

Our Lady of Dolours

Parish Established 1910

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood
Diocese of Broken Bay

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 December 2018 – Year C/1

Connect – Worship – Grow – Give – Serve



- 8 Dec – Catechist Xmas Party
- 9 Dec – Nativity Play practice in the Blue Room

Church - Cnr Kirk & Archer Sts,
Chatswood
Parish Office - 94 Archer Street,
Chatswood, 2067

PO Box 1446, Chatswood, 2057
Phone: 9410 9000 or for an after
hours' emergency call: 0434 607 163.
www.chatswood.dbb.org.au
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Parish Office hours:
Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm
Closed for lunch 1pm – 1.30pm

Fr. Jim McKeon (Parish Priest)
jim.mckeon@bbcatholic.org.au
Fr. Andrew Kim SJ (Assist. Priest)
andrew.kim@bbcatholic.org.au
Fr John Puliparambil (Assist. Priest)
john.puliparambil@bbcatholic.org.au
Deacon Kevin Hale (Deacon)
kevin.hale@bbcatholic.org.au
Nicole Gorman (Parish Secretary)
nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au
Gail Gill (Adult Faith Formation & Mission)
gai.gill@bbcatholic.org.au
Angela Hague (Pastoral Assoc. for Children's
Ministry) angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au
Adrian Brannan (Pastoral Assoc. for Youth
Ministry) adrian.brannan@bbcatholic.org.au
Amelia Lee (Bookkeeper)
amelia.lee@bbcatholic.org.au
Jennifer Perrott (Catechist Coordinator)
jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au
Pressy Braganza
pressy.braganza@bbcatholic.org.au (Admin
Assistant for Children's Ministry)
Michael Mercer (Facilities & Finance Officer)
michael.mercer@bbcatholic.org.au

Prophets: Each Sunday of Advent we hear from one of the Old Testament prophets who write of what life will be like when the Messiah comes. During Advent Fr Jim will be preaching from these prophetic writings, assisted by reflections by Gail Gill who is leading small groups to study the Advent prophets. You are invited to join one of these groups to enhance your Christmas by deepening your experience of Advent.

Reconciliation: Do you want to go to Reconciliation before Christmas? Beat the queue and join us this Thursday night at 7.30pm for a Second Rite of Reconciliation with several priests available as another way of making this Advent season a time of spiritual preparation for Christmas, not just a frenzy of shopping and busyness.

Christmas ministries: Liturgical ministry leaders are already contacting people to do the ministries of the Word, Music, Communion and Altar service for our six Christmas Masses. There are many other ministries we need help with also: Welcomers, Wardens (money collectors), First Aid Officers (with a current First Aid qualification) and Parking attendants (at the 5.30pm vigil). If you can help, please put your name on the sign-up sheets in the foyer today.

Christmas Invitations: Christmas is the Church's greatest time of outreach, and you can be part this opportunity. We have printed 5000 Christmas cards inviting people to join us for Christmas Mass which we will deliver to hopefully every household in the parish. Simply take a bunch of cards and cross the street, to which you will deliver, off the list. Note that we can only deliver within the parish's official boundary. Deliver to your own street, or to a street near you to get some Advent exercise!

Fr Barry: Many of you would know that our former priest Fr Barry Nobbs suffered a stroke this year and is now in aged care near his family in Revesby. On Monday morning after 9am Mass we are going to take a photo of parishioners in front of the altar which we will make in to a Christmas card for Fr Barry. Come and join us to be in the photo. Alternatively, you may like to send your own card to him care of Yallabee Village, 34 Hydrae St Revesby 2212.

Email: Some of you may still be using an older email address for Fr Jim, Gail or Deacon Kevin @dbb.org.au. These email addresses are now redundant. So too are the @chatswoodparish.org.au addresses for all the team. Please update your contact lists with the current email address, which for each member of staff is firstname.surname@bbcatholic.org.au

Name badges: For those parishioners who requested name badges, please don't forget to pick them up from the table in the Church foyer.

Midweek Carparking for Parishioners Attending Mass: There is no parking in the Rotunda area as the building works have commenced. Fr Jim will open the tennis court gates for parking from 8.30am until 1.30pm during the week. **The gates will be locked at 1.30pm so please remember to remove your car before then.**

Within the Parish

NOVENA OF DAWN MASSES DURING ADVENT

Advent is a time of expectation and anticipation, a time of celebration, and a time for prayer. The annual Novena of dawn masses is a spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. It is an expression of our faith and thanksgiving for our blessings.

