

Our Lady of Dolours

Parish Established 1910

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood
Diocese of Broken Bay

The ASCENSION of the LORD

13 May 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.



- **Sun, 13 May - OZRosary**
- **19/20 May – First Communion celebrated at all masses**

It is wonderful that many parishioners have involvement in groups and ministries and activities beyond the parish. From time to time people ask Fr Jim for permission to promote these things in the parish bulletin or noticeboards. In general we are happy to support and promote things when there is room. All requests can go straight to Nicole Gorman, our Parish Secretary, rather than Fr Jim. Priority always goes to parish events, followed by other events within the Diocese, then other Catholic events, then other events in general. Nicole can confer with Fr Jim whenever more clarity is needed.

Long term parishioner Tony Pittorino died peacefully at his home in Windsor Gardens this week. His funeral will be celebrated at 10.15am on Tuesday May 15th. Parishioners are welcome to join the family in remembering, celebrating, and commending his soul to God in prayer.

Communion Services: During the week of June 11-15 all priests belonging to Broken Bay Diocese or appointed in the Diocese will be attending the annual Clergy Conference. Whilst there are some retired priests and others who will be assisting us, with two Masses each weekday there will be need for some communion services that week. If you are able to lead a communion service during that week, please contact Fr Jim this week to make arrangements.

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Preparing to Welcome Alpha Guests



Alpha is an outreach of hospitality from the whole parish. Before we can begin to invite guests to Alpha we need to prepare for them so that their experience at Chatswood is one of wonderful hospitality.

Alpha is for everyone. It provides a fresh opportunity to look at the basics of Christian faith in a relaxed and non-threatening environment.

People who have lost connection with the Church, parents who have presented their children for baptism and the sacraments but have lost contact with Church themselves, those that only come to church for Christmas, Easter, weddings and funerals and those who come to Mass occasionally but feel that they want to deepen their relationship with Jesus will all benefit from Alpha.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ALPHA?

Please consider being part of one of the Alpha programs in a different way as part of an Alpha taskforce. The more people who volunteer for one of the many tasks, the less the time commitment will be for volunteers.

A ROLE FOR EVERYONE

Begin thinking about who you might invite to experience Alpha. Publicity will begin as soon as there are sufficient volunteers to run the Alpha programs.

ALPHA UPDATES & INFORMATION

Go to the Alpha page on the parish website:
www.chatswoodparish.org.au
gail@chatswoodparish.org.au

Alpha Taskforce Volunteers

Sign on sheets are at the entrance of the Church.

The more volunteers, the easier the work will be. If you are able to assist on one of these teams for even just one or two of the Alpha sessions that would be wonderful!

Within the Parish

'Rejoice and be glad' "I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence. We might call them 'the middle class of holiness'". (GE, 7)

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**.



May Safeguarding Message

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults is a practical living out of the baptismal vocation of every member of the Church to ensure the safety and well-being of those whom the Lord sets before us as those to whom the 'Kingdom of God belongs' (Mt 19:14)

(Office for Safeguarding, Chancery)

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Ruth Curtin, Michael Flynn, Bridie Cribbin, Jacqui Kilkeary, Flor Almasco, Hilda Martinez, Romeo Martinez, Rene Montemayor, Cindy Randy & Tomislav Petesic

Deceased Anniversaries: Mervyn Walshe Jr, John Patrick Brien, Frana Bacic, Lucy Chee, Rowella Rimorin, Victoria Tuazon, Marcos Pangilinan Jr., Noel Pangilinan, Robin Tuazon & Giuseppina Mico

Deceased: Irene Ward & Arturo C. Dino

Recently Deceased: Anthony Pittorino, Verity Cousens & Rosa Lee

JOB VACANCY: The parish is looking for a part-time Administration Assistant to work as part of our Children's Ministry team. This position is for six hours per week, with flexible hours to suit a parent with school-aged children available. Good written and spoken English, proficiency in MS Word, Excel and Powerpoint. This appointment is subject to a satisfactory Working with Children Check Clearance in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 (NSW). Please contact the parish office on 9410 9000 or office@chatswoodparish.org.au for a full position description and to send applications. Applications close May 16th.

PARISH COMMUNICATION: Traditionally parishes have relied on a printed newsletter such as the one you're reading right now to communicate with parishioners. Increasingly people now receive their information online, and so we are launching a new channel of communication within the parish. In the coming weeks we will have the capacity to send out the weekly bulletin as an email to anybody who subscribes to it. We invite you to take up this opportunity to subscribe by going to the "news and events" page of www.chatswoodparish.org.au. We will automatically subscribe everybody for whom we have an email address. You will receive only one weekly email, and you'll have the option to unsubscribe at the bottom of each email. You can also download the app by searching "church enews" in the Play Store or iTunes, selecting "Church ENews Experts", and then entering "Chatswood" to select our parish. You'll get alerts for each new church newsletter, and the archive of previous bulletins will be available also. We hope this will both improve parishioner's access to parish information, and in time reduce our reliance on printed paper.

MAY CENSUS: We continue our census (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.

KOREAN RECONCILIATION

Fr Andrew Kim offers Reconciliation in Korean twice a month (every fortnight) at 2pm at Our Lady of Dolours Church. Next one will be on Saturday 19th May. Please contact Fr Andrew on 9410 9028 or Andrew@chatswoodparish.org.au if you have any questions.

