

Our Lady of Dolours

Parish Established 1910

The Catholic Parish of Chatswood

Diocese of Broken Bay

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

16 December 2018 – Year C/1

Connect – Worship – Grow – Give – Serve



During this Advent Season let us be reminded that Jesus sees children as recipients and models, and even the measure of the Kingdom (Gundry-Volf & Kelly).

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A Christmas Welcome: Wouldn't it be great if everyone who came to Christmas Mass had somebody to welcome them and make them feel at home as they approached the church, perhaps for the first time? We need several people to be these welcomers at each Christmas Mass. We'd also love to have a designated First Aid Officer (with a current First Aid qualification) at each Mass and some parking attendants for the big 5.30pm vigil Mass. If you can help, please put your name on the sign-up sheets in the foyer today.

Christmas Day Collection: Every Sunday two collections are taken up, with the first collection supporting all the clergy of Broken Bay Diocese, and the second collection supporting all the other works of the parish including all ministries, maintenance, improvements and staff wages. To make things simpler on Christmas Day we will take up only one collection and then distribute 60% of this to the clergy fund and 40% to the parish fund, according to the ratio of the loose cash in the first and second collections (excluding credit cards, direct debit and envelopes) for the past six months. The parish will be donating its part to our sister parishes of Bourke and Brewarrina in western NSW. These parishes are one of our social justice partnerships, and it is our privilege to support them in this way. If you'd like to make an additional donation to Bourke and Brewarrina please place your donation in an envelope and label it as such. The parish has also made a donation of \$20,000 to Bourke and Brewarrina for the repair of their rundown and damaged parish facilities.

Christmas Week: On weekdays from Dec 24 to Jan 1 there will a 9am Mass only (no 12.15pm Mass). We think that during this week most people are on holidays, and so anyone who would like to attend a weekday Mass will be able to come at 9am. This also gives our priests the opportunity to visit family and friends for Christmas.

Funerals: The 12.15pm Mass on Mon 17th will be a requiem Mass for Constantino Menezes. A funeral for Eddie Silvio will be held at 10.30am on Tues 18th.

Bags of food: Somebody has been leaving bags of tinned food in the church. We presume this is well intentioned and meant as a donation, however this is not the place to leave such donations. While there are occasionally specific food requests for Christmas hampers, most charities have access via Foodbank to buy food much cheaper than you can, so cash donations to charities are always more effective than food donations. If you see somebody leaving food in the church, please ask them not to.

Social Services Research: There are numerous services, agencies and hotlines for people in crises such as mental health, homelessness and domestic violence. There are frequent changes in these services. Older lists are often incomplete or obsolete, so Fr Jim is looking for someone who could compile a list during January which the parish can use to assist people in need during the year. This will require checking each service to see that it is current and available to people in this area. Please call Jim on 9410 9022 or jim.mckeon@bbcatholic.org.au

Within the Parish

NOVENA OF DAWN MASSES DURING ADVENT

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

There are still a number of groups who have not put their room bookings in. Rooms are filling up fast. Email Nicole.gorman@bbcatholic.org.au by Thursday 20 December to ensure you have a room. **Your current booking will not automatically be rolled over to 2019.** Must include 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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE 5.30PM MASS



All children who would like to be involved in the Nativity play please attend our second practice **TODAY**, in the **Blue Room**, immediately after the 9.00am Family

Mass, **Sunday 16th December**. Our last practice will be **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

All children, even if not involved in the Nativity play, are invited to come along to the 5.30pm Christmas Vigil mass dressed up as Christmas angels and shepherds.

Welcome in the New Year with a Eucharistic celebration at Our Lady of Dolours Church. Giving thanks for 2018 and welcoming in 2019. Beginning with Adoration at 11.30pm on Monday 31st December and then celebrating a New Year's Eve midnight mass. All welcome.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

We had a wonderful display of flowers at Easter through the generosity of parishioners who donated flowers to the church. We invite people once again to bring flowers which can be used to adorn the church for Christmas either on Sunday 23rd or Monday 24th.



WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Thomas Tam, Olivia Yip, Margaret & Terry Livermore, Michael Dignam, Clare O'Rourke, Alex Noble, William Wise, Victor Pulman & Grazia Baldry

Recently Deceased: Nancy Seeto, Eddie Silvio, Irene Peters & Constantino Menezes

Deceased: Frederick Abenales, Peter Tan, Maria Ho

Deceased Anniversaries: Christopher Dignam, Mate Bacic & Marija Vlatko

Baptisms: Kiaan Dixit & Flynn Keygan



9AM MASS VOLUNTEER LEADERS

On behalf of all the families who participate in the various opportunities for children to be involved during our 9am Family Mass each Sunday, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the dedication of two women who have given so generously of their time and talents.

Estella Roche - has led our Children's Choir for the past 14 years. Yes, that is 14. Estella has decided to take a break to dedicate more of her time with the needs of her growing boys.

Grace Tai - has been involved in and leading the Children's Liturgy and supporting the children readers and more at this Mass. Grace also has decided to step back to concentrate more on leading the Chinese RCIA, in which she is also involved.

In 2019, Branka Posa will take on the leadership of the Children's Liturgy, however we would love to hear from anyone who might like to help lead our children in the choir. We promise you, you will not need to serve for 14 years!

*We thank you both for your dedication and humility in service to the children of our parish.
Fr. Jim, Angela and the entire parish team.*

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS PARKING

The Parish parking arrangements for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are as follows:

Christmas Eve:

- **Kirk Street Carpark**

Gates will be open from 4.30pm to about 1.30am.

