



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



MOTHER'S DAY/6th SUNDAY of EASTER

9 May 2021 – Year B/1

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

Deceased Anniversaries:

Muriel Gomez, Mary Elaine
Manlangit

Recently Deceased: Margaret

Campos, Ip Wai Fong,
Carmelo Battaglia

Sick: Bishop David Walker

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Today's gospel reading (John 15:9-17) continues where last Sunday's ended. When read in two sections like this, and if the references are ignored, it is not obvious that they form one unit within the farewell discourses given between the departure of Judas from the meal (13:29-31, read on Holy Tuesday) and his re-appearance in the garden (18:2-5, read on Good Friday); there is no mention of the vine here. However, there are common threads connecting the two, one being that of bearing fruit, which does belong to the vine image, but the "much fruit" phrase links back to the single grain that must die to yield more (John 12:24, Fifth Sunday of Lent, B). Here in the midst of the discourse at the Last Supper that famously has no mention of bread or wine we find the thematic threads of wheat and grapes, and talk of self-giving in the face of rejection, and of unity of the members. The interpretation of the eucharistic symbols of loaf and cup as Christ's self-giving (my Body given up) and forgiveness (my Blood for forgiveness of sins), and as the members' unity in him (a loaf from many grains; wine from many grapes) is much developed by the liturgical traditions. John, in his unique and poetic way, has woven these together before they were highly developed in more explicit ways in later Eucharistic Prayers.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 6 Easter - Year B

FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST: NEW LIFE BEYOND FEAR

Facilitated by Elizabeth Lee

Saturday 15 May and Saturday 22 May

Location: Magnificat Room OLD

Timing: 9am for 9:30 start, conclude by 3:30pm (Session 1 - 9:30-11:00,
Morning Tea, Session 2 - 11:30 - 1:00, Lunch 45 mins, Session 3: 1:45-3:15)

Registrations now open. Please contact Nicole in the Parish Office.

nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au / 9410 9020 Cost: by donation

Within our Parish

Mother's Day Blessing

Most Gracious Heavenly Father,
We thank you for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

You have given to women the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others – of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Thank you to all our givers who support the parish through their financial generosity. We also gratefully acknowledge the particularly consistent efforts of the parishioners who are supporting the parish through the Planned Giving Program envelopes. **Please collect your new 2021-2022 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES from the main foyer of the Church from this weekend. The boxes of envelopes are in alphabetical order. Please note that your Planned Giving Envelope no. might be different from last year.**



Thank you for collecting them this way as it saves a considerable amount on postage costs for the parish.



Confirmation 2021

In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for Confirmation once they have been baptised and are 8 years of age (usually year 3) or older.

Bishop Anthony will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation with the children in our parish on **Saturday 31 July.**

Enrolments for the program will open via the parish website on Monday 10 May

For all the dates, details and to enrol your child

Go the parish website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

From the home page, click on **Confirmation 2021** Tile

From there you will find out all the details you will need to enrol. You can also enrol your child from here.

Enrolments close on Monday 24 May

For any queries, contact Angela in the parish office

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MASS COUNTS continue during May weekend masses **8 & 9 May, 15 & 16 May and 22 & 23 May.** Thank you to our Welcomers for helping with this task over the next 3 weekends.



**CHARITABLE WORKS
FUND – May Appeal
– 8/9 May 2021**

From Fr David

Dear friends,

On this Mother's Day we wish all our mothers God's richest blessings! May this day be a special one of affection and gratitude, and for those whose mothers have gone before us now, a day of gentle memory.

This weekend we more formally conduct our third Charitable Works Fund Appeal for this financial year. This is the fund that finances all the resources from which all our wonderful catechists draw. Our, some 50 catechists visit 5 government schools in our parish bringing the Good News and sharing our Faith with some 600 Catholic children in the schools. They can only do this because of all the structure and resources supporting them. Your generosity to the Appeal which we conduct over 3 occasions each financial year directly assists them. It is our way of expressing our support and our gratitude to them. The Fund is also used to finance our chaplaincy program across the five major hospitals in our Diocese. It is of great assurance that when we need to go to hospital there will be a Catholic pastoral presence there for us. At each Mass this weekend we will have a short video presentation and one of our Catechists will briefly speak about the importance of the appeal to their ministry. So, if you are able, your generosity to this CWF Appeal is deeply appreciated. THANK YOU!

