for year B, especially given the fact that, unlike Matthew and Luke, its citation from Isaiah 56:7, "My house will be called a house of prayer", includes the concluding phrase "for all nations", which would link back to last Sunday's mention of all nations blessing themselves by Abraham's descendants. However, John's version topically specifies that the incident took place shortly before the feast of Passover, and his extension with the discussion about destroying the Temple and rebuilding it in three days is appropriate for our Lenten journey. The addition also diverts attention from the laws that embody the Covenant, to the person of Christ, who manifests and embodies the New Covenant.

Within the Parish

CANCELLATION OF OLPH NOVENA – 13th March & 3rd April

The Novena for 13th March will be cancelled as there will be a working bee cleaning the church in preparation for Easter in the morning following 9 am Mass. There will also be no rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Novena will also be cancelled on 3rd April as it is Holy Saturday.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Don't forget to take a copy of our new Sunday resource "Our Sunday Celebration". It is a brochure that has all the parts of the Mass and the Readings of the Mass. As well, the inside of the brochure has very formative reading for us. Please do take it home or take some for friends as well.

MORNING PRAYERS are back on each Tues-Fri 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!

500TH ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLIC FAITH

Our Filipino Community celebrates the 500th anniversary of Catholic Faith in the Philippines this year.

On Tuesday 16 March, Bishop Anthony will join us in a very special Mass to commemorate this extraordinary event. To book in for this mass, please go to our website, click on 'News & Events', then 'Events' and the trybooking link is there for you.

THE DAY OF THE UNBORN – Sunday 21st March 2021

As Catholics we need to stand up for the life of unborn children. We recognise that abortion is a tragedy for both the child and the parent. On Sunday 21st March parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in a procession to mark the Day of the Unborn Child in a peaceful and prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney from St Mary's Cathedral. Join us and others from across Sydney at the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral at 12.00 noon as we prepare to process through the streets of Sydney under the banner of Our Lady of Sorrows. The procession is aligned to the Feast of the Annunciation which commemorates the day in history where Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ became Incarnate. On this day "the Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us." What better day than this to remember the plight of the unborn child in the modern world. For people who have been affected by an abortion experience, Rachel's Vineyard offer retreats and other resources/assistance which bring spiritual and emotional healing -

[Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Sydney: Retreat Information \(rachelsaus.blogspot.com\)](http://Rachel's_Vineyard_Ministries_Sydney:_Retreat_Information(rachelsaus.blogspot.com)) -

0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au



IN 2021 THE MERCY COMMUNITY WELCOMES MRS BRENDA TIMP OUR NEW COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 7TH MARCH 2021, 11-2PM

- Providing excellence in teaching and learning since 1890.
- Recognising our students' needs are diverse, we constantly aim to develop courses and apply teaching strategies that accommodate different learning styles.
- Offering a comprehensive range of electives in addition to mandatory studies from Year 7, leading to the award of the Higher School Certificate credential in Year 12.
- Interested in the development of the whole person, we offer numerous opportunities for students to participate in co-curricular activities. Over 30 programs including a variety of Sport, Creative Arts and special interest clubs.

Based on a framework of positive psychology the College's well developed pastoral care structure supports student wellbeing. With specialised staff including the Director of Student Wellbeing and the Youth Minister who work with students on a variety of projects including faith development, social justice and wellbeing.

The College enjoys modern facilities and state of the art technology in classrooms designed to cater for 21st century learning.

Located in the heart of Chatswood the College is a short walk to Chatswood Interchange where there are connecting buses and trains.



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ENROLLING NOW for 2023 Years 5, 6 & 7

ST PIUS X COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 20 MARCH

Chatswood Campus
35 Anderson Street Chatswood
9am - 3pm – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL via website

Oxford Falls Campus and Sports Complex
1 Dreadnought Road, Oxford Falls
8am – 12noon

www.spx.nsw.edu.au



A CATHOLIC BOYS' COLLEGE IN THE EDMUND RICE TRADITION • YEARS 5 – 12

Baptism This Weekend:

Caitlyn Anelie Mendigorin



From Fr David

Last Wednesday our Parish Office Team enjoyed a very valuable day together at Canisius College Pymble. Given our church's patron, we took the theme of a Marian Church for our reflections and in particular a beautiful prayer by Francois Marc. It was a great opportunity to come to know each other more, too! We really do have the best parish staff!

