

Our Lady of Dolours

Parish Established 1910

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood

Diocese of Broken Bay

22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

2 September 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.

- **16 September** – Parish Feast Day celebrations
- **11 September** - MenAlive mass & dinner in BBR

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Your generosity to the parish, whether by credit card, direct debit, weekly envelopes or loose on the Second Collection continues to support the life of the parish. In the coming weeks when auditing is complete we will be able to provide you with the financial statement of income and expenditure for the 2017-18 financial year, so that we can be transparent in our stewardship of the resources you have provided.

There are many things we hope to do in the 2018-19 financial year ahead.

1. Sponsor and support many of our older teenagers and young adults to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival to be held in Perth in December 2019 by subsidising the cost of airfares, accommodation and registration. We are doing this in preference to the far more expensive World Youth Day pilgrimage to Panama next year, which we don't think is good value for money. We intend to support dozens of our young people going to Perth, rather than one or two to Panama.
2. Employ a part-time staff member as a New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator. This would be a new role focused on being proactive in reaching out, welcoming, and integrating new people into the life of the parish. It would include reaching out to and following up the families of parents who bring their children for baptism. We, like so many parishes don't adequately follow up new parishioners, and so many drift away again. The employment of a person dedicated to this follow up would ensure that people don't fall through the cracks.
3. Fans in the church. We all know how hot the church gets in summer. Good quality, wall mounted or cantilevered ceiling fans would make an enormous difference to everyone's comfort.
4. The church sound system. The shape of our church, with large flat surfaces and a high domed ceiling make ordinary sound systems inadequate due to the refraction of sound. Technical solutions are possible such as using a higher number of directional speakers, and a company who has refurbished the speaker system for St Andrew's Cathedral and St Mary's Church North Sydney have offered us some possibilities.
5. Re-padding the kneelers. Many of the church kneelers are split, worn and torn, and it would be opportune to replace them all rather than attempt piecemeal patching.
6. An access ramp at the rear of the church. Many parishioners access the church from the school carpark, and while there is a ramp at the front of the church, there are only steps at the rear and side entrance. Repairs are needed to these steps, so it may be better to replace the back steps with a ramp to improve access for people with mobility difficulties.

As these are new projects there is as yet no funding for them, however we hope if you see the value in these projects you may be willing to give to them, either through increased regular giving, joining the planned giving if you're not yet a committed giver, or by targeted donations. We will offer you these possibilities in the coming weeks. Fr Jim McKeon

Today, we wish all our fathers a
Happy Father's Day. "As a father
is kind to his children, so the Lord is
kind to those who honour him." Psalm 103:13



Within the Parish

MEETING ROOMS

In the coming weeks there will be changes to our parish meeting rooms.

The existing parish meeting rooms and Mercy College classrooms will be taken away, and replaced by the end of the year with new meeting rooms and double storey classrooms. This work is being done by the Catholic Schools Office on behalf of Mercy College, at their expense, to provide additional classrooms for the growing enrolment of Mercy College. We will benefit from having an additional meeting room and an additional "atrium" space for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ministry, and from upgraded facilities in the meeting rooms.

A memorandum of understanding has been signed between myself and Peter Hamill, the Director of the Catholic Schools Office regarding this project. The agreement is for Mercy College to use the parish land for classrooms for five years. At the end of five years their classrooms will be removed, and our parish meeting rooms can remain. This five year window allows the broader project of master planning for the Chatswood Catholic Precinct to take place.

During the construction phase over the coming months the parish will continue to have a meeting room available, which will either be a room provided by Our Lady of Dolours School, or a demountable room which will be placed behind the parish office. This means that all parish groups and ministries (with the exception of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) will continue with minimal disruption. The parish office will contact all group leaders closer to the time with details about access. Your group can plan to continue for the rest of the year, and bookings can be taken later in the year for 2019.

Pro-life: The position of the Catholic Church is that every human life is sacred from the moment of conception. Recently Pope Francis made it clear that the death penalty is not acceptable under any circumstances, further underscoring the Church's pro-life position. Next week we will hear an invitation at most of our weekend Masses to the "spiritual adoption" of an unborn child, that is, to pray for a child in the womb. You may also want to make a submission regarding a proposal to relax abortion legislation in Queensland at www.austfamily.com.au/lodge_queensland_aborti_on_submission

Fr Andrew is 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 next weekend.

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.

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.

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

We have two HUGE lucky door prizes for two lucky people who attend our celebration on the 16th. We'd like to have lots of smaller prizes too. If you would like to donate a prize or your workplace would like to donate a product (or experience) please contact the Parish office or Trish on 0431 696 504 or Veronica at vtan01@hotmail.com

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.

