

Our Lady of Dolours



Parish Established 1910

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood
Diocese of Broken Bay

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

29 April 2018 – Year B/2

We wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Cammeraygal and the Wallumedegal. We acknowledge their elders and the spirits and ancestors of these proud people. We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



- **Sat, 5 May** - Bunnings BBQ (Help needed)
- **Mon, 7 May** @ 10am – Catechist Meeting
- **Weds, 9 May** @ 7.30pm - Father Factor

THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND: This weekend you'll find contribution envelopes on your seats for the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) collection which will take place next week. The CWF is a levy the Diocese places on each parish, to fund some of the collective works of the Diocese: hospital chaplains, catechist resources, and St Edmunds and St Lucy's special schools. Our levy for this financial year is \$45,649. If we estimate that we have 1500 parishioners (although there are 1200-1300 any given weekend) then that equates to around \$30 per parishioner per year, though of course many of those 1500 parishioners are children or unwaged, so we are grateful to the people who can afford to give more to relieve the burden on those who cannot afford to give as much. Please take an envelope home this week, and complete your details if you want to give by credit card, cash or cheque, and if you would like to claim the 100% tax deduction available. Thank you for your generosity.



Next weekend 5/6 May is also Name Tag Sunday. Don't forget to wear your name tag or use one of our stick-on labels available.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES: Three groups of parishioners are now in their second of four weeks experiencing the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius. These exercises involve imagination, memory, emotion, and being attentive to the felt presence of God or distance from God in prayer. They also give structures for dealing with distractions in prayer (something we all experience). Two new groups, including a group of school parents will begin the Exercises this week.

MAY CENSUS: During May we take a census (a head count) at each Mass. The results help us, the Diocese and the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference plan ahead. This is always done in May, so that over many years there is consistency, and attendance trends can be observed. If you're taking up the collection plate, please count the number of people in your section of the church and write it down in the purple book on the table in the narthex. This is best done during the homily, as you stand at the back of the church while everyone else is seated. Thanks for your help.

THE POWER OF BEING A FATHER: Men who had a good relationship with their father have a higher life satisfaction level later in life. When fathers are involved in their children's lives, society sees a decline in premature deaths, substance abuse and law-breaking tendencies. Yet even the best of men can struggle with how to be a parent to their young, teenage or even adult children. We are honoured to host author and presenter Robert Falzon for one night only on Wednesday May 9th 7.30pm in the Harrington Hall in the school grounds. Robert is something of a Catholic version of Steve Biddulph, a man who can powerfully address the challenges and opportunities for contemporary fathering. But this presentation isn't just for fathers, it's for young men who will become fathers, and for women who want to support their husband in being a great father. I (Fr Jim) very much endorse Robert's presentation and I'd love to see you there. To help us out, RSVP by Friday 4 May 2018 to Cristina on 9847 0428 or faith.formation@dbb.org.au

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Within the Parish

THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE met this week to continue reviewing the governance of the parish. We have begun developing a risk register, as many businesses do, to ensure we have safeguards in place for the smooth functioning of the parish. In many ways if the Finance Committee does their job well, you never notice it, because much of the financial and legal compliance is behind the scenes, and you never know it is happening until something goes wrong! We have also begun preparing the 2018-2019 budget to include increased pastoral programs and necessary building maintenance. We're grateful to the Finance Committee (Tony DiMauro, Richard Wrona, Chrystal DeCroos, Andrew Wilson, Christine Steele and Martin Teulan, along with Gail Gill as ex-officio) for their good work. *Fr Jim*

REJOICE AND BE GLAD!

(Gaudete et Exsultate) is the title of Pope Francis' latest Apostolic Exhortation. Last week Fr Jim and Gail Gill introduced this short, wonderfully readable call to holiness for all people at the 9am Mass. Fr Jim will continue to teach from it at the 10.30am Mass this week. Pope Francis encourages us that holiness is something we can all achieve, not just nuns and monks and those who lived in the European middle ages. He invites to notice *the saints next door* – the ordinary people who achieve holiness through marriage, parenthood, and generosity in community life. Fr Jim will share a section on being joyful this week. We'll have copies available for purchase in early May, or you can download the text by searching "Pope Francis Rejoice and be Glad".

