



THE BULLETIN

24 NOVEMBER 2024

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Welcome

A very warm welcome to you, especially to anyone new and visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us! If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Our Lady of Dolours please contact us at 02 9410 9000 or email us at chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au - we would love to hear from you!

Inside this week's bulletin - and more!

- *Year 6 End-of-Year Class Mass: Join us Sunday at 5:30 pm. After Mass, Year 6 students are invited to the Cornerstone Youth Group for food and activities in the Magnificat room until 8:30 pm.*
- *Lunar New Year Raffle: Support the celebrations by purchasing raffle tickets!*
- *Simbang Gabi Launch: The 9-night novena Masses to Christmas begin on December 13!*
- *Help with Wreaths: Volunteers needed on Monday, November 25.*
- *Carols Volunteers Needed: Help with welcoming, crowd direction at Carols on the Concourse.*
- *Christmas Cake Fundraiser: Enjoy traditional handmade fruit cakes while supporting Timor-Leste education.*

For any inclusions to next week's bulletin, please email your content to Olivia at Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au by the close of business on Wednesday.



On the sacred lands of God, under the faithful custodianship of the Cammeraygal people.

'Behold the Man' by Antonio Ciseri

You say that I am a king.

This Sunday's Gospel - John 18:33-37

Dear friends,

As we gather this weekend, we are very conscious of the sadness in our community of Pius X College, with the unexpected loss of one of the students who graduated in 2023, Tom Cleary. And then at week's end, we received the news of the sudden death of the husband of Kara Manga, Leader of Languages at the college. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon the always. **Our prayer are with the whole college community and especially with the Cleary and Manga families.**

A very warm thank you to all those associated with two very special events in the last week: our PraiseFest for young people on Friday 15 November and our Red Wednesday Mass on Wednesday 20 November. Both were truly splendid occasions.

To Bettina Ignacio and Hamish Lavery, and all our youth leaders, thank you for arranging such an amazing evening of prayer, adoration, reconciliation and singing for over 200 young people who joined us last Friday from all over our diocese and beyond. It was quite the spectacular occasion and one that we hope might now

become a regular feature of what we are able to offer young people.

To all our parish staff, servers, and singers, and in particular to Irene Cheung for her most creative and beautiful decoration of the sanctuary: thank you for enabling our Red Wednesday Mass to be as powerful. We thank Ben Thrum, too, for the great lighting effect both outside and inside our church. The event was the most attended since we have initiated it and we were delighted that the Armenian leader, Archbishop Narajian could join us for the occasion, too. So many stayed after on the forecourt enjoying the great supper. It was a very meaningful way by which to remember all those who are suffering for the Faith and who have died as martyrs.

A special word of gratitude to our Pius X students who have made us **garden beds for our new community garden.** These raised garden beds have been made from the timber of the old pews we removed from the northern transept. Our Pius X students will also be involved next year in the maintenance of the garden. From the garden, we look forward to several new opportunities in the coming year.

This Wednesday, 27 November, we welcome our many **volunteers to come together for Mass at 6.30pm** followed by celebratory refreshments on the Forecourt. This will be a little way to say a huge word of gratitude to so many of our community who gift us with such vibrancy and possibility.

We have nearly 40 people attending the **series of talks being offered by Bishop David Walker** each Saturday afternoon from 3pm on St Augustine and his Confessions. Bishop David will conclude the series next Saturday 30 November. All continue to be welcome to join.

This Sunday, the **Solemnity of Christ the King**, at our 10.30am Mass we have the joy of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with four of our parish family: Romina Alfaro, Matthew Zanon, Cathy Seng, and Rena Li. It is a wonderful sign of the Spirit's activity in our community.

And so, the liturgical year comes to its close this week. Next weekend, **a new year begins as we commence the Season of Advent.**

Lastly a reminder we have a very special event occurring on Saturday 14 December. **Just as we brought the Stations of the Cross to the Concourse last Good Friday, this Christmas we are bringing carols!** And we will be joined by many of the other Christian Churches of our region, too. This is a brand-new initiative and way of bringing Christmas into the city through song and prayer. The performance is on Saturday 14 December at 7:30pm, with a rehearsal from 10:00am-1:00pm in the church. The carols service will comprise a number of famous Christmas carols, plus two choral items: O Holy Night and Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. The choir will be accompanied by the



Fr David Ranson
PP VG
Parish Priest

This week's church flowers are generously sponsored by

Judith Ryan in loving memory of her husband

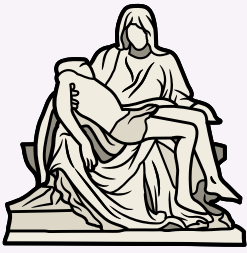
Philip Ryan

on the anniversary of his passing.



Salvation Army band, and we are also blessed to have guest singer Marlisa Punzalan (former winner of the X Factor Australia) joining us! I will be conducting the event. If you have not signed up yet to sing with us, there's still time. Please reply by email to our Parish Director of Music, Titus Grenyer with confirmation + numbers. Titus' email is titus.grenyer@bbcatholic.org.au Please continue to invite more people to sing with us - even if they don't usually sing in choirs! The dress for the choir members is simple white and black clothing. White top / black bottoms or vice versa. Let's make this a memorable way of bringing the Light of Christ to our city!

Our community would love to pray for you. If you have an intention you would like to be included in this bulletin e-mail
Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au by Wednesday.