The Novena of dawn masses at Our Lady of Dolours Parish in Chatswood will be held DAILY from 16-24 December 2018 at 5:30am followed by a light breakfast on the Church forecourt. It is a wonderful way to start the day with an early morning Mass and fellowship with the community.

Everyone is invited to come and join the parish community in continuing this beautiful tradition which originated from the Philippines and is now celebrated in many Australian parishes.



MEETING ROOM BOOKINGS FOR 2019

We have been told our 3 new meeting rooms will be ready to use from Friday 1 February 2019. Please email

me your request for the use of the meeting rooms with the following information:

- All dates needed for 2019, including if you break for the school holidays
- Time needed from and to
- Contact name, mobile & email of the leader
- What your meeting/group is for
- Size of your group. We need this information so we can allocate you the correct sized room for the year.

Please put your request in writing and email it to Nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au by Thursday 20 December. **Your current booking will not automatically be rolled over to 2019.**

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

Monday

7pm Charismatic Prayer Group in demountable

Tuesday

9.45am Bible Discussion in demountable

7pm Indonesian Legion of Mary in demountable

Thursday

10am St Pius X College closing mass

6.30pm Vinnies Conversations in Blue Room

7pm Alpha Bible Study in demountable

7.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation in Church

Friday

10am Meditation in demountable

7pm Sacred Heart Mass in Church

7.30pm Home Rosary 15 Northcote St, Naremburn

Saturday

10am Chinese RCIA in demountable

Sunday

11.30am RCIA in Blue Room

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE 5.30PM MASS



All children who would like to be involved in the Nativity play at the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass, please come to the **Blue Room**, immediately after the

9.00am Family Mass on **Sunday 9th December**. We will allocate roles and have a quick first practice. There will be two further practices as follows;

- **Sunday 16 December:** in the Blue Room at 10am
- **Saturday 22 December:** Rehearsal in the Church at 3.00pm

Any enquiries about the Children's Christmas Mass please contact Angela in the parish office on 9410 9033 or Angela.Hague@bbcatholic.org.au

AN INVITATION TO SPEND A LITTLE TIME WITH THE PROPHETS OF ADVENT

Advent can be such a busy time that it can slip away without the opportunity to really engage with the wonderful readings that are offered to us from the Hebrew prophets. Their rich and colourful language paints such vivid pictures of God's promises to us.

The prophet Isaiah continued to be read in the synagogues during Jesus' lifetime and was proclaimed by Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry (*Luke 4: 16-20*). The weekday readings in this Advent are largely drawn from Isaiah while the Sunday readings include the prophets Jeremiah, Baruch, Zephaniah and Micah.

These sessions will include something of the world of the prophets, what is known about them and time to pray with some of their writings.

MONDAY MORNINGS: 11am to 12noon
3, 10 & 17 December

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS: 2pm to 3pm
6, 13 & 20 December

Please let Gail know that you are coming on 9410 9021 or gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au

PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS!

How to do this? Let the Piety Stall help you!

- ❖ Send a nativity-themed Christmas card. Packs of 8 cards available at \$4.00 each. Loose cards from \$1.00.
- ❖ Give your child a nativity ornament to hang on your Christmas tree. From \$3 each.
- ❖ Display a nativity scene in your home. Cardboard pop-ups from \$2.00; all-in-one nativity statues also available.
- ❖ Give a gift of a 2019 Columban religious art calendar, available at \$9.00 each.

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: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

1st Reading: Jer 33:14-16 I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

Responsorial Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2nd Reading: 1 Thess 3:12 – 4:2 When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 Your redemption is near at hand.

READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS:

MON: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
St Francis Xavier

TUES: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

WEDS: Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

THURS: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRI: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
St Ambrose

SAT: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

		<u>1/2 December</u>	<u>8/9 December</u>
Vigil	5.30pm	Fr Andrew(K)	Bishop David
Sun	7.30am	Fr John	Fr Andrew(K)
	9.00am	Fr Jim(K)	Fr John(K)
	10.30am	Fr John*	Fr Jim
	12noon	Filipino Mass	-----
	5.30pm	Fr Jim	Fr John
*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 December	Junior Server: Emanuela Leung Jenevieve Liem Kasy Tabalon Kody Tabalon Senior Server: Joseph Liem	Senior Server: John Russell	Junior Server: Braiden Gunaratnam Breah Gunaratnam Clare Guo Senior Server: John Wang Gabriel Yi	Junior Server: Francis Fabela Mariah Manalese Angelee Manalese Kaila Vergara Senior Server: James Godfrey Walter Niemotko Shayne Patangan	Junior Server: Andrew Kim Margaret Kim Senior Server: Fernanda Carrillo 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*.