On Wednesday 12 July I travel to the Diocese of Ballarat in Victoria to present some talks to Priests and Principals over Thursday and Friday. The Diocese has recently incorporated its parish schools into a single diocesan entity, and I have been asked to provide some frameworks of how best to consider the ongoing relationship between parishes and schools. I return from Victoria on Friday, and Fr Joey Frez departs for the South for the second of his residential weekends in the Siloam program he is currently undertaking. This program is for the formation of spiritual directors.

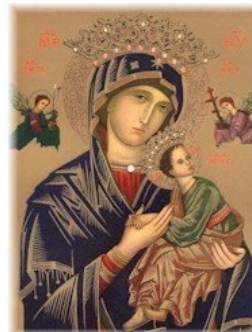
Elisabeth Lee joins us on Saturday 15 May and Saturday 22 May to offer two days of retreat focussing on the Gospel accounts of meeting the Risen Christ. She will situate these reflections in the context of our current experience of COVID and our emergence from the pandemic. Even so, given developments in recent days, we recognise that we are still quite vulnerable to the virus. The Risen Christ meets us where we are, in all our uncertainty and with all our questions. What a wonderful opportunity, then, to reflect on this nature of our discipleship.

Do consider setting aside one or both Saturdays! It will be a great way to bring the Season of Easter to completion. Be sure to let the parish office know of your interest and registration. The cost is simply by donation.

The week of Monday 17 May to Sunday 23 May is Volunteers Week. We have so many volunteers giving our church and community such particular vibrancy. On Sunday 23 May, Pentecost Sunday, we would like to invite all our many volunteers to a BBQ lunch after our 10.30am Mass! More details will follow, but might all our various volunteers, whether these be liturgical, pastoral or social, put the date in the diary? It will be wonderful to celebrate the remarkable contribution you make and offer a gesture of gratitude to you all. **Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG**

becoming a
catechist

If you are one of those people who can get involved in sharing their faith to all the children in State Schools, please get in touch with Maricel on 9410 9029 or maricel.malapira@bbcatholic.org.au



MOTHERHOOD OF MARY

As we celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday, let us not forget to make room in our homes and in our hearts for Mary our Heavenly Mother. Here in our parish, we have a weekly devotion to her under the title **OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**. In 1866 Pope Pius IX entrusted the guardianship of

the original image of Our Mother of Perpetual Help to the Redemptorists and commissioned them to spread everywhere devotion to her and **"MAKE HER KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."**

The picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help is called an icon which is the Greek word for image. An icon tries to convey an idea to the mind rather than portray a resemblance for the eye. In an icon, everything has a meaning: the colours used, the lettering, the pose, every last detail. The Golden Crown placed on the original picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help by order of the Holy See in 1867 is a token of the many miracles wrought by Mary invoked under that title. The Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help falls on 27 June. **DEVOTION TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP IS HELD EACH SATURDAY AT 10.00 AM IN THIS PARISH – PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE NEEDS OF THE PARISH, ITS COMMUNITY AND FOR THE WORLD.**

Lamentation & Supplication

A Prayer Service for the Pandemic

May 26 (Wednesday) @ 7:30 pm

Please bring photo of relative or friend who died of Covid-19

Our Lady of Dolours Church

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IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 10 May	11.15 & 11.30am	Divine Mercy Chaplet/Cenacle Prayer (Rosary) (Church)
	7pm	Spanish Choir practice (Church choir loft)
	7pm	Alpha (Magnificat & St Paul Rooms)
Tuesday 11 May	9.45am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary Group (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
Wednesday 12 May	6.30pm	Indonesian Music practice (Church)
	7pm	MenAlive (Magnificat Room)
	7pm	Faith Enrichment Group (St Peter Room)
Thursday 13 May	9.45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
	6.30pm	Vinnies English Conversations (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Holy Hour with Benediction and Reconciliation (Church)
Friday 14 May	10am	Meditation (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Choir practice (St Paul Room)
Saturday 15 May	9am-3.30pm	From Easter to Pentecost Retreat Day (Magnificat Room)
	10.30am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
Sunday 16 May	9am	10.30am Mass music practice (St Paul Room)
	11.30am	Legion of Mary (St Paul Room)
	12noon	Spanish Mass (Church)
	5pm	Indonesian Choir practice (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Mass (Church)

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**THE YEAR
OF ST JOSEPH
& THE FAMILY
2021**