*Fount of tears,
pray for us.*

*Sorrowful Mother,
pray for us.*

*Mother of consolation,
pray for us.*

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

Our loved ones who have **recently passed away:**

Robert Zoa Manga (husband of Kara); Thomas Cleary; Sr Angela Rodrigues.

Our loved ones who are **sick:**

Carmel Villanueva; Coral Coughlin (wife of Tom); Marianne (Binnie) Tan; Mr Gurung (father of Om Gurung); Colleen Baker (sister of Margaret Day); Delfin Mendoza; Karen Forbes; Irene Margaret; Ying Leong Fong; Laila Haddad; Dilia Ng; Linda Yip; Lonnie Chu; Minnie Walshe; Maria Taylor; Ban Le Llamas; Sally Luxton; Sr Marie Dayton; Giselle Clark; Judith Ryan; Jim & Ann Avery; Thomas West; Lucy Rodriguez; Gillian Hawkins; Donna Fernandez; Allison Roberts; Zac Vlastic; The mother of Fr Greg Skulski; Helen Coutts-Trotter (sister of Terry Meagher); Teddy Malapira; Kristen O'Loan; Mitch East; Victor Villanueva Herriquez; Johnson Siu; Joseph Bonnici; Bill Piper; Frank Hallissy; John O'Brien; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; Mary Kin-Soon Ng; Bonnie Leung; John Tiorg and family; Esther Grant and family.

Our loved ones, **at rest with God, whose anniversaries fall at this time:**

Phil Ryan (husband of Judith, father of Gerard); Chunguang Lin; Ellen Sunjaya (mother of David); Valentine Erny (mother of Laity).

Our loved ones **who celebrated their birthday recently:**

Maria Bennett.

- For our beloved puppy Tino, we thank God for the wonderful memories he gave us. - Carmel V

GOSPEL REFLECTION: WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

This week I was really missing a friend of mine who passed away a few years ago when we were 28 years old, after a long battle with her mental health. I wish everyone on the planet could have met her, she was so incredibly kind, and funny, and one of the most compassionate people I've ever met. When she passed away, the first prayer I said was, "What have you done, Jesus?"

How could a life like this be taken? Why would you deprive the world of the goodness of this amazing person? Do you know what you've done to all of us that love her, Jesus?

I think in moments like these, we can relate to Pilate in today's Gospel. Pilate, the governor of a mighty empire, used to having the power to control outcomes, to shape the world around him, is suddenly faced with a man who doesn't fit into his neatly structured system. Pilate asks Jesus, "What have you done?" and he isn't asking just about the events that led to this trial. It's a question full of confusion, searching for some kind of explanation in a world that no longer makes sense to him.

How often do we find ourselves in Pilate's shoes? We're confronted with something—or someone—that challenges our understanding of the world, and we ask, "What have you done?". We ask, not because we're curious about the truth, but because we want to make sense of it, to bring it into terms we can control. We want to understand why bad things happen to good people, why suffering exists, why a life like my friend's was taken too soon. In a world where we feel powerless, we look for answers that bring us comfort, that make the pain and confusion easier to carry. We want to distance ourselves from the hard truths that Jesus stands before us with.

Pilate, too, is trying to distance himself. He asks, "What have you done?" because he doesn't know what to do with Jesus, a man who offers a kingdom that turns everything Pilate knows upside down.

Jesus doesn't answer Pilate's question the way he expects. He doesn't defend Himself or explain Himself. Instead, He speaks of a kingdom that isn't of this world—a kingdom of truth, not power. Pilate wants Jesus to fit into the systems he understands, but Jesus is beyond that. For Jesus, this moment is not about what is done, but who He is, where he is from, and where he belongs. The answer is Him.

In the midst of our confusion and sorrow, when we ask, "What have you done, Jesus?" we may not be asking because we want to know Him more deeply. Often, we're asking because we want answers that soothe our fears and doubts. But Jesus doesn't always give us the answers we want. Instead, He invites us into something greater—a relationship with Him, where He asks us a deeper question - the same question he asked Adam and Eve when they hid from him: "Where are you?".

So, as we reflect on Pilate's question, let us remember that Jesus isn't asking us to explain our actions or our pain. He's asking us "Where are you?". Where am I in relation to Him? Am I willing to step into the truth of His kingdom, to let His love transform me? Or do I, like Pilate, remain focused on what I think we can control, asking questions that keep Jesus at a distance?

The question "What have you done?" might be about trying to understand things, but Jesus' answer—through His very presence—invites us to something much deeper: to step into the truth He brings, to find peace not in answers, but in relationship with Him, the King of all the Universe.

