



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



EASTER SUNDAY
4 April 2021 – Year B/1

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

Deceased Anniversaries:

Doris Pirotta, Elizabeth Thomas,
Vica Byak, Ivan Byak, Philomena
Clarke

Recently Deceased:

Giorgio Dolores



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Each of the three main characters in this week's Gospel, though having the same experience of seeing the empty tomb, has a different reaction. When Mary of Magdala arrives at Jesus's tomb early on the first day of the week (Sunday) and sees that the stone had been removed, she assumes someone has stolen Jesus's body. She runs to tell her assumptions to Peter and the other disciple. We know that when Peter arrives at the tomb, he enters and sees Jesus's burial cloths. We do not know what Peter's reaction to the empty tomb is. Is he perplexed and not sure what this means? When the other disciple enters the tomb, after first waiting for Peter to go in, we know only that he sees it is empty and believes (see 20:8).

These three people each had a personal relationship with Jesus when he was alive. All three witness the evidence that Jesus has risen from the dead. We are told only that once the disciple enters the tomb, he immediately believes. We do not hear similar information about Mary of Magdala or Peter until a little later in the Gospel. In John 20:16, Mary of Magdala believes when she sees and speaks with the Risen Jesus. In John 21:15-17, while in Jesus's presence, Peter professes his belief in the Risen Christ.

In this week's Gospel, we also have examples of how three different people come to faith in the Risen Christ. The first disciple to arrive at the tomb believes because he sees that the body is no longer in the tomb. Mary of Magdala believes after she sees and hears Jesus speak. Peter reconfirms his belief in Jesus in response to Jesus's question, "Do you love me?" (21:16).

Why do you profess your belief in the resurrected Christ?

*7.30am Morning Tea Easter Sunday
Please join us this morning after Mass
for morning tea on the forecourt .*

Within the Parish



SENIORS GET-TOGETHER

We get together at 10am on the first Thursday of each month in the Magnificat Meeting Room.

Please come along and join us for conversation and a cuppa.

For more information, contact

Jan Hunter gfiadino@bigpond.net.au

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. The collection promotes the missionary work for the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employing and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday 2nd April, reopening on Tuesday 6th April. If your matter is urgent, please ring the emergency mobile number 0473 046 906.



PARISH PARKING

Just a reminder to our parishioners that parking for masses on Saturdays and Sundays is as follows:

- Kirk Street Carpark (known as the Tennis Courts)
- St Pius Playground
- Parish Meeting Rooms (Kirk St)

The carpark at the rear of the Parish Office is reserved for Parish Staff during the week, cars displaying a Disabled Driver sticker or cars displaying a Parish Parking Permit only. Thank you.

RETURN OF PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES

Just a reminder to return your Project Compassion boxes by placing them in the basket in front of the lectern on the Sanctuary, or drop into the Parish Office during the week. Please count up the amount in their Project Compassion box and write the amount raised on the box and tick whether you require a receipt or not. **And thanks too for remembering your Project Compassion envelopes: they may be put on the collections at any Mass or left at the Parish Office.**

GIFTED TO GIVE – FCCP

After a memorable commemoration of 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines in our parish, the motto "Gifted to Give" resonates very strongly with the FCCP. We would like to invite anyone interested in joining the FCCP to approach any of the organising team members if they want to help in the various ministries and answer the call to mission.

All are welcome to join its 14th Anniversary celebration on Easter Sunday during the monthly Mass at 12:00noon. This is an extra opportunity to attend Mass on Easter Sunday since there is no evening Mass in our parish on this day. Thank you for your continued support and Happy Easter to all from the FCCP!

Catechist Corner

We would like to thank all the children who goes to scripture class each week.

Also, a huge thanks for these wonderful Catechists who passionately teach these young generations about Jesus. Let us continue to pray for them that they may have a great Easter holiday. May this school holidays be fruitful for them to recharge for the next term.

