

Our Lady of Dolours

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 Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm

YEAR A EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 6TH JANUARY 2008

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 Isaiah is here

addressing the city of Jerusalem, telling Jerusalem in poetic language that it will be restored (after the exile) and will become the centre to which people will come from all over the world.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth

will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 takes us to

the centre of the meaning of the feast of the Epiphany, the showing forth of Christ to all people.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 The story of the Magi,

another aspect of the showing forth of our Lord to all the world.

NEXT SUNDAY'S

READINGS 13th January,

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38;

Mt 3:13-17



We have seen his
 star in the east,
 and we came to
 worship him.
 Mt 2:2

DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

MON 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

TUES Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Mary, Mother of God

WEDS 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

THURS 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

FRI 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

SAT 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

PARISH MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 9am and 12.15pm

SATURDAY - 9am and 5.30pm (Vigil)

SUNDAY - 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - 9am only

KOREAN MASS - 7pm; 1st & 2nd Sundays of

month.

FILIPINO MASS - 12noon; 1st Sunday of month.

FAMILY MASS: 9am each Sunday

CHILDREN'S CHOIR at 9am Family Mass on the

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

KIDS' WORD: Children's Liturgy of the Word at

9am Family Mass on 2nd & 4th Sunday during school

term. Begins in Church and moves to Meeting

Rooms.

YOUTH MASS: 5.30pm each Sunday

RECONCILIATION: 9.30am - 10.30am each

Saturday. Any time by request.

MORNING PRAYER: 8.45am Monday to Saturday

ROSARY 9.30am Monday to Saturday

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 any weekday Mass

before surgery or medical treatment, or any time by

request.

BAPTISMS: See the brochure in the Church Foyer

or contact the Sacramental Minister.

WEDDINGS: Contact a priest or sacraments

minister. For a marriage/anniversary blessing at

Sunday Mass. Contact Maria & Joe Woods 94113451

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

5/6 January

12/13 January

Vigil 5.30pm Geoff Bugden

7.30am Vince Casey

9.00am Claude M.

10.30am Claude M.

5.30pm Geoff Bugden

* Baptism Presentations

Vince Casey

Vince Casey*

Satheesh R.

Geoff Bugden

Claude M.

With Our Lady of Dolours, we pray for:
 Sick: A. Ho
 Recently Deceased: Dorothy Cook, Colin McIntyre, Geoff Lewis, David Mico
 Deceased Anniversaries: Barry O'Brien, Filomena Durante



WITHIN THE PARISH

INTRODUCING THE NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST

It is my pleasure to introduce myself to the community of Our Lady of Dolours's Chatswood. I am Sathesh Ramachanath OSH, your new Assistant Priest from 1st January, 2008.

I was born and brought up in Kerala, India. My mother is staying with my brother in India and I have two sisters married and settled. I belong to an order called The Society of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart, which is founded in India. I was ordained in 1996 and was working as a parish priest until I came to the Diocese of Broken Bay in 2004. