

Our Lady of Dolours

Parish Established 1910

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood

Diocese of Broken Bay

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9 December 2018 – Year C/1

Connect – Worship – Grow – Give – Serve



*During this Advent Season
let us be reminded that every
child is held in God's infinite
tenderness, and God is present
in each of their lives
(Evangelii Gaudium).*

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Christmas ministries: Liturgical ministry leaders are already contacting people to do the ministries of the Word, Music, Communion and Altar service for our six Christmas Masses. There are many other ministries we need help with also: Welcomers, Wardens (money collectors), First Aid Officers (with a current First Aid qualification) and Parking attendants (at the 5.30pm vigil). If you can help, please put your name on the sign-up sheets in the foyer today.

Christmas Invitations: Christmas is the Church's greatest time of outreach, and you can be part this opportunity. We have printed 5000 Christmas cards inviting people to join us for Christmas Mass which we will deliver to hopefully every household in the parish. Simply take a bunch of cards and cross the street to which you will deliver off the list. Note that we can only deliver within the parish's official boundary. Deliver to your own street, or to a street near you to get some Advent exercise! Please return any postcards you have over to the Church.

Catechist Coordinator: I am pleased to announce the appointment of our new SRE (Catechist) Coordinator, Maricel Malapira. Maricel is a parishioner who was a high school teacher in the Philippines where she gained degrees in both Educational Management and Business, giving her an ideal skill set to encourage and support our catechists in their ministry of Special Religious Education. She will begin work on Mon Dec 10th which allows her to have a few days of handover from outgoing Coordinator Jennifer Perrott. Please make her welcome.

Changes: From 2019 there will be two small changes to our Mass schedule. We will be discontinuing the Sacred Heart Mass on the first Friday night of each month. We will also be discontinuing Adoration and Benediction on Fridays in the church. We apologise to people who are inconvenienced or disappointed by these changes. Some explanation is warranted. It may seem that we have plenty of clergy, with three priests, a deacon and a retired Bishop. However, Fr Andrew is now doing two days per week as chaplain at Royal North Shore Hospital, including all-hours on call. Whenever one priest is away on leave this often leaves only one priest available on the other priest's day off. By Canon Law and diocesan regulations priests may only celebrate two Masses on a weekday, and it is problematic having a parish schedule which sometimes requires one priest to celebrate three Masses. You may not know that in addition to the Masses in OLD Church our priests celebrate Mass in each of our eight aged-care centres each month, a weekly Mass at RNS Hospital and a weekly Mass for our three Catholic schools on site, meaning our parish clergy celebrate 20 Masses each week even before funerals or other special events take place. Another challenge we face here is that we already have two Masses every day. Cathedrals and city churches which have multiple daily Masses and Eucharistic Adoration tend not to have schools attached. Here in Chatswood it is always difficult to schedule a school Mass, class reconciliation or funeral, due to the two daily Masses. Adoration and Benediction will continue each Saturday morning. Other opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration may emerge outside the most crowded weekday 9 – 3 timeslot. A monthly Sacred Heart Mass and novena takes place in our neighbouring parish of Frenchs Forest on the second Thursday of each month – Fr Jim.

Parish Library: Last month I proposed that we might move the parish library to the foyer, and I was grateful to receive feedback both for and against this proposal (which is why I flag such moves in advance). It seems that moving the library is not such a simple process, so this will remain on hold for the time being.

9am Mass on Friday Dec 14th will be a whole school Mass for Mercy College.

Within the Parish

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Appeal is being conducted this weekend. The Society of St Vincent de Paul is a caring Catholic charity offering "a hand up" to people in need. It does this by respecting their dignity, sharing its hope and encouraging persons to take control of their own destiny.

Persons seeking help from the Society often come from the government housing estates within the Parish and are mainly pensioners. Many have mental health and disability problems. Requests for assistance usually arise from some emergency expense eg fridge breakdown, loss of income, funeral.

Since the June 2018 Winter Appeal, Vinnies Chatswood Conference has handled 21 requests for support: some \$1,000 for rent assistance; \$1,500 for food vouchers; \$200 for food pantry items; \$700 on removals; \$500 on white goods; and \$600 on phone bills. Eight recommendations totalling \$2,500 were made for government assistance with energy bills. This Society also runs a No Interest Loan Scheme which empowers eligible people to undertake expenses such as car registration, furniture and whitegoods purchases and skill enhancement programmes.

This Parish is renowned for its generosity in helping the poor in the Winter and Christmas Appeals. Please continue to help the Society with your donations in the weeks ahead. Donations are 100 per cent tax deductible.

NOVENA OF DAWN MASSES DURING ADVENT

Advent is a time of expectation and anticipation, a time of celebration, and a time for prayer. The annual Novena of dawn masses is a spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. It is an expression of our faith and thanksgiving for our blessings.

The Novena of dawn masses at Our Lady of Dolours Parish in Chatswood will be held DAILY from 16-24 December 2018 at 5:30am followed by a light breakfast on the Church forecourt. It is a wonderful way to start the day with an early morning Mass and fellowship with the community.