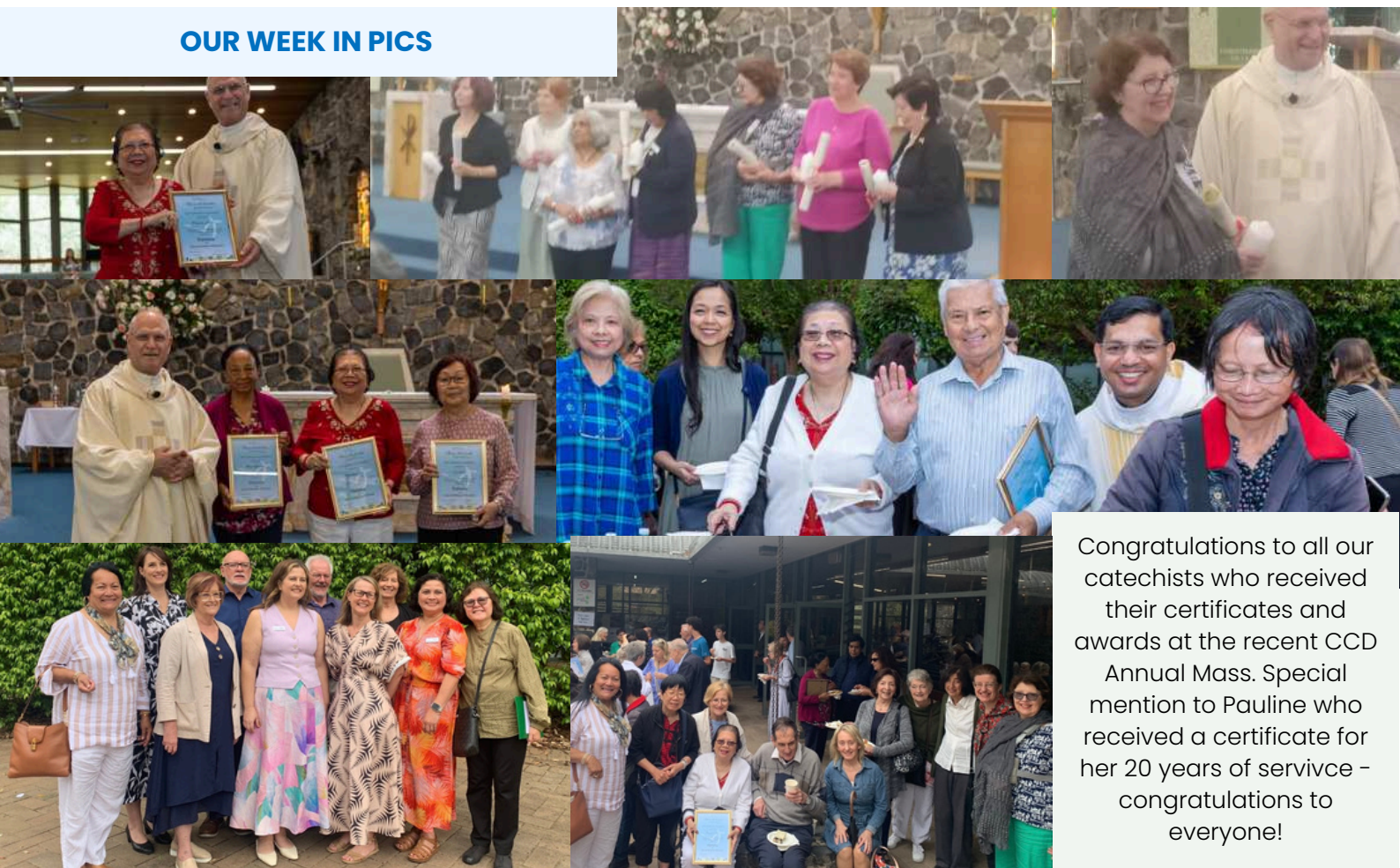
Let's ask ourselves not just what Jesus has done, but where am I to His kingdom? In the face of confusion, grief, and suffering, where am I in relation to the love and truth that Jesus offers? Am I willing to let go of my need for control and allow myself to be drawn into His mystery, trusting that His love will meet me right where I am?

Olivia Lee

Reflecting on the Gospel:

- When you find yourself questioning Jesus in difficult times, what is it you're really asking? Are you seeking understanding, justification, or reassurance?
- Pilate struggled to decide what to do with Jesus. How do you discern what to do with Jesus in your own life?
- Jesus stood calm and unwavering before Pilate. How do you respond when your faith is challenged or questioned?

OUR WEEK IN PICS



Congratulations to all our catechists who received their certificates and awards at the recent CCD Annual Mass. Special mention to Pauline who received a certificate for her 20 years of service - congratulations to everyone!

CAN YOU HELP AT THE CAROLS AT THE CONCOURSE?

We're looking for volunteers to help bring to life the joy of Christmas with our Carols at the Concourse to help make it a wonderful experience for all!

Roles include:

- Crowd direction: Guiding attendees to seating and key areas.
- Resource distribution: Handing out programs or other materials.
- Event set-up: Assisting with light preparations before the event.
- Warm welcome: Being a smiling, approachable presence to help everyone feel the joy of Jesus in this season.

When: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Training: A session will be held next week. If you're unable to attend, alternative arrangements can be made.

If you're available, please reach out to Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au by Wednesday 27 Nov.

Additionally, if you have **First Aid certification**, we'd love your help as a point of support for minor injuries during the event. Please contact the same email if you can assist in this vital role.

Your support will help bring the Christmas spirit to life to the wonderful community in Chatswood and Willoughby city—thank you!



Carols

at the Concourse



**7:30PM Saturday
14 December, 2024**



Chatswood Concourse
409 Victoria Ave,
Chatswood NSW

Bring your loved ones and your best singing voices, and join us to welcome the Christmas Season together by singing Christmas Carols at the Concourse!

More Information:

Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au



A gift to you, from the Christian Churches of Willoughby City.

ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA OPTIONAL MEMORIAL 25 NOVEMBER

- Catherine is celebrated for her intelligence. Tradition holds that she converted 50 philosophers who were sent to debate her. Inspired by her wisdom, they embraced Christianity!