Recently, Mowbray Public School had an easter assembly. It is good to know that assemblies are now possible in state schools.

As we all know, Easter is an exciting time for kids. School holidays, egg hunting and easter bunny to name a few to expect...but let us keep in their mind that Easter is the Christian celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It marks the end of the 40-day period of Lent that begins on Ash Wednesday.

In Artarmon Public School, the catechists prepared an easter card for the students as the concluding lesson this term. John, the 5year old son of Christopher Robbins, enjoyed helping his Dad preparing the cards. The students enjoyed the activity and appreciates his work.



Wishing you all a happy Easter celebration. May you feel Christ's love this Sunday as we celebrate the rise of Jesus.

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@catholic.org.au

From Fr David



Dear friends,

The joy of this Easter be with you! Our ability to come together this Easter after the long months of COVID uncertainty has been a sign of new life. To be able to join together, to listen again to the

story of redemption, and together proclaim the power of Christ's life risen has been very moving. Let us receive this new life deep within our hearts. Let us allow this life to permeate us and to give a new spring to our steps. Let us share this life so that those around us may sense the remarkable possibility which is the Resurrection. Let us truly be people of the Resurrection.

It is a particular joy this weekend to welcome over 20 people into the new life of Christ. It is a sign of the vitality of the Spirit who continues to stir people's hearts, inviting them into fuller and deeper life. We pray that those whom we welcome with the gift of Baptism this Easter may experience the life of Jesus in unexpected ways and especially experience a sense of belonging through us.

A very special thankyou to all those who have worked hard in the background to make our ceremonies as beautiful and as meaningful: all our parish staff, those who have been involved in the sacristy and with our flowers, all our musicians and servers and readers and welcomers. It is at Easter that the contribution of so many becomes especially apparent.

Thank you, too, to those who were able to attend our annual Mass of the Oils with Bishop Anthony in the Cathedral last Tuesday. We had quite the cohort from Chatswood! It was with great excitement that Bishop Anthony announced at the Mass that he had favourably received Deacon Aldrin's petition for Admission to be ordained a priest, and that this wonderful event would occur through the month of October this year. We congratulate Aldrin at this special moment on his journey and assure him of our support and affection over the months of preparation ahead. Aldrin will be ordained with two other deacons – Sam French (known to many at Chatswood) and Roger Delmonte. However, he will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at Our Lady of Dolours. What a grand occasion this will be!

Next Sunday, the 2nd Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy is a popular personal devotion to which Pope St John Paul II ascribed to the Sunday after Easter. It is an opportunity to focus on how the new life of Christ embraces us with compassion and mercy. There are several churches in our Diocese in which the Sunday has particular significance – Pennant Hills, Dee Why and ourselves at Chatswood.

We will set aside the afternoon of Sunday 11 April in prayer and devotion. Further details about this celebration and the novena preparing for it are in our bulletin.

Recently, we have been reflecting how we can reach out to those with Chinese heritage. One small step considered is to make available some bi-lingual material about our church and parish. These brochures can be found at the entrance to the church. Do feel welcome to take them and distribute them.

On a sad note, Jan Brodie is leaving our parish this weekend to take up residence at Mcquion Park having arrived with us 64 years ago in 1957. We thank her for her extraordinary contribution and presence over so many years, and pray that her new residence will be everything it can be for her. We will miss seeing you as often Jan! However, you will never be far from our hearts and thoughts! Go forth into this new chapter of your journey with our immense gratitude and affection.

On behalf of Bishop Emeritus David, Fr Joey, Deacon Kevin, Deacon Aldrin, Deacon Roberto and all our parish team, Happy Easter everyone! Fr David

**Don't forget to turn your clocks
back 1 hour this Sunday.**

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish

Eucaristías en Español
Cada 3er Domingo del mes
12 pm

Our Lady Of Dolours Parish Chatswood
94 Archer St Chatswood
Chatswood, NSW, Australia 2067

Si quieres participar en la organización.
Contactar Fr Joey Frez
joey.frez@bbcatholic.org.au



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Easter Message 2021

For Catholics all around Australia, Easter 2021 is a special time. There is no more important celebration than the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the community of the Church is looking forward to gathering together to celebrate Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

This time last year our churches were closed as the pandemic began to change our lives. Our parish communities adapted to connect in different ways. Masses were live streamed, families prayed at home together and Catholics marked Palm Sunday at home by placing palms on their front doors.