Children's Ministries

Catechist Corner

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) are currently running a Level 3 study on Pope Francis' latest Apostolic Exhortation "Gaudete et Exultate" (Rejoice and Be Glad). I embarked on this 8 week journey a few weeks ago which meets each Friday to discuss this wonderful exhortation. God calls all of us to holiness. Pope Francis' has written this document (based on the encyclical Lumen Gentium - Chapter 5) to help us understand what God wants of us and is broken into 5 fundamental areas of teaching:

1. **Holiness means being yourself:** we do not need to be a saint to be considered holy, we just need to be ourselves and bring the very best of ourselves out in everything we do.
2. **Everyday life can lead to holiness:** Everyone is called to be a saint, you don't have to be a saint, priest or member of a religious order to be holy. It's the small gestures that lean us toward holiness.
3. **Two tendencies to avoid: Gnosticism and Pelagianism:** Gnosticism is the attitude of what matters most is what you know and is very intellectual. Pelagianism says we can take care of our own salvation by our own efforts and deny the need for God's grace, often acting superior to others. This becomes a real danger toward holiness.
4. **Be kind:** Gossip, judgment and cruelty are the reverse of holiness - this also includes online defamation and slander. To consciously avoid these attributes can be challenging in our daily lives.
5. **The Beatitudes are a roadmap for holiness:** Seeing and acting with Mercy! When we do this, we are not only helping and serving others but also forgiving and understanding and by the very nature of this effort we bring ourselves closer to God and holiness.

It may sound easy, but in reality, can be very challenging to live this out in our daily lives. However, our relationship with Jesus will guide, encourage and strengthen us. How much can we be like Jesus and follow in his footsteps? How often do we stop and ask ourselves in our daily activities; "What would Jesus do?" This has been a wonderful journey so far and I look forward to continuing this fabulous study over the coming weeks. If anyone would still like to join the group, please contact registrations@bbcatholic.org.au to see if they have any vacancy. Registration is essential.

Happy Father's Day to all our dads!

Today as we celebrate the gift of fathers, you might like to tell your dad something special about him. Here are a few ideas to talk about.



1. My funniest or favourite memory of my dad is...
 2. Some of my Dad's best qualities are...
- Or you might like to ask your dad what one of his favourite memories are of you!

Confirmation Preparation



This week, 117 children from our Parish began their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Each week the children will gather in small groups along with their parents to reflect on this wonderful sacrament where they

receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in a particular way.

This week the children will be focusing on Baptism, the first Sacrament and one they have already received. During the Vigil, 9am and 10.30am Masses this weekend, the children will be presented to the parish community, and you will be asked to pray for the children and their families during the weeks leading up to their Confirmation, which will be celebrated in our parish on Friday 28th September.

Gingerbread House Event



Calling anyone interested in being involved in the planning and managing of a gingerbread house event this year. If there are enough people to help organise and plan this wonderful community event we are looking

at running it on Sunday, 2 December, after Mass, the first week of advent. Please contact Jen at jennifer@chatswoodparish.org.au or call on 9410 9000 if you would like to be involved in this event.

Year Two Class Mass

The Catholic community of Chatswood invites Year Two children and their families to a special Mass for Year Two at the [9am Family Mass](#) Sunday 9 September 2018



A family-friendly celebration at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church followed by morning tea in the school playground.

Please bring a plate to share.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Christian Initiation of Adults (C.I.A.) program has been devised by the church for people who want to enquire about Catholic beliefs and to come together with a Catholic community to hear its stories and to see how its love of Christ is expressed in its daily life.

This is an active ministry for the whole community and not just for the priests or a few members of a team.

What it needs to succeed is a loving, caring community and here at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood we have a reputation for being loving and caring and through our various ministries we already have some people who have indicated that they would like to start the C.I.A. program with us.

But we need to spread the message to as many people as possible.

To do this it is good to remember that we are all called, through our Baptism, to spread the Good News. This doesn't necessarily mean preaching on street corners but by showing through our lives that Christ is part of us.

If we can be like the Samaritan woman in John's Gospel we can invite people to meet Christ and bring them to our C.I.A sessions and introduce them to the team and the group and not just tell them about it.

From then on it is up to them to make a commitment to continue.

Enquirers are more likely to be in the frame of mind to do this if they have been influenced by those around them. This is why we feel it is necessary for all the parish to be involved.

We need you to bring people to the sessions so as to provide a loving community around them.