- The infamous "Catherine Wheel," a torture device named after her, actually broke when she touched it, according to legend. Her miraculous escape led to her becoming the patron saint of wheelwrights and mechanics.
- Her relics are said to have been discovered by monks on Mount Sinai, where angels are said to have carried her body. Her remains are housed in the monastery named after her.
- St Joan of Arc credited St Catherine as one of the voices that guided her during her mission to save France.
- The famous Monastery of St Catherine at the base of Mount Sinai was named in her honor. It's one of the oldest Christian monasteries still in use today.





This week at Playgroup we celebrated Maria's birthday and she treated us to some beautiful Spring Rolls and stir-fried chicken and noodles! Happy birthday, Maria! We hope you have an amazing celebration of your wonderful life!



Thank you to everyone who joined us to pray the Rosary on Thursday to celebrate the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Thank you to everyone who joined in our Red Wednesday remembrance Mass for persecuted Christians around the world.





LAUNCH OF CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES

The Filipino Chaplaincy Broken Bay invites you to join the Launch of Simbang Gabi (Night/Dawn Mass) on Friday, 13th of December at 7:00pm to be held at Our Lady of Dolours Parish Church. Our Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be the main Presider at this Mass.

The practice of celebrating Novena (9) Masses is a Christmas tradition that started in the Philippines and is now embraced in many Catholic communities in Australia. It is a call to mission to prepare for the coming birth of Jesus and an opportunity to pray in joyful anticipation of the true meaning of Christmas. PAROLS or Christmas Lanterns will adorn the church to symbolise the Light of Christ for all to see. The Novena is celebrated over 9 consecutive dawn or evening masses from 15th-24th December.

In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the novena will be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary in Waitara, Our Lady of Dolours in Chatswood, St Kevin's Church in Dee Why and Triduum Mass at St. Cecilia's Church in Wyong. Dates and times are indicated in the flyer.

In keeping with Filipino tradition, food and fellowship will follow at the end of Mass.

Please RSVP by Sunday 8th December using the QR code in the flyer for catering purposes. Everyone welcome!

Praise and Worship with youth from across the diocese - such a wonderful evening!



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

Simbang Gabi Launch

(CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES LAUNCH)

13 DECEMBER 2024 | 7:00 PM
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH
94 Archer St, Chatswood

Fellowship will follow at the Forecourt
Contact: Thea De Joya 0413904009
RSVP for catering purposes
by scanning the QR code.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe / B

24 November 2024

BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH. Jesus Christ is the faithful witness. His role as king is to bear witness to the truth that God is love (1 Jn 4:8, 16). He does this through his words but most especially through his death on the cross. By listening to his voice and participating in the Eucharistic banquet we are drawn closer to him. Then, as sharers in his kingship, we are commissioned to go out and promote the kingdom of God in our world.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Apoc 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Gloria to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Dan 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel
His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and

languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 92:1-2, 5. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; / the Lord has robed himself with might, / he has girded himself with power. **R.**

2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; / your throne has stood firm from of old. / From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**

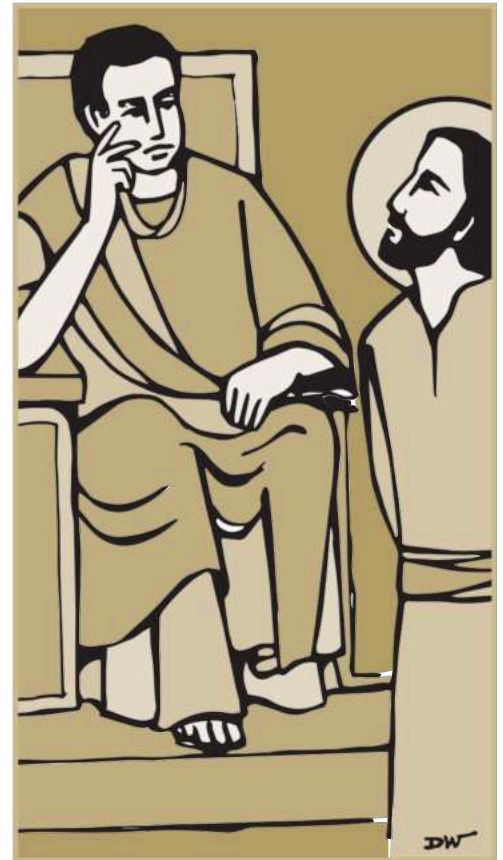
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. / Holiness is fitting to your house, / O Lord, until the end of time. **R.**

SECOND READING

Apoc 1:5-8

A reading from the book of Apocalypse
The ruler of the kings of the earth . . . made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of



the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 18:33-37

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have

handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY PROFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations

the gifts of unity and peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

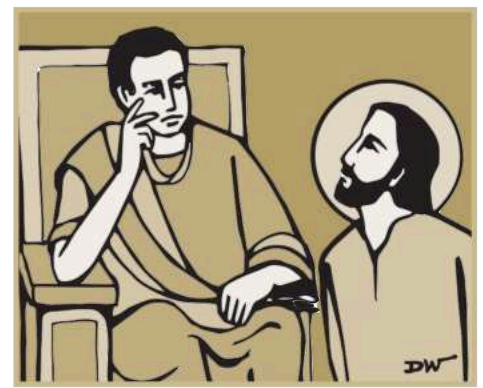
R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

'BORN FOR THIS'

The apocalyptic messages of the last weeks now arrive at the climax of our liturgical year: it is the end! In the first reading Daniel regales us with the vision of 'one like the son of man' coming on the clouds of heaven. Our psalm response chants, 'The Lord is 'King'.