Our parish communities on the Northern Beaches also faced the closure of churches at Christmas, and the locking down of the Peninsula into the New Year.

After such an incredible time, with change forced upon us on so many levels, many hope that our lives will quickly return to normal. Or rather we might adapt to what is being called 'the new normal'.

My sisters and brothers, what does this actually mean?

We've shown that as a people of God and as a community, we can adapt to change. Change is not always welcomed but comes nonetheless, with the passage of time and the different seasons of life.

In the whirlwind of change we carry with us this enduring fact, given to us by St Paul in the letter to the Hebrews - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever."

This does not mean the person of Jesus Christ is a static, undynamic character, an historical figure only for our observation. Jesus is unchanging in his identity as the Son of God, unchanging in his immense love for each of us, unchanging in his passion to see the Good News of his Gospel brought to every woman and man. Jesus is the unchanging God for an ever-changing world.

The question for us is, where are we in relation to Jesus Christ? How much are we invited to change in order to encounter the never-ending love of God?

To ask these questions and to be prepared for the answer will change our lives. We cannot go on as 'normal' if we truly seek to discover and live these answers.

For people of faith and for all those who are searching, we might ask:

What does it mean to believe **what Jesus said**?
What does it mean to believe **what he did**?
And what does it mean to believe **who Jesus is**?

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus is present to us in every celebration of the Mass and in a special way is revealed in the Paschal Mystery through the Easter narrative.

Easter is the journey of Christ from death to life, and from darkness to light.

Jesus died for us so that we might not suffer death for our sins but be offered redemption and eternal life with him. Jesus faced the depths of darkness for us so that we could open the shadow part of our lives to his power and allow his light to dispel our darkness.

This is an invitation to change. When we change, we grow, and our concern must be that we are always growing more and more into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

It is one thing to celebrate the Easter liturgies, it is another to contemplate the moment of embrace, encounter and heavenly life that the Risen Lord reveals to us through his Resurrected Body. For some, this might be a return to Jesus as the centre of our lives as it was when we first encountered him. For others it might be the very first time we have personally encountered Jesus in his human and divine presence.

This Easter, let us contemplate the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ, with us yesterday, today, and forever, who draws us into relationship with him in a way that is life-giving and new. Let us surrender our lives to Jesus and allow our imagination and our hearts to be captured by that sacred and intimate encounter.

This Easter, let our 'new normal' be determined by our meeting with Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit given to us.

May the blessing of the Risen Lord be with you and your loved ones and remain with you forever.

Children's Ministries at Chatswood Catholic Parish



Do you love to sing?

Come and join our
Kid's Choir!

We sing at the **9am Mass** on the **third Sunday of each month** and would love to have you join us. The songs we sing are kid friendly and this is a great way to come and share your gift and love of singing with our parish community.



**Meets in the
Magnificat Parish
Meeting Room**

*Every second Tuesday during school Term
between 9.30-11.30am.*

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 20 April**
Contact Angela in the parish office for more details.



Confirmation 2021

In our diocese, Confirmation is the next sacrament of initiation after Baptism. Children who are 8 years of age or older are eligible to join this program if they have been baptised.

*Enrolments for preparation and reception of Confirmation in 2021 will open **Monday 10 May** via our parish website.*

If you would like to discuss sacraments for your child, please contact **Angela at the Parish Office**.

angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au



The Children's Atrium

*Of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
at Chatswood Parish*

is such a place

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a beautiful child centred ministry that we have been providing for our children since August 2007.