If they are interested and come and inquire by themselves but it appears that nobody in the parish cares then they will lose interest.

And if you come you will not only help the RCIA team and the inquirers but also yourselves.

You may even be able to help in other ways such as a Sponsor or a Catechist, or even join the team.

Therefore, if you know of family members or friends and relatives, or someone has asked you what you believe and why, then you could invite them to come with you to a C.I.A. session.

We plan to start our sessions on Sunday 28th October at 11:30am. If you know someone who may be interested please have them contact Deacon Kevin at kevin.hale@bbcatholic.org.au or contact the office on 9410-9000. If you don't know of anyone to invite please remember to pray for the R.C.I.A. team and the inquirers. **Deacon Kevin**

MENALIVE

There is a MenAlive group mass in the Bishop Barry room at

7pm on Tuesday 11th September; finishing with a dinner together afterwards. Please RSVP for catering purposes to David on davidsunjaya@hotmail.com or 0401 560 693.



WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Frank Galvanos, Olivia Yip & family, Salvatore Liseo & Carmelo Liseo, Barbara Thurston, James Kwan, Michael Flynn & John Lee

Deceased Anniversaries: Ms Rosa Yu, Augustus, Edith & Paul Johnson

Deceased: Monica Wong, Phil Ryan, John Ryan & Francis Ward

Recently Deceased: Joseph Thien-An Phan, Patrick Wong, Joseph Lin, Frederick Abenales, Patricia O'Donoghue & Ralph Selwyn

EXPERIENCE THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF JESUS' HEART

You are cordially invited to join us in a Healing Service with Mass and short devotional prayers honoring the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this 1st Friday 7th September starting at 7pm. To pray especially for people afflicted with Cancer and Heart illness.

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

Monday

9am Mercy Day Mass

7pm Charismatic Prayer Group in FCR

Tuesday

9.45am Bible Discussion in BBR

Thursday

9am Atrium training in BBR

6.30pm Vinnies Conversations in FCR

7pm Alpha Bible Study in BBR

Friday

9am Atrium training in BBR

10am Meditation in FCR

7pm Sacred Heart Mass

7.30pm Home Rosary 57 Baringa Road, Northbridge

Saturday - 10am Chinese RCIA in FCR

Pilgrimage Walk, Sunday 23 September 2018

Theme: Celebrating 200 years of the preservation of the Blessed Sacrament in Australia.

Pilgrimage starts at Holy Name of Mary Church, Hunters Hill, walking to St. Patrick's Church Hill.

Arrive between 9 and 9.30 for a cuppa, with first prayer at 9.30am. More information and to register: Email: pilgrimage2018@westnet.com.au

or phone Holy Name of Mary office – 9817 5325.



Plenary Council 2020
"Listen to what the Spirit is saying..."

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

All Australians are invited to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Your voice is needed – join in! Speak boldly and with passion, listen with an open and humble heart.

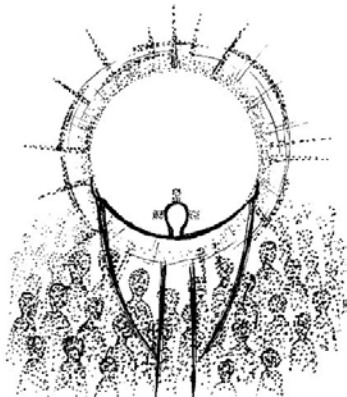
With faith and guided by God's Holy Spirit, we journey together, toward the future.

Listening and Dialogue small groups will be offered in the parish from mid-September.

You can respond individually, or you may like to organise a small group of family or friends or work colleagues for listening and dialogue. We would love to know about the groups if you do this.

Go to the Resource tab at www.plenarycouncil.org.au

Download a Listening & Dialogue guide and have your say and submit your response online.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION

The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September each year, Pope Francis said, is a time for individuals and communities to "reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.

A Catholic Season of Creation – Sundays of September

"A Catholic Season of Creation" resource explores the Sunday scripture readings to help us find the voice of the earth as the voice of the Holy Spirit. Our common Sunday worship is an easy place to start seeing the natural world in God's plan of Salvation in Jesus Christ by linking the insights of ecology with Scripture.

Using this resource, Catholic communities can systematically answer Pope Francis' call in *Laudato Si'* to respect what scientists tell us about billions of years of cosmic evolution and contemplate God's presence there. We can recognise that the earth is being abused; that poor people are the first to suffer and pray to be responsible carers for the multiple gifts of the earth as co-creators with God.