We are taken to the passion narrative of John's Gospel: 'Are you the King of the Jews?' It is Pilate who asks. In this moment Jesus speaks with the clarity of the truth: 'My kingdom is not from this world'. Questioned further, he declares, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This short passage confirms what we already know that Jesus the Christ is 'the Word' who 'became flesh and lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.' (1:14). The 'I Am' statements in John's Gospel proclaim Jesus as 'the bread that came down from heaven' (6:41), 'the bread of life' (6:48), 'the living bread' (6:51), 'the light of the world' (8:12), 'the gate for the sheep' (10:7), 'the good shepherd' who lays his life down for his sheep (10:11), 'the resurrection and the life' (11:25), 'the way, the truth and the life' (14:6), 'the true vine' (15:1), 'the vine, and you are the branches' (15:5). This litany reveals the One in whom we believe and to whose voice we listen. Today we celebrate the One who was born for this.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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Lunar New Year 2025 Raffle Prizes

Raffle drawn on 2 February 2025 around 12:00 noon at the forecourt of Our Lady of Dolours Church Chatswood

1st Prize: \$500 Coles Gift Card

2nd Prize: A night for 2 at Fairmont Resort Blue Mountain

3rd Prize: 1 Day Spiritual Retreat for 2 at JISA Pymble

4th Prize: \$300 Myers Gift Card

5th Prize: Whale Watch for 2 in Sydney

6th Prize: \$200 Uniqlo Gift Card

7th Prize: \$150 Voucher Mr Fat Duck Restaurant Chatswood

8th Prize: 1.5 hour Spiritual Retreat for 2 at JISA Pymble

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Lunar New Year
2025

The Chinese Catholic Association invites you to celebrate Lunar New Year - Sunday 2 February Fundraising event for Pastoral Works Broken Bay

Mass at 10:30am then celebration on the forecourt of Our Lady of Dolours Church Chatswood

Lion Dancers
Raffle Drawn by Father David Ranson
Food Stalls start from 10:00am and more!

We welcome your support | Trybooking QR code to donate



EFT Details below to donate
Chatswood Parish Working Account
BSB: 062-784 Account: 10000 1609
Ref: LNYD Your name

Contact: amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au | Tel: 9410-9032

FAMOUS CHINESE BIBLE QUOTE

我為此而生，我也為此而來到世界上，為給真理作證：凡屬於真理的，必聽從我的聲音。 **若望福音 18:37**

For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice. **John 18:37**

Chatswood Chinese Catholic Association



CAN YOU HELP?

Wreath making: If you're available on Monday morning (November 25) please join us in the Pew Garden to make wreaths for the church in preparation for advent. Let Ditas know if you're free - 0405 999 510.

Lunar New Year: We're looking for volunteers to:

- Welcome and direct attendees, helping them navigate the event.
- Support stalls by assisting with supplies or other needs.
- Ensure safety by keeping an eye on the crowd and providing assistance as required.

Be part of the friendly team that spreads the spirit of celebration and community! If you're available and interested, please reach out to Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au.

**END OF YEAR
MASS & DINNER**

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS

WEDNESDAY

4

DECEMBER

Mass: 6:30 PM

HARRINGTON HALL

94 Archer Street, Chatswood
(Parking available in St Pius X College)
Entrance via Ferguson Lane access ONLY
from Anderson Street NOT Archer Street
Please take your car out after mass

Dinner: 7:30 PM till late

Level 1, THAI NAAN RESTAURANT

230 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood
(opposite Baldry Street)

As the restaurant is BYO. You will need to bring your own alcohol. We will provide some wine and beers to get started. Nearest bottle shop is located at Vintage Cellars in Chatswood Chase entrance of Victoria Avenue open until 8pm

COST: \$45PP (CASH ONLY) RSVP by 30/11/24



HAPPY BIRTHDAY PLAYGROUP!

Join us in celebrating our Playgroup's 1st Anniversary!

Thursday 28th November
1pm Magnificat Room

Bring your children and join the party
—everyone is welcome!
Let's make it a day to remember!

MINISTRY CIRCLE: SUSTAINING OUR COMMUNITY



PEW GIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE

Looking for Christmas gifts that are meaningful, beautiful and affordable? Come and check out the PEW Christmas Gift stall on Sunday, the 8th of December from 9am-12:00noon at the Church forecourt. Items for sale will include Nativity scenes, inspirational gifts, Christmas tree toppers, cards, God's Word 2025, calendars and more! See you there!



MINISTRY CIRCLE: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS



INDONESIAN LEGION OF MARY

**Legio Maria Bunda Rahmat Ilahi
(Mother of Divine Mercy)**

Current meeting location:
St Peter Room, 7:00 PM

Note: Starting January 6, meetings will move to every Monday in the Magnificat Room.

For more information, please contact:

Caroline Lim
☎ 0430 888 598
✉ Caroline.Lim26@yahoo.com



CHATSWOOD menALIVE

Chatswood menALIVE is part of a National Catholic Mens Movement these past 20 years and is represented in 26 dioceses throughout Australia and New Zealand encompassing some 25,000 men.

The purpose of menALIVE is to help men discover God at work in their lives, a God who is walking beside them on their own personal journey.