"Rejoice and be glad' (Mt 5:12), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence." (GE, 1)

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

One of the key ways we raise funds for our orphanage in Timor Leste is by running a Bunnings barbecue. The Maubara Orphanage is a Parish project and we are currently supporting four girls undertake tertiary study.



**Social
Justice
@ OLD
Parish**

On **Saturday 5 May** we are looking for helpers for the barbecue at Bunnings Artarmon. If you could give us a couple of hours on that day we would be delighted to hear from you. It's greasy work but good fun. Please contact Trish on 0431 696 504 or lozzawil@tpg.com.au

FR JOHN ON LEAVE

I will be on leave from 23 April until 24 May, returning home to India but no holidays or leave for my spiritual affairs. While I am there I'll be spending time with my family members, friends, relatives, priests and my Archbishop in Kerala, India. I belong to the Archdiocese of Verapoly, Cochin. I will also be going on a pilgrimage, visiting my old parish and celebrating three weddings. So, I will remember you all in my prayers and if you could keep me in your prayers too while I am away. Thank You. *John Puliparambil*

TERM 2 CATECHISTS MEETING

All catechists and anyone interested in hearing more about the day to day working of the catechists is very welcome to attend our TERM 2 Meeting.

- Date: Monday 7th May
- Time: 10am for cup of tea 10.15am for meeting

If any catechist has an item for the agenda please advise your delegate or contact Jen Perrott directly on: Jennifer@chatswoodparish.org.au. Hope to see everyone, Jen



OUR CHURCH – A HOUSE OF WORSHIP

As we gather in our Church for worship, it is so meaningful and desirable that we should affirm our common bond and presence of each other.

However, we should do so in a way that respects the sacredness of the Church and preserves the prayerful silence required during mass. Please reserve all social chats until you are outside the Church.

Also, our volunteer cleaners do a great job each weekend after mass in maintaining the tidiness/cleanliness of the Church. You can assist them by not leaving used tissues, lolly papers, chewing gum etc on or under the pews. As you leave the Church, please make sure that you take any rubbish with you and place it in the bin outside the Church. Thank you. ☺

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Baptisms: Joseph Annis-Brown & Jayden Silva Sheikh

Sick: Ruth Curtin, Michael Flynn, Bridie Cribbin & Jacqui Kilkeary

Deceased: Luz Rimorin

Deceased Anniversaries: Connie Walshe

Recently Deceased: Michael Allan Cleur, Harold & Merlin Nonis



COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

If you have any cold or flu symptoms eg. cough, sneezing, etc., (or any other communicable

disease, cold sores, etc.) please refrain from receiving communion from the Chalice until you have recovered. Thank you.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Please be aware we have low gluten hosts available for parishioners who wish to take Holy Communion but are gluten intolerant. If you wish to have a low gluten host, please let the Senior Altar Server or priest know before the mass you are attending by going to the Sacristy **at least 10 minutes** before the mass begins.

KIDS' BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Twice a year, we run a preparation program for 6-10 year old children who would like to be baptised. This program includes the parents and child attending preparation sessions together in a small group with other children and families.



Our next Kids' Baptism Program will begin on **Sunday 27 May 2018**. If you would like to know more about this program, or would like your child to join this program, you can download the information and enrolment forms from our parish website. <http://www.chatswood.dbb.org.au/> Click on **Sacraments** then **Baptism** and then **Kids' Baptism**. If you would like to discuss baptism for your child at any age, please contact **Angela at the Parish Office**.

OZ ROSARY #53 – SUNDAY 13 MAY 2018

Parishioners are invited to come together at 11.30am (immediately after the 10.30am Mass) and pray the rosary in the church on Sunday 13 May 2018. The intention is to heed Our Lady's call to pray the rosary and to entrust the future of our nation to God through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is also an occasion for us to honour Mary on Mother's Day as she is our spiritual mother. (Marian Catholic Action Group)



April Safeguarding Message

A safe parish community is one that seeks the views of children and young people and takes into account their age, development, maturity, understanding and abilities and the different formats and means of communication they use.