**Available online from
The Columban Mission Institute
www.columban.org.au**

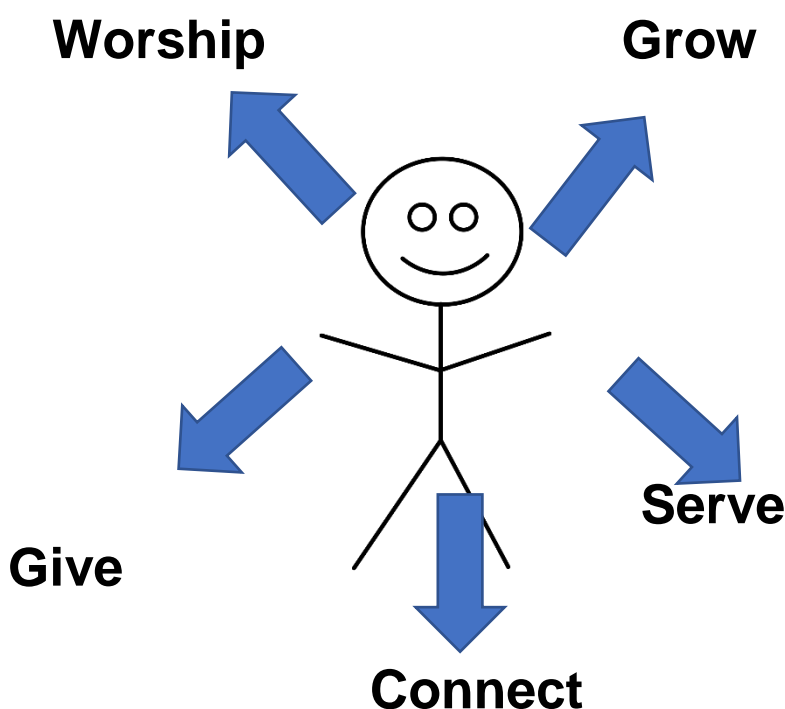
FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

This year the Parish Pastoral Council has been focussing on one pillar of our parish mission statement: Relationship with each other. We have been considering what it means to belong to the parish community, and how we can foster deeper engagement of every parishioner.

Recently we have been discussing how we can develop structured pathways for belonging, and we have realised that what has been missing is any clear expectation of what belonging to the parish looks like. A reduced emphasis on “the commandments of the church” has left many people, especially those who are new to the faith with a clear sense of how to be a mature Catholic. Inspired by the clarity of *Divine Renovation* by Fr James Mallon we propose five expectations.

Our hope is that every person would:

- **Worship** together and share the Eucharist every Sunday
- **Connect** with fellow parishioners both socially and pastorally
- **Serve** in one parish ministry which is an expression of your time, talent and capacity
- **Give** as a committed giver in accordance with your means
- **Grow** as a disciple by taking part in some faith development or spirituality program each year.



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AND *Care*

All are invited to
gather together to
acknowledge the suffering
caused by abuse of our most
vulnerable, to give public
expression to our sorrow,
to seek forgiveness and to
make a public commitment
to safeguard all.

4 SEPTEMBER 2018

7PM

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL
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CATHOLIC
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BROKEN BAY

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 – 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: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

1st Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Be doers of the word.

Gospel: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS:

MON: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30
St Gregory the Great

TUES: 1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37

WEDS: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

THURS: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

FRI: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
Spring Ember Day

SAT: Micah 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30;
 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>1/2 September</u>	<u>8/9 September</u>
Vigil 5.30pm	Fr John(K)	Fr Jim
Sun 7.30am	Fr John	Bishop David
9.00am	*Fr Jim	Fr Jim(K)
10.30am	Bishop David(K)	Fr John(K)
12noon	Filipino Mass	---
5.30pm	Fr Jim	Fr Andrew
	*Baptism Presentations	

	5.30 pm Saturday	7.30 am Sunday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5.30 pm Sunday
Week 2 8 & 9 September	Junior Server: Emanuela Leung Joseph Liem Jenevieve Liem Kasy Tabalon Senior Server: Chet Catapang Terry Meagher	Senior Server: John Russell	Junior Server: Carl Braganza Ken Braganza Braiden Gunaratnam Breah Gunaratnam Clare Guo Stephanie Ho Senior Server: John Wang Gabriel Yi	Junior Server: Francis Fabela Mariah Manalese Angelee Manalese Shayne Patangan Kaila Vergara Senior Server: James Godfrey Walter Niemotko	Junior Server: Andrew Kim Margaret Kim Senior Server: James Godfrey Elizabeth Jung

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*.