Everyone is invited to come and join the parish community in continuing this beautiful tradition which originated from the Philippines and is now celebrated in many Australian parishes.

MEN ALIVE All men aged 18 + are invited to join our Men Alive group for the final Mass of the year followed by a Korean BBQ with Fr Andrew on Wed Dec 12th at 7pm.

Broken Bay News available at all doors.



MEETING ROOM BOOKINGS FOR 2019

We have been told our 3 new meeting rooms will be ready to use from Friday 1 February 2019. Please email me your request for the use of the meeting rooms with the following information:

- All dates needed for 2019, including if you break for the school holidays
- Time needed from and to
- Contact name, mobile & email of the leader
- What your meeting/group is for
- Size of your group. We need this information so we can allocate you the correct sized room for the year.

Please put your request in writing and email it to Nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au by **Thursday 20 December**. **Your current booking will not automatically be rolled over to 2019.**



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER

The Parish Office will be closed from 1pm onwards for the Parish Team Christmas celebration. Please leave messages on our answering machine or if urgent, call the after-hours emergency mobile number 0434 607 163.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE 5.30PM MASS



All children who would like to be involved in the Nativity play at the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass, please come to the **Blue Room**, immediately after the 9.00am Family Mass **TODAY, Sunday 9th December**. We will allocate roles and have a quick first practice. There will be two further practices as follows;

- **Sunday 16 December:** in the Blue Room at 10am
- **Saturday 22 December:** Rehearsal in the Church at 3.00pm

Any enquiries about the Children's Christmas Mass please contact Angela in the parish office on 9410 9033 or Angela.Hague@bbcatholic.org.au

Welcome in the New Year with a Eucharistic celebration at Our Lady of Dolours Church. Giving thanks for 2018 and welcoming in 2019. Beginning with Adoration at 11.30pm on Monday 31st December and then celebrating a New Year's Eve midnight mass. All welcome.

FANTASTIC WORKING BEE

On behalf of Father Jim and the Chatswood Parish, I would like to sincerely thank all those people who helped out at the Working Bee on Saturday 1 December. Your enthusiasm, commitment and hard work was outstanding (despite the heat) and has presented our church in a fantastic condition, ready for the busy Christmas period. Thanks to all the little ones who helped out too. They seemed to enjoy being very busy which is great.

A big thank you to Lydia Manlangit for preparing a lovely morning tea for the hard workers. Thanks also to the 'Men Alive' Group constructing the Nativity Scene in the Forecourt. God Bless, Michael.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE CHURCH FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT?

There has been a bit happening. You would have seen the new Ramp and Balustrades in place at the rear of the church. We hope this helps with mobility for some people attending mass.

We have come to an arrangement with an Upholstery Company to reupholster the kneelers. This will commence on the 3rd of January 2019. If there is anyone who is handy with a spanner and has a free couple of hours in the week between Christmas and New Year to help me remove the first 50 kneelers, I would love to hear from you.

The new Drinking Water Fountain for the Forecourt has been ordered. We hope to have this installed before Christmas. This will provide our parishioners with the facility to have a drink or fill a water bottle. This will be very handy on a hot day.

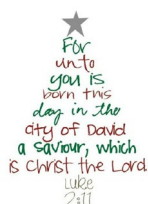
The toilets at the side of the church are being renewed. We have all the parts and they will be fitted before Christmas.

Lastly, the cooling fans. We want the parishioners to be comfortable in the church on warm days. We are currently negotiating with suppliers and electricians to get the best price and the best electrical option for the Church. Hopefully we can get these in before the real hot months ahead.

Of course, none of the above would be possible without the kind and enormous generosity of parishioners. For this, we can't thank you enough. Michael

Christmas Masses:

Children's Mass 24 Dec – 5:30pm
Vigil Mass 24 Dec – 8:30pm
Midnight Mass 24 Dec – 12:00am
Christmas Day 25 Dec – 7:30am
25 Dec – 9:00am
25 Dec – 10:30am



Parking via Kirk Street. There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day.
For Reconciliation times, please see our website.

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Margaret & Terry Livermore, Michael Dignam, Clare O'Rourke, Alex Noble, William Wise, Victor Pulman, Grazia Baldry, Barbara Thurston, Clara Pineda, Rebecca Mooney, Sheila O'Dea, Ian Smith and Julian Henkes

Recently Deceased: Alfredo Silos, Paul Le, June Connors, Mary Thompson & Portia Law

Deceased Anniversaries: Lance Charles Prior AMIE (Aust), CPEng

Baptisms : Benjamin Limbo, Luca Ciccone & Himani Karki



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT O.L.D.