CATECHIST CORNER

Did you know.... The Big Bang Theory came about from a Catholic priest? Last week I went along to two presentations by Brother Guy Consolmagno which were held on Saturday 28 April and Monday night 30 April at Waitara and Tuggerah. Br Guy is the Director of the Vatican Observatory who holds a PhD in Planetary Science, written a number of books and has a plethora of other achievements under his belt. As both a Jesuit and a scientist, Br Guy explored the fascinating topic of how faith and science co-exist. This was both informative and exciting.



For me, it really brought to the forefront of my mind how amazing our God really is. We know this, however, until it is put right in front of you in this manner, do we really appreciate it? Many children in the classroom will say things like “I don’t believe in God, I believe in the Big Bang.” It is not an either/or reality as many children believe it to be. They seem to think you have to believe in God or a Big Bang, it can’t be both. They don’t understand God created the Big Bang!!

'God's creation out of nothing doesn't mean something that happened billions of years ago... It means continual creation by a God that is not limited by time. God continually wills the universe to exist...' Brother Guy Consolmagno

DAMAGED SIGNAGE ON ARCHER ST

The cost of repairing the signage that was damaged over Easter is unreasonably expensive. Currently, the Diocesan Property Manager is negotiating with the construction company to seek a less expensive and more durable solution.

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

Monday

1.45pm Spiritual Exercises in FCR
3pm Atrium in FCR

Tuesday

9.45am Bible Discussion in BBR
7.15pm PPC in Parish Office

Wednesday

5pm & 7pm First Communion practices in Church

Thursday

11am Spiritual Exercises in FCR
6.30pm Vinnies Conversations in FCR
7.30pm Home Rosary at 8A Cambridge Street, Willoughby (Thursday)

9.30am – 8pm First Communion Retreats in BBR

Friday

10am Meditation in FCR
12.15pm Anointing Mass in Church
6.30pm Mass for Feast Day Blessed Alvaro del Portillo

Sunday

11.30am RCIA in BBR

FAMILY GROUP PROMOTION

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Family Groups Movement in OLD parish. Family Groups (FGs) promotion in OLD will be done at all masses on the weekend 26th & 27th May. Members of the FGs will do registrations after all masses and will also be available for discussions. There will be morning tea after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, 27 May 2018. Please call Stanley/Beryl D’Cruz on 0416 266488 for any further information.

KNITTING CLUB AT “OUR LADY OF DOLOURS PRIMARY SCHOOL”

- We would like to invite any members of the parish community to join our knitting club in Harrington Hall at 12:55pm on Fridays. The students are making a scarf for a “friend” in a Chatswood Nursing Home. The first knitting club starts this week (Friday 11th May) and we will continue each Friday this term.

You can join us in knitting a scarf or just come along and help the children knit their scarf. Parents and grandparents are most welcome to join us for one session or as many sessions as they can offer. *Mr Ledlin and Mrs Gray*

HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT thanks all the parishioners who gave so generously to their 2018 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Together we raised \$4,471.05.

Outside the Parish

BROKEN BAY BIBLE CONFERENCE 2018

St Paul: Persecutor to Preacher

Friday – Saturday 27-28 July 2018

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

A 2-DAY Conference, presented by Oxford Biblical Scholar Fr Nicholas King SJ; Dr Catherine Playoust from the Catholic Theological College, University of Melbourne; Most Rev David Walker, and with participation by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli.

Venue: The Heritage Function Centre, Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, 117 Ryedale Rd West Ryde

Costs: Full Conference Registration \$110;
Single Day Registration \$55

Please register by 11 July

Register: trybooking.com/UFJU
www.dbb.org/bible

Walking the Way Parent Retreat “A Spa day for the Soul!” Catholic Schools Office Broken Bay is offering a Parent Retreat this month for the parents, grandparents and carers of students living in Broken Bay Diocese. Held in the lovely grounds of Canisius Spirituality Centre, 102 Mona Vale Rd, Pymble. Fri 18 May 6.30-8.30pm; Sat 19 May 9am-4pm. Cost: Just \$30, payable on the Saturday. (Option to stay overnight at participant’s cost.) Enquiries welcome: Jo Spek 0413 171 110 Bookings: sallyanne.butel@dbb.catholic.edu.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).

SUNDAY MASS READINGS:

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading: Eph 4:1-13 To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Gospel: Mk 16:15-20 The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS:

MON: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
St Matthias

TUES: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11

WEDS: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19

THURS: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

FRI: Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

SAT: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

		<u>12/13 May</u>	<u>19/20 May</u>
Vigil	5.30pm	Bishop David(K)	Fr Andrew
Sun	7.30am	Fr Andrew	Bishop David(K)
	9.00am	Fr Jim(K)	Fr Jim(K)
	10.30am	Fr Jim	Fr Andrew
	12noon	-----	Fr Jim
	5.30pm	Bishop David	Fr Jim
	7pm	-----	Indonesian Mass

	<u>5.30 pm Saturday</u>	<u>7.30 am Sunday</u>	<u>9 am Sunday</u>	<u>10.30 am Sunday</u>	<u>5.30 pm Sunday</u>
Week 3 19 & 20 May	Junior Server: Joseph Liem Jenevieve Liem Kasy Tabalon Kody Tabalon Senior Server: Chet Catapang	Senior Server: Mike Kilkeary	Junior Server: Angelo Fernando Adrian Kan Max Lei Laureen Talao Andrew Yip Senior Server: Jasmine Chan Gerard Ryan Gabriel Yi	Junior Server: Kenneth Dizon Angeline Dizon Anthony Duka Aaron O'Connell Arwen Taqueban Senior Server: John Paul Maiorana Ditas Naguit Paul Taqueban	Junior Server: 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*.