(Office for Safeguarding, Chancery)



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

Monday

1.45pm Spiritual Exercises in BBR

Tuesday

9.45am Bible Discussion in BBR

7.15pm Liturgy Committee in Parish Office

Thursday

11am Spiritual Exercises in BBR

6.30pm Vinnies Conversations in FCR

7pm Alpha Bible Study in BBR

Friday

10am Meditation in FCR

7pm Sacred Heart Mass (Church) & Supper (BBR)

7.30pm Home Rosary 12 Stan St, Willoughby

Saturday

10am Chinese RCIA in FCR

4pm May Baptism Preparation in BBR

6.30pm Spiritual Exercises in FCR

Sunday

11.30am RCIA in FCR

6.30pm Spiritual Exercises in FCR

Outside the Parish

UBUNTU Africa

They wowed local residents when they visited Australia in 2016. UBUNTU Africa was so touched with the warm hospitality offered by the local community KwaYa Australia couldn't resist adding another visit to their 2018 itinerary.

Graduates of The African Children's Choir share their poignant stories through song, masterful drumming and mind-blowing dance moves.

Performing on Monday 21 May @ 7pm at St Pius X College. Book online www.kwaya.org or contact Sean Brannan on 9411 4733

New Walking Thru Cancer Support Group

Have you been impacted by Cancer? Then you know that this challenging journey may leave you feeling emotionally overwhelmed and physically exhausted at times. At LifeSource Christian Church, we would like to support you through this demanding time. Tues May 8, every 2nd Tuesday afterwards. LifeSource Christian Church, 175 Lower Gibbes St, Chatswood. 10 – 11.30 am (an evening program may run if required) RSVP: Merrill 0416 416 200 or Kay 0411 065 694. (This is a free service provided by LifeSource Community Care)

Willoughby Symphony Choir "The Seasons" by Haydn

2pm Sunday 6 May 2018. The Concourse, Chatswood. Adult \$45; Child \$20. Bookings: The Concourse 8075 8111 or Ticketek 1300 795 012

Catalyst for Renewal Q&A

Robert Fitzgerald AM on Sunday 27th May 2018 1.30pm – 3pm. The Crypt, St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks. Entry \$10 per head. www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.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 – 2pm Saturday in Church, fortnightly.

Morning Prayer - 8.45am Monday to Saturday

Rosary - 9.30am Monday to Saturday; 7pm Wednesdays.

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. Also during weekday Mass, before surgery or medical treatment, or by request.

Baptisms - See the brochure in the Church foyer, go to our website 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).

EASTER SUNDAY MASS READINGS:

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31 He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24 His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

Gospel: Jn 15:1-8 All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS:

MON: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

TUES: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

WEDS: 1 Jn 5:1-5; Mt 10:22-25
St Athanasius

THURS: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Sts Philip and James

FRI: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

SAT: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

		<u>28/29 April</u>	<u>5/6 May</u>
Vigil	5.30pm	Bishop David	Fr Andrew
Sun	7.30am	Fr Jim	Fr Andrew(K)
	9.00am	Fr Andrew(K)	Fr Jim*
	10.30am	Fr Jim(K)	Bishop David(K)
	12noon	-----	Filipino Mass
	5.30pm	Fr Andrew	Fr Jim

*Baptism Presentations

	5.30 pm Saturday	7.30 am Sunday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5.30 pm Sunday
Week 1 5 & 6 May	Junior Server: Catherine Ho Isabella Ho James Ho Genevieve Ho Senior Server: Mike Kilkeary	Senior Server: Bernard Ryan	Junior Server: Angelo Fernando Clare Guo Stephanie Ho Emanuela Leung Senior Server: John Wang Gabriel Yi	Junior Server: Braiden Gunaratnam Breah Gunaratnam Laureen Talao Senior Server: James Godfrey Elizabeth Jung	Junior Server: Eda Chiou McKayla Tan Senior Server: James Godfrey

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*.