Chatswood menALIVE meets twice monthly to discuss men's topics, leading to in-depth personal reflection & prayer with a scriptural basis.

In addition to regular monthly meetings, other events include:

- A National Conference (menALIVE MAX)
- State of Origin Nights
- Sydney Camino Walk
- Men's Masses & Bar B Q's
- Men's Breakfast
- Men's Movie Nights

**MEETINGS EVERY 2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
MAGNIFICAT ROOM**

PARISH MEETING ROOMS
CNR OF ARCHER & KIRK ST, CHATSWOOD
OPPOSITE OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH
MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7 PM

**ALL MEN WELCOME
FOR MORE INFO**

PETER WOO: 0433 030 016

SCOTT SULLIVAN: 0406 512 425

MINISTRY CIRCLE: LEADING REFLECTIVE LIVES



Public Rosary
ON THE FORECOURT

DECEMBER

07

3:00PM RECONCILIATION

3:45PM CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

4:00PM ROSARY

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

to participate in
Befriending with Genie program



This wonderful initiative is part of the work of our young parishioner Carissa!

Are you or someone you know



65 years and above **AND** living with diagnosed dementia or having problems with their memory or thinking?

OR



providing care to a family member/friend who is living with dementia?

AND



Are you interested in expanding your social support network to reduce loneliness?

We are looking for participants from

- Chinese & Hindi speaking backgrounds
- Living at home (not in residential aged care facilities)
- Living in Sydney

If so, join our **8-week Befriending with Genie program** which aims to reduce loneliness, and increase social support for people living with dementia, and caregivers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

The project is being conducted by researchers at Edith Cowan University in Perth, National Ageing Research Institute in Melbourne, and The University of Sydney in Sydney.

Want to learn more?

- Watch the project video

<http://www.youtube.com/@BwG-Information-Consent>

Scan the QR code

Available in Hindi
<http://www.youtube.com/@BwG-Information-Consent>



- Please discuss the information with a family member or close friend

Interested?

Contact the research team.



Fill in this **online form**

- <https://redcap.link/bwgen-ecr>
- Scan QR code



OR



Email: bwgen@ecu.edu.au

A researcher will contact you to chat about the project.

Approved by the Edith Cowan University Research Ethics Committee (REF: 2023-04072-BALDASSAR) and funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council Medical Research Future Fund (MRF2024420)



RECONCILIATION FOR CHINESE SPEAKERS

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church will host Reconciliation in Mandarin and Cantonese. This is being offered by two visiting priest to our parish

Date: 7th of December Time: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Location: Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067

This is a unique opportunity for those who speak Mandarin or Cantonese to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in their native language.

Everyone is welcome! For more details, please contact Grace @ 0403345809. We look forward to seeing you there!

两位来访的神父将以普通话和粤语在Our Lady of Dolours教堂举办修和聖事

日期: 12月7日

时间: 中午12:00 – 下午1:30

地点: Our Lady of Dolours 天主教堂, 地址: 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067

对于那些说普通话或粤语的人来说, 这是一个独特的机会, 可以用他们的母语接受和好圣事。

欢迎大家!

欲了解更多详情, 请联系 Grace @ 0403345809。我们期待您的光临!

MINISTRY CIRCLE: CARING FOR OUR WORLD

ENJOY A TRADITIONAL AND HANDMADE CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE THIS YEAR AND HELP OTHERS IN THE PROCESS!

OLOD Parish Tertiary Education Scholarship for Timor Leste is partnering with ATLAS a volunteer-run charity that aims to lift the people of Timor-Leste out of poverty by supporting education and training to raise funds for our Timor Leste projects. Fifty percent of profits on cakes we sell will go to our own Tertiary Scholarship and remaining profits to other ATLAS projects including Maubara Orphanage, micro business grants and support for an aged care facility in a remote area.

Treat yourself or a loved one to a delicious 1 kg fruit cake—packed with flavor, festively packaged, and perfect for the Christmas season. Whether as a centerpiece for your family table or a thoughtful gift for friends or employees, these cakes are a meaningful way to celebrate and give back.

- Price: \$30 each
- Availability: Only 50 cakes, so pre-order now!
- How to order:
 - Call Carla at 0402 373 728
 - Email carlagageler@outlook.com

Cakes will also be available for sale from Sunday, December 8th at after 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am and 5.30pm Masses. Support this initiative and make a difference for the people of Timor-Leste!



\$30 each

NEXT WEEK: CHURCH EVENTS, PRAYER, AND LITURGY

- Monday
25 November
- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary (Cenacle, MMP).
 - **12:30pm Mass.**
 - 1pm Rosary.
 - 1:30pm Organ practice SC.
 - 4:30pm Organ Lesson BO.

- Tuesday
26 November
- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
 - **9am Mass.**
 - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
 - 10:30am Organ practice SC.
 - **12:30pm Mass.**
 - 1pm Rosary.
 - 2pm Organ practice OC.

- Wednesday
27 November
- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
 - **9am Mass.**
 - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
 - **12:30pm Mass.**
 - 2pm OLOD graduation practice.
 - 3:30pm Organ practice BJ.
 - **6:30pm Volunteers Thank You Mass.**

- Thursday
28 November
- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
 - **9am Mass.**
 - **9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration**, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
 - **12:30pm Mass.**
 - 1pm Rosary.
 - 2pm OLOD graduation practice.
 - 3pm Organ lesson SC.
 - 4pm Organ lesson TL.
 - **7:00pm Holy Hour Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration** with Reconciliation also available.