- **Entry to Parish Playground Parking**

All entries will be via the Kirk Street gate. Gates will open at 4.30pm and close at 1.30am and there will be no exits allowed at all via this gate during the night.

- **Exits to Parish Playground Parking**

All exits after each Mass will be via the Ferguson Lane gate and there will be no entries allowed at all during the night. This gate will be locked a half an hour after each mass with final close at 1.30am.

- **OLOD Primary School Playground**

As a special event, this playground will be open for parking on this night only. If parking there, please observe the 5kph speed limit and be very alert for pedestrians or children.

Volunteers will be there to help you park so please work with them.

Christmas Day:

Mass times are 7.30, 9.00 and 10.30 only. Parking for this day will follow normal Sunday parking arrangements. Gates to the Kirk St carpark and the Parish playground parking will open at 7.00am and close at 12.00pm. The OLOD Primary School Playground will not be available.

GOD'S WORD 2019

Now available at the Piety Stall at \$17 each. Please hurry as stock is limited.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

In many parishes *The Catholic Weekly* is distributed by the St Vincent de Paul Society as a small fundraiser. However, whether due to fewer copies being taken or more people taking them without paying it has become a loss maker which is no longer appropriate for SVDP to underwrite. *The Catholic Weekly* will therefore no longer be sold in our parish after the end of the year. However, people who want to read the *Weekly* can subscribe to have it home delivered by phoning 9390 5411 or going to www.thecatholicweekly.com.au for \$55 for a quarter or \$150 for the full year.

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

Tuesday

9.45am Bible Discussion in demountable
7pm Indonesian Legion of Mary in demountable

Wednesday

10am OLD Primary School Christmas Liturgy

Thursday

12.45pm Indonesian choir practice in Church
6.30pm Vinnies Conversations in Blue Room
7pm Alpha Bible Study in demountable

Friday

12.15pm Anointing Mass
7pm Indonesian choir practice in Church
7.30pm Home Rosary at 198 Eastern Valley Way, Willoughby

Saturday

10am Chinese RCIA in demountable
2pm Kids Choir practice in Church
3pm Final Nativity Play practice in Church

Calling Young Adults - We need you!



- Are you 20-30 years old?
- Would you like to be part of an exciting new initiative here at Our Lady of Dolours?
- Would you be willing to share some of your time with teens once every few months?

We are looking to form a team of young adults to provide leadership and mentoring for monthly social activities and outings with young teens from February 2019. To enable this to happen, we need about 6 young adults to become the team in this important ministry to our youth.

If you think you can help, or would like to know more, please contact Adrian or Angela at the parish office on 9410 9000 or adrian.brannan@bbcatholic.org.au or angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

"I AM WILLING, BE HEALED" "FOR I HAVE COME TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE"

COMMUNITY OF THE RISEN LORD SYDNEY SUMMER RETREATS 2019

Healing service with adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
25th of January, 2019 – Friday – 07:30pm – 09:30pm
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Kellyville
8 Diana Ave, Kellyville NSW 2155

4 Steps to Healing (Weekend Retreat)
26th of January, 2019 – Saturday – 9:30am – 4:30pm
27th of January, 2019 – Sunday – 10:00am – 5:00pm
Our Lady of Czestochowa Queen of Poland Church Hall
116-132 Quakers Rd, Marayong NSW 2148

**Family Retreat - Discover the true purpose of family life
and thereby the path to happiness**
28th of January, 2019 – Monday – 10:00am – 4:00pm
John XXIII Catholic Primary School Hall
160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens NSW 2768

Drawing the Power of God
29th of January, 2019 – Tuesday – 07:30pm – 09:30pm
St Luke's Catholic College Hall
Northbourne Dr & Frontier Ave, Marsden Park NSW 2765

Living in the Spirit
30th of January, 2019 – Wednesday – 07:30pm – 09:30pm
Our Lady of Dolours
94 Archer St Chatswood NSW 2067

Freedom through God's Love
31st of January, 2019 – Thursday – 07:30pm – 09:30pm
St John XXIII Catholic Church
160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens NSW 2768

Conducted by Lalith Perera & CRL, Sydney

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Admission Free - All are Welcome

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
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 - 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: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

1st Reading: Zeph 3:14-18 With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

2nd Reading: Phil 4:4-7 The Lord is near.

Gospel: Lk 3:10-18 What, then, must we do?

READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS:

MON: Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

TUES: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24

WEDS: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25

THURS: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

FRI: Song 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-45

SAT: 1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

	<u>15/16 Dec</u>	<u>22/23 Dec</u>
Vigil 5.30pm	Fr John(K)	Bishop David
Sun 5.30am	Novena/Mass	Novena/Mass
7.30am	Fr Jim	Fr John
9.00am	Bishop David	Fr Andrew(K)
10.30am	Fr Jim	Fr Jim(K)
5.30pm	Fr Andrew(K)	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 4 22 & 23 December	Junior Server: Isabella Ho James Ho Genevieve Ho Senior Server: Catherine Ho Mike Kilkeary	Junior Server: Phoebe Thompson Eliza Thompson Senior Server: Gerard Ryan Rose Thompson	Junior Server: Patrick Dixon Alex Evans Tom Evans Matthew Evans Adrian Kan <u>Senior Server:</u> Sean Dixon Benton Ng Nicole Ng	Junior Server: Kenneth Dizon Angeline Dizon Jasmine Dizon Arwen Taqueban Senior Server: Walter Niemotko Paul Taqueban	Junior Server: Eda Chiou Andrew Kim Margaret Kim Senior Server: Fernanda Carrillo 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*.