Tuesday

9.45am Bible Discussion in demountable

11.45am Social Justice in demountable

7pm Indonesian Legion of Mary in demountable

Wednesday

7pm MenAlive mass and bbq

Thursday

6.30pm Vinnies Conversations in Blue Room

7pm Alpha Bible Study in demountable

Friday

10am Meditation in demountable

5pm Andrew Chin OLD Primary School concert in Church

7.30pm Home Rosary at 45 Park Rd, Naremburn

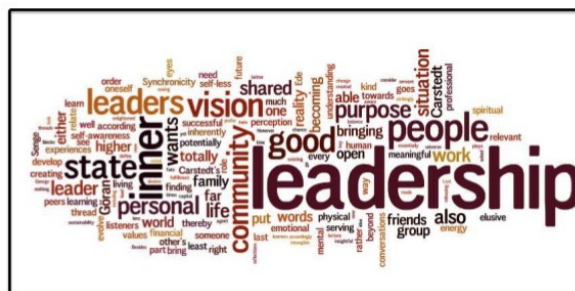
Saturday

10am Chinese RCIA in demountable

Sunday

11.30am RCIA in Blue Room

Calling Young Adults - We need you!



- Are you 20-30 years old?
- Would you like to be part of an exciting new initiative here at Our Lady of Dolours?
- Would you be willing to share some of your time with teens once every few months?

We are looking to form a team of young adults to provide leadership and mentoring for monthly social activities and outings with young teens from February 2019. To enable this to happen, we need about 6 young adults to become the team in this important ministry to our youth.

If you think you can help, or would like to know more, please contact Adrian or Angela at the parish office on 9410 9000 or adrian.brannan@bbcatholic.org.au or angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

PARISH MASS & DEVOTIONS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday - 9am & 12.15pm
 Saturday - 9am and 5.30pm (Vigil)
 Sunday - 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am and 5.30pm
 Public Holidays - 9am only
 Filipino Mass (in English) 12noon; 1st Sun of month
 Indonesian Mass; 7pm; 3rd Sun of month
 Sacred Heart Novena & Mass; 7pm; 1st Fri of month
 Family Mass - 9am each Sunday

Children's Choir at 9am Family Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month (Please arrive at 8.30am for setup and practice.)

Kids' Word - Children's Liturgy of the Word for ages 3-6 & 6-10. Meet in Church at 9am every 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays. (Except long weekends & school holidays.)

Youth Mass - 5.30pm each Sunday

Reconciliation - 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday & 10am-10.30am each Sunday. Any time by request.

Reconciliation in Korean – 3pm Saturday in Church, fortnightly.

Morning Prayer - 8.45am Monday to Saturday

Rosary - 9.30am Monday to Saturday;

Cenacle - each Monday at 11.30am

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy prayers – Fridays after 9am Mass, concluding at 12 noon

Exposition - 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday

Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Saturday 10.00am with **Benediction** 10.30am

Anointing of the Sick - 3rd Friday of month at 12.15pm Mass, during weekday Mass, before surgery or medical treatment, or by request.

Baptisms - Go to our website to book or contact the parish secretary.

Weddings - Contact the parish secretary.

For a **Marriage/Anniversary Blessing** at a Saturday/ Sunday Mass contact Nicole in the Parish Office on 9410 9000 (at least 1 month before requested Mass).

SUNDAY MASS READINGS:

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading: Phil 1:3-6, 8-11 Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Gospel: Lk 3:1-6 All people shall see the salvation of God.

READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS:

MON: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

TUES: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

WEDS: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

THURS: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
St Lucy

FRI: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
St John of the Cross

SAT: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>8/9 December</u>	<u>15/16 December</u>
Vigil 5.30pm	Bishop David	Fr John(K)
Sun 5.30am	-----	Novena/Mass
7.30am	Fr Andrew(K)	Fr Jim
9.00am	Fr John(K)	Bishop David
10.30am	Fr Jim	Fr Jim
5.30pm	Fr John	Fr Andrew(K)
7pm	-----	Indonesian Mass

	5.30 pm Saturday	7.30 am Sunday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5.30 pm Sunday
Week 3 15 & 16 December	Junior Server: Jenevieve Liem Kasy Tabalon Kody Tabalon Senior Server: Joseph Liem	Senior Server: Mike Kilkeary	Junior Server: Angelo Fernando Adrian Kan Max Lei Laureen Talao Andrew Yip Senior Server: Jasmine Chan Gerard Ryan Gabriel Yi	Junior Server: Kenneth Dizon Angeline Dizon Jasmine Dizon Anthony Duka Aaron O'Connell Arwen Taqueban Senior Server: John Paul Maiorana Ditas Naguit Paul Taqueban	Junior Server: Ken Braganza McKayla Tan Senior Server: Carl Braganza James Godfrey Elaine Phang

Working in a child-related ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

Paid and volunteer workers who have direct face to face contact with children (under 18 years) are required by law to obtain a Working with Children Check number. Please note though exemptions may apply in some cases. The Parish is the employer of the paid or volunteer worker and therefore is required by law to verify the Working with Children Check number. All paid or volunteer workers engaged in a child-related role must have a clear Working with Children Check to work in a child-related ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.