On Friday Mr Phillip Chaplin was farewelled from Our Lady of Dolours having passed away the week before. Phillip was a member of our community for many years and a great friend of St Pius X College, too. The College's Number 1: Chaplin Oval, now located at the Treacy Centre, Oxford Falls, is named in honour of Mr Chaplin's family and their work in developing the facilities of the school. As the Pius X College newsletter shared, "Phillip Chaplin and his classmates V O'Neill, T Cunningham, G Casey and B Hadley toiled selflessly over the school holidays to assist the Brothers to lay drainage pipes, clear, level, and lay the soil on which generations of students were to host countless Rugby, Cricket and Football fixtures against opposition including our brothers from St Patrick's Strathfield. The Mars Rd Lane Cove Chaplin Oval was in commission until 1992 when the College's sporting facilities, including Chaplin Oval, were relocated to its present Oxford Falls location. Mr Chaplin enjoyed a long career as an Industrial Chemist and his two sons, Ross (Class of '81) and James ('82) also attended the College." We extend to the Chaplin family our deepest sympathy.

Our special congratulations to Janet Coombs, a recent arrival in our parish, but whom many at our Sunday 7.30am Mass are delighted to know. Janet was one of four Sydney Catholics honoured by Pope Francis last week for exemplary service to the Church and the wider society. She was made a Dame of the Order of St Sylvester for her dedication to the pursuit of justice and the proclamation of the Gospel through her work as a barrister, canon lawyer and pro-life campaigner. As we read in the *Catholic Weekly*, as the first non-seminarian to study canon law at St Patrick's College, Manly, during the 1960s, Janet once offered to wear a black dress to classes to blend in with her soutane-wearing classmates!

Our acknowledgment of Janet, is a good segue in marking Monday, 8 March International Women's

Day. We pay tribute to all the women, especially the many, many women in our parish community which make it as vibrant as it is.

One of the great features of our parish community is our Welcoming Team. These are the wonderful people that greet us at the door each Sunday Mass. We have almost 30 people in this great ministry. Last Wednesday evening I met with a number of them both to thank them and to encourage them. Might you consider offering yourself for this ministry? All it takes is coming to Mass a little earlier once a month and offering a friendly smile and greeting. It makes an enormous difference to those joining us and is one of the most effective ways to cultivate a sense of belonging! We especially need new volunteers for the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Might you let our Parish Office know of your interest to assist?

This year, Pope Francis has marked as both the Year of Joseph and the Year of the Family. And so, next Thursday, 11 March we will commence a novena to St Joseph, integrated into our daily Mass until Friday 19 March, the Solemnity of St Joseph. Following this we will establish a Joseph Chapel to the side of our church foyer. St Joseph, often hidden, is Protector of families and the family of the Church. This is a special opportunity to be more mindful of his care for us and our families.

Furthering the practice of piety at our church, every first Friday of the month we will celebrate a votive Mass of the Sacred Heart unless there is another Feast, and each Saturday morning we will celebrate a votive Mass of Our Lady.

Finally, we continue to look forward to the celebration of the 500th anniversary of Catholic Faith in the Philippines on Tuesday 16 March. We will be joined now by both Bishop Randazzo but also by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Yllana from Canberra. The event will be by booking only for we are limited to just 300 people given COVID. To book in for this mass, please go to our website, click on 'News & Events', then 'Events' and the trybooking link is there for you.

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





Third Sunday of Lent

7th March 2021



Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

PARISH WORKING BEE

Our pre-Easter Working Bee will be on 13 March 2021 from 9.00am to 12 noon. This will be followed by a sausage sizzle and liquid refreshments. Our goal is to have as many of our committed parishioners help us get the church and grounds sparkling ready for Easter. A list of tasks is set out below. If you can make it on the day to help out, please give some thought to what tasks you would like to get involved in. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

No need to RSVP. Please just write your name next to the task you are able to help with, on the sheet in the Church foyer.

Task	Materials Required	Number of People Required
Tennis Court Car Park - Trim Bushes, clean up branches and other rubbish and sweep car park	Green Bin, Garden Shears, Pruner, Rake, Gloves, broom and shovel	2
Clean Church Pews	Cloths, Spray and Wipe, Bucket and Rubber Gloves	2
Clean Ledges on side walls of church (after painting done)	Cloths, Spray and Wipe, Bucket and Rubber Gloves	2
Clean Window sills after windows cleaned	Cloths, Spray and Wipe, Bucket and Rubber Gloves	2
Clean vessels in Sacristy	Cloths, Spray and Wipe, Bucket and Rubber Gloves	2
Dusting of Church	Duster, gloves, cloth, spray and wipe	1
Weed Spraying around church and garden trimming	Pump Bottle and Zero Concentrate	1
Remove wax from Sanctuary floor	Scraper	1
Clean Stairs and Handrails of Meeting Room (levels 1 and 2)	Bucket, Detergent and sponge	1
Polishing Floor Boards under Pews	Gloves, Floor Polish, Polishing Mops	2
Touch up painting of internal church walls.	Paint, Paint Brushes, drop sheet, terps	2
Thorough clean of the Choir Loft	Cloths, Spray and Wipe, Bucket and Rubber Gloves, vacuum cleaner	2