We run sessions for preschool children during weekdays and primary school children after school during the week.

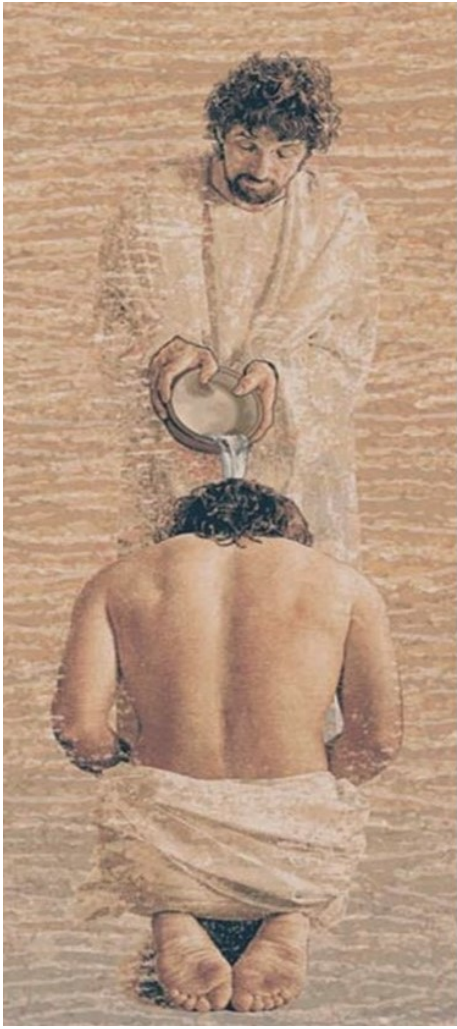
The age groups and times available are;

- 3-6 year olds: Mondays 10am-11.30am
Mondays 4.00-5.30pm
Tuesdays 4.00-5.30pm
Fridays 10am-11.30am
- 6-9 year olds: Mondays 4.00-5.45pm
Tuesdays 4.00-5.45pm
- 9-12 year olds: Mondays 4.00-5.45pm
Tuesdays 4.00-5.45pm

To find out more visit our website using the following link.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/childrens-ministries/the-childrens-atrium>

or contact Angela or Rose via email:
old.childrens.atrium@gmail.com



The Gospel of Mark

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Mark 1:1

Mark's Gospel is considered to be the first Gospel to be written. It holds the story of an early Christian community perplexed by failure and suffering. Jesus is portrayed as the suffering Messiah, the Son of God.

**Bishop Emeritus David Walker will lead
an exploration of the Gospel according to Mark.**

This is the Gospel proclaimed on Sundays in 2021 during Year B

**TUESDAYS 4 MAY - 25 MAY, 10 - 11.30AM
IN THE MAGNIFICAT ROOM**

OR

**THURSDAYS 6 MAY - 27 MAY, 7 - 8.30PM
IN THE MAGNIFICAT ROOM**

PLEASE REGISTER

gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au 9410 9021

EASTER 2021



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

This Easter weekend we welcome and congratulate 12 Adults and 11 children who will be Baptised, Confirmed and Receive Communion for the first time and therefore are fully incorporated into our Catholic community.

These people have of course been a part of the community since even before they joined the R.C.I.A., through attending services and through their call to enquire about the Catholic faith, but now they can fully join us at the sacraments.

The R.C.I.A. is not just about giving instruction to enquirers, it is for the team and the whole community to reflect on their commitment to Christ and the church.

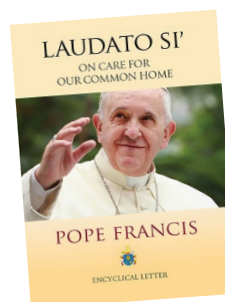
We thank all who have been involved in the process this year, as leaders or supporters, because not only have you been instructing but also have had your own faith increased and this has had an effect on the whole community of Our lady of Dolours, Chatswood.

