

Our Lady of Dolours

Parish Established 1910

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood

Diocese of Broken Bay

21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

26 August 2018 – Year B/2

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Cammeraygal and the Wallumedegal peoples. We respectfully acknowledge their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, as we continue the journey of Reconciliation.



- **Monday 27 August @ 10.30**
– Plenary Council Session in BBR
- **Friday 31st August @ 9am**
OLD Primary School
Father's Day Mass

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Wives, obey your husbands: This weekend we hear one of the most vexed passages in the New Testament, Paul's exhortation in Ephesians 5 for wives to obey their husbands. Clearly this is difficult for modern people for whom this rings of an unhealthy and unhelpful subservience. Context is important for us to understand both what St Paul intended at the time, and how we might apply it now.

St Paul was a man of his time and place, and it is likely that he quite literally intended that husbands made all important decisions in a family, and that women were to obey them. This was simply taken for granted in the culture, and nobody would have thought to challenge this. But Paul wasn't singling out women as being subservient. He continues in Ephesians 6 to address two the culturally subservient parties in two other relationships, writing that children should obey their parents, and that slaves should obey their masters. It is right that we should also critique Paul for not challenging slavery, which was a cultural norm at the time.

What Paul does do which is radical however is to also address the husband, father and slave owner, and to also place a moral obligation on him: husbands, *love your wives, fathers, be gentle with your children, and masters, do not threaten or harm your slaves.* Wives, children and slaves were all considered the property of the male head of a household, who could treat them as he liked. To place a reciprocal moral burden on them would have been a cultural breakthrough at the time, only made possible by Paul's appeal that each party love and treat the other as they would Jesus Christ.

The charge Paul places on husbands is actually a greater one than on the wives: how many of us obey our employer or a police officer, but not love them. For a husband to *love* his wife includes being obedient and attentive to her needs, and goes beyond this.

To find out what the Catholic Church teaches about marriage today, read *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis' recent exhortation on married love. There are copies available in our piety store in the foyer today, or it can be read online. – Fr Jim McKeon

St Pius X College: This week I've been away with Year 12 students from St Pius X College for their final retreat. As always, it is a privilege to celebrate both Mass and Reconciliation with these good young men at this crucial moment of their lives.

Mercy College will be joining us for their school feast day Mass on Sept 3rd at 9am. Parishioners are always welcome as this is also a parish weekday Mass.

This coming Friday 31 August at our 9am mass we will have the **OLD Primary School** celebrating their **Father's Day Mass**. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Chatswood Street Fair Saturday 1st September

*This year Our Lady of Dolours Parish
will have a stall at the Chatswood Street Fair.
Please come along and say hello.*

Within the Parish

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: This week Pope Francis made a powerful statement to the world, condemning the criminal actions of clergy who have committed sexual abuse: "With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives...we showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them".

This is a timely statement for us in Broken Bay Diocese as we move into Safeguarding Month which we celebrate every September. Safeguarding is our commitment to learn from the mistakes and crimes of the past, and to be proactive in ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are protected in the future. We will communicate more about this to you in September, but there are two significant events which we'd like to make space in your diaries for now:

- ❖ A Liturgy of Care and Commitment at Waitara Cathedral on Tuesday September 4th, 7pm.
- ❖ The launch of our new diocesan Safeguarding structures with the Hon Robert Fitzgerald, a Commissioner of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Sexual Abuse on the evening of Wednesday September 26th.

Please join us in committing to be a safe church for children now and in the future – Fr Jim

OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY: SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Join us for morning tea on Saturday 8 September at 10.45am in the Bishop Barry Room to celebrate Mary's birthday. Flowers for Our Lady can be left at her shrine. Our Blessed Mother's birthday is a special day to celebrate, because without her and her willingness to serve God, salvation history would have taken a very different turn. Please bring a plate to share if you can. (*Marian Catholic Action Group*)

CHINESE AND ENGLISH FLYERS

你想改进你的英語會話技巧嗎?

免費教授各年齡的移民。地点:

Do you want to improve your English conversation skills? Free tuition for immigrants of all ages at: Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church 94 Archer Street, Chatswood Thursday evenings 6.30pm-8pm. For more information, please contact Peter Gallagher 0415 838 882 or Reginald Wong 0431 282 255.

Please pray for the children as they begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation this week.

R.C.I.A. TEAM

Do you know people who are interested in what Catholics believe?



We extend a personal invitation to anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church.

There is a process through which people will be able, without pressure, to find out more about the church.

We will start with an inquiry session (& meet the team) where people can start asking questions.

Following this session, weekly meetings will commence towards the end of October for those inquirers who may wish to participate in a fuller development of their understanding of the faith and the beliefs of the Catholic Church.

All our meetings take place on Sundays between 11:30am and 1:00pm.

If you wish to take a step in this direction, or know someone who like to know more, then contact the Parish Office on 9410-9000.

If you would like to be a part of our team (or to know more about the ministry) please email Deacon Kevin

(kevin.hale@chatswoodparish.org.au) or contact the parish office on 9410 9000.

OUR PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER @ 10.30AM MASS followed by lunch and entertainment.

If you are interested in volunteering your assistance in any way on the day, please contact Fr. John on 0470 361 790 or john@chatswoodparish.org.au.