- Friday
29 November
- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
 - **9am Mass.**
 - 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
 - 10:30am Organ practice SC.
 - **12:30pm Mass.**
 - 2pm OLOD graduation practice.
 - 3pm Organ lesson BJ.
 - 4pm Organ lesson AH.
 - 4:45pm Organ practice BO.

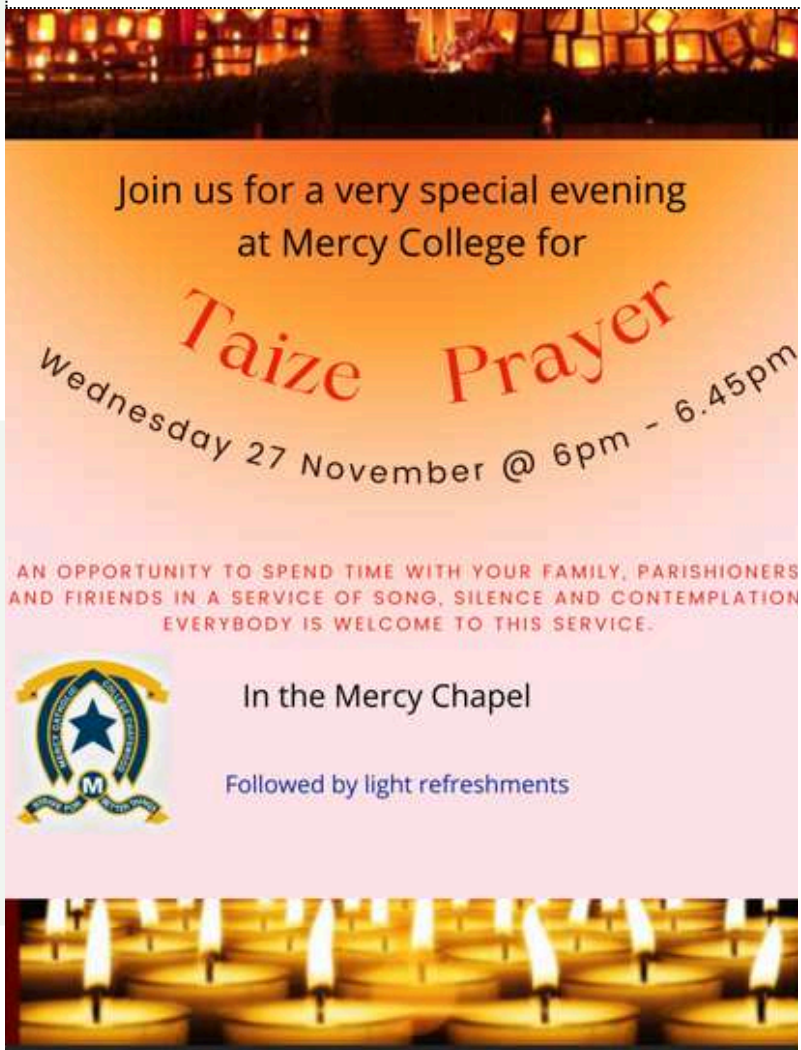
- Saturday
30 November
- Feast:
St Andrew**
- 8:45am Morning Prayer.
 - **9am Mass**
 - **9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration**, Reconciliation, Rosary.
 - 10:00am Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 - 10:30am Baptism.

- 11am Choir practice.
- 12:30pm Organ practice SC.
- 5:00pm Vigil Singers.
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass.**

Sunday Mass
1 December

1st Sunday of Advent

- **7:30am Mass.**
- **9:00am Mass.**
- **10:30am Mass.**
- 12pm Filipino Mass.
- 1:30pm Organ practice SC.
- 2:30pm Organ practice AH.
- 4pm Youth choir AW.
- **5:30pm Mass.**




Join us for a very special evening
at Mercy College for

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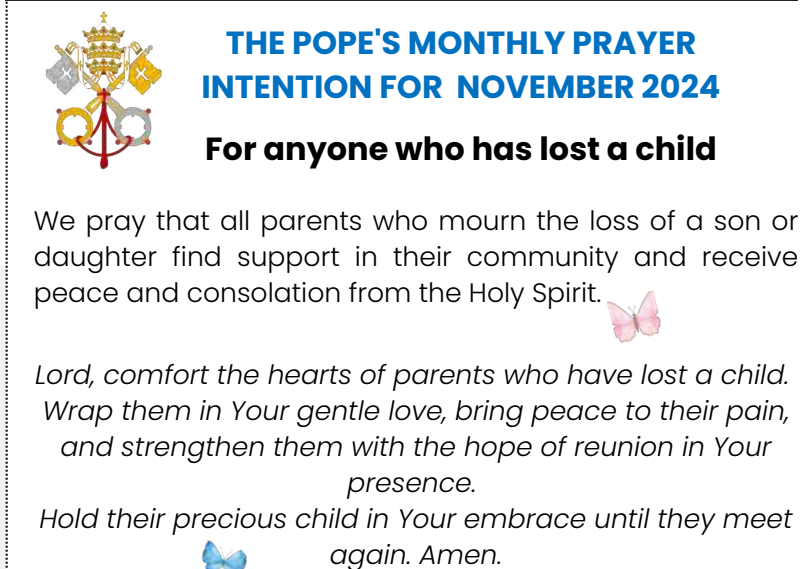
Wednesday 27 November @ 6pm - 6.45pm


AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN A SERVICE OF SONG, SILENCE AND CONTEMPLATION EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE.