The R.C.I.A. cannot exist without people like yourself so I want to acknowledge the great contribution you have made to our community.

To our enquirers, and leaders, may the Lord always walk beside you as you continue your journeys.

And may the Risen Christ inspire all of us to actively be His disciples. Deacon Kevin

An Easter Special!



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USUALLY \$8.95
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DID YOU KNOW?

There is a seven-year journey planned for *Laudato Si'* that includes seven goals to address the major challenges of our times to guide an integrated plan of action.



The Feast of **DIVINE MERCY**

Prayer & Worship Service

SUNDAY 11th APRIL 2021

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Our Lady of Dolours, Archer/Kirk Streets,
Chatswood

*"Humanity will not find peace until it turns
trustfully to my Divine Mercy"*

(Our Lord Jesus Christ to St Faustina, Diary Page 132)



Join us in the celebration of the Feast of Mercy

- Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
- Silent Adoration
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Praises of Divine Mercy
- Blessing of Divine Mercy images
- Benediction

**Reminder: The 9-day Divine Mercy Novena commences on
Good Friday (2nd April) and ends on
Easter Saturday (10th April).**

*Our Lady of Dolours
Chatswood Catholic Parish*

**THURSDAY NIGHTS
ADORATION @ 7 pm**



Come and encounter the Lord !

94 Archer St. Chatswood

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

To prepare ourselves for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11, we will hold a communal novena in the church with the following schedule starting on Good Friday:

Good Friday	2 April	5pm	After celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	3 April	10.30am	After Preparation Rites
Easter Sunday	4 April	3pm	
Easter Monday	5 April	11.10am	Before the Cenacle Prayer
Easter Tuesday	6 April	10am	After Mass/Rosary
Easter Wednesday	7 April	10am	After Mass/Rosary
Easter Thursday	8 April	10am	After Mass/Rosary
Easter Friday	9 April	10am	After Mass/Rosary
Easter Saturday	10 April	11am	
Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration	11 April	2pm	Exposition & Benediction, Singing of the Chaplet, Confession, Blessing of Divine Mercy Images

ALPHA IS COMING BACK!!

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions where we ask questions about life, faith and meaning.
Everyone is welcome.

Join us as we take the opportunity to explore the questions of life around a meal, a talk and discussion.



Where: Chatswood Catholic Parish - Meeting Rooms
Kirk Street, Chatswood NSW 2067

When: Commencing Monday 19 April 2021 at 7:00 pm

For more details – and to register – go to:
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/alpha>

In-person or On-line options available – Registrations essential
For queries contact: Gillian 0412 373 324 or Terence 0466 778 328
or email: chatswood.alpha@gmail.com

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Easter Sunday 4 April	9.30am	Lent Family Group gathering (Magnificat Room)
Easter Monday 5 April		Public Holiday
	12.15pm	Mass
Tuesday 6 April	10-4pm	Church maintenance
	9.45am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Indonesian Legion of Mary Group (St Peter Room)
	7pm	Filipino Choir practice (Church)
Wednesday 7 April	6.30pm	Indonesian music practice (Church)
	7pm	Faith Enrichment Group (St Peter Room)
Thursday 8 April	1pm	Indonesian Team Meeting (St Paul Room)
	6.30pm	Vinnies English Conversations (St Paul Room)
	7pm	Benediction & Adoration (Church)
Friday 9 April	10am	Meditation (St Paul Room)
Saturday 10 April	10.30am	Bible Discussion (St Paul Room)
	10.45am	Marian Catholic Action Group (St Peter Room)
	11.30am	Baptism Preparation (Magnificat Room)
	7pm	Korean Reading & Discussion/Bible Study (St Paul Room)
Sunday 11 April	10am	Teen Group (St Paul Room)
	11.30am	Spanish Choir music practice (Church)
	2pm	Divine Mercy (Church)

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OF ST JOSEPH
& THE FAMILY
2021**