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

Monday

7pm Charismatic Prayer Group in FCR

Tuesday

9.45am Bible Discussion in BBR

7.15pm PFC in Parish Office

Wednesday

Confirmation Sessions begin in the meeting rooms

Thursday

6.30pm Vinnies Conversations in FCR

7pm Alpha Bible Study in BBR

Friday

9am OLD Primary School Father's Day Mass

10am Meditation in FCR

7.30pm Home Rosary 239 Mowbray Rd, Chatswood

Saturday

4pm September Baptism Preparation in BBR

FROM FR DAVID RANSON

As much of eastern Australia battles one of the worst droughts it has experienced for many years, the state of Kerala in India is experiencing massive floods with dreadful destruction. Eighteen [priests working in our diocese](#) come from Kerala, including Fr John, and so this is a very anxious time for them. I ask that you keep them all in your prayer. Given the massive damage to infrastructure caused by the flooding and subsequent landslides it will take many, many years for Kerala to recover.

At times such as these we can feel quite powerless to respond in the face of the enormity of the tragedy. Yet, our prayers and heartfelt wishes are with all our brothers from Kerala and all those affected by the enormity of this natural disaster. I would be very grateful if we could also give some thought to how we might offer practical support. Given the generosity of the state of Kerala to us through our wonderful men here, it would be important for us to give something in return at this difficult time. [Throughout the diocese we are promoting](#) the work of Caritas Australia. Caritas India has already conducted rapid needs assessments in the worst affected districts of the state. Four of Caritas India's partners have already responded with immediate food assistance. Emergency water and sanitation (WASH) activities are currently being developed to address need and reduce the potential for disease outbreaks. Therefore [the best way we can respond is through Caritas Australia's Asia Emergency Appeal online](#) (<https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/asia-emergency-appeal>) or by calling 1800 024 413.

Fr Jim would like to encourage you to attend this form of prayer: -

The Australian Christian Meditation Community presents an **Introduction to Meditation 4-week course** at St. Thomas Parish Office, 182 High St (corner of Forsyth St & High St), Willoughby East.

The course consists of four sessions. Each 1 hour session covers a different topic and there is time for practice and time for questions

All sessions start at 7pm on the following dates:

Session 1 - Wed 5- September

Session 2 - Wed 12- September

Session 3 - Wed 19- September

Session 4 - Wed 26- September

Please RSVP by SMS or call 0431 996 108 to Coordinator Maximo.

Fr Andrew is going on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in Bosnia from 28th August to 6th September. We wish him a restful break and a safe return to us in September.

Plenary Council 2020

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV 27



LISTENING & DIALOGUE GROUPS IN THE PARISH

Listening and dialogue is the first stage of preparing for the Plenary Council. Everyone is invited to engage in listening and dialogue through small groups. The parish will offer the opportunity to gather in small groups during September.

LISTENING & DIALOGUE GROUPS WITH FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS

The listening and dialogue process is very simple. You may like to download one of the guides from www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or take some from the entrance to the church to share with family and friends. *(The guides will soon be available in Cantonese and Korean).*

LEARNING ABOUT THE LISTENING & DIALOGUE PROCESS

If you would like to learn more about the Plenary Council and the Listening & Dialogue process before sharing it with Family and friends or to assist Listening & Dialogue small groups in the parish, please come along to the following session:

Monday 27 August 10.30-12.00pm

Bishop Barry Room

Sign on sheets are at the entrance of the church
gail@chatswoodparish.org.au

MENALIVE

MenAlive group mass in Bishop Barry room at 7pm on Tuesday 11th September. Contact David Sunjaya for more information davidsujaya@hotmail.com

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Olivia Yip & family, Salvatore Liseo & Carmelo Liseo, Barbara Thurston, James Kwan, Michael Flynn, John Lee, Michaella Kim, John Kim, Alfonso Ng, James Woo, Nora Chan, Tai Chian Chan, Nicasia Ani and Keith Randy

Deceased Anniversaries: Hector Naupari Villanueva, Barbara Devlin, Irene Ward and Felicidad Serrano-Cifra

Recently Deceased: Frances Hung and Magdalene Lai

Outside the Parish

WILLOUGHBY SYMPHONY CHOIR CONCERT

"I Was Glad – Music of Celebration"

St Luke's Church, Mosman

Sunday 9 September at 3pm

Tickets at the door or book at www.willoughbychoir.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`s (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 – 3pm Saturday in Church, fortnightly.
Morning Prayer - 8.45am Monday to Saturday
Rosary - 9.30am Monday to Saturday;
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, during weekday Mass, before surgery or medical treatment, or by request.
Baptisms - Go to our website to book 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: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.
Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
2nd Reading: Eph 5:21-32 This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.
Gospel: Jn 6:60-69 Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS:

MON: 2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
St Monica
TUES: 2 Thess 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
St Augustine
WEDS: Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29
The Passion of St John the Baptist
THURS: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
FRI: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
SAT: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

	25/26 August	1/2 September
Vigil 5.30pm	Fr Andrew	Fr John(K)
Sun 7.30am	Bishop David	Fr John
9.00am	Fr Jim(K)	*Fr Jim
10.30am	Fr John(K)	Bishop David(K)
12noon		Filipino Mass
5.30pm	Fr Jim	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 1 & 2 September	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*.