In the Mercy Chapel


Followed by light refreshments






THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2024

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit. 

Lord, comfort the hearts of parents who have lost a child. Wrap them in Your gentle love, bring peace to their pain, and strengthen them with the hope of reunion in Your presence.

Hold their precious child in Your embrace until they meet again. Amen. 

NEXT WEEK IN THE MEETING ROOMS

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| <p>Monday
25 November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:30pm Friends & Fellowship (St Paul). • 5:30pm 9am Choir practice (St Paul). • 6:30pm Booking for Sally (Pew Garden) set up 5pm. |
| <p>Tuesday
26 November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am Bible Study (St Paul). • 3:45pm Atrium for 3-6, 6-9 & 9-12 year olds (Atrium). • 7pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter). • 7pm Journey into Truth (Magnificat, St Paul) set up 5:30pm. • 6pm Focolare Visit (Harrington Hall). • 7pm Filipino Choir (Harrington Hall). |
| <p>Wednesday
27 November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am English Lifestyle Conversations (Magnificat). • 7pm MenAlive faith discussion (Magnificat) set up 6:30pm. • 7pm Exploring the Faith (St Peter). |
| <p>Thursday
28 November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am Atrium for 3-6 year olds (Atrium). • 1pm Playgroup (Magnificat) set up 12pm. • 6pm Altos choir practice (St Paul). |
| <p>Friday
29 November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am Meditation and Sharing (St Paul) set up 9:30am. • 7pm Mini Food Fair (Magnificat, St Paul) • 7pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing. |
| <p>Saturday
30 November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am Music ministry party prep (Harrington Hall). • 10am Music Lessons (St Paul). • 10:30am Legion of Mary Praesidium (St Peter) set up 10am. • 3:30pm Confessions of St Augustine with Bishop David Walk (Magnificat). |
| <p>Sunday Mass
1 December</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am Choir (St Paul). • 10am Filipino fellowship and prep (Magnificat, 10:30 in St Paul & Pew Garden). • 11am RCIA (St Peter). • 11:30am Morning tea after 10:30am Mass (Pew Garden). • 12pm Chinese Catholic Association (Pew Garden). • 3:30pm Piety Stall (Magnificat) • 6:30pm Capstone Young Adults (Magnificat, St Paul) set up 4:30pm. |



Happy Anniversary to our Fr David! For an incredible 32 years now Fr David has faithfully served people all over Australia. Fr David, thank you for your incredibly hard work, your kindness, your patience, your innovation, and the way that you free us to be exactly who God calls us to be. Our love and prayers are with you today, in deep appreciation for all that you are and bring to our parish. ❤️



You are invited to join our Combined Christmas Party with:

*First Saturday Public Rosary Group
Parish Zoom Rosary Group
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotees Group
Cenacle Prayer Group*

*Saturday 7 December at 1.30 pm
in the Magnificat Room*

Please bring a plate and if possible indicate what you will be bringing.

Tea/Coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

*Please RSVP by 30 November to
Elaine on 0492 877 628
Or Lei on 0447 299 981*

or email - mail@gotomary.com



The 10 Year Anniversary Concert
MARLISA
LIVE!
At The Concourse



Special Guests

*Mary Ann Van Der Horst (X Factor 2014)
Ripley Alexander (Australian Idol 2024)*

The Lounge, Thursday, 12 Dec 2024

**THE CONCOURSE, 109 Victoria Ave,
Chatswood NSW 2067**

Doors Open 6:30 pm



Tickets

INFO AT A GLANCE

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**Parent Engagement Co-Ordinator
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Thursdays 8:00am - 4:00pm

**Parent Engagement Co-Ordinator
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Want to receive the bulletin via e-mail?

Contact Olivia at Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au

Regular Mass Times:

Monday Mass 12:30pm.

Tuesday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

Wednesday Mass 9:00am, 12:30pm & 6:30pm.

Thursday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Reconciliation: 7:00pm.

Friday Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.

Saturday Mass: 9:00am
Reconciliation: 9:30am.
Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Sunday Mass

- 7:30am
- 9:00am
- 10:30am
- 5:30pm



HELP US REACH OUR PARISH QUOTA OF \$73,693

All donations \$2 and above are tax deductible.

*Thank you for supporting the work of our catechists,
and hospital chaplains.*

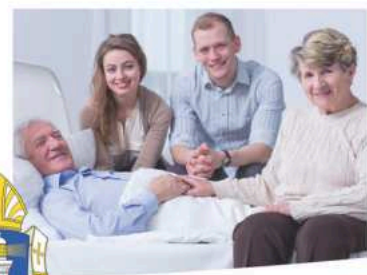
“Connecting to the Mission of Jesus Christ!”

NOVEMBER APPEAL

SUNDAYS 17th & 24th

Confraternity of
Christian Doctrine (CCD)

Hospital Chaplaincy
and Pastoral Care



Every gift makes a difference. **THANK YOU!**



Please give generously to our
NOVEMBER 2024 APPEAL

**PASTORAL
WORKS**
Broken Bay

Our Lady of Dolours Parish is committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and vulnerable adults.

If you have any concerns about safety contact the parish office on 02 9410 9000 or contact the Office of Safeguarding on 02 8379 1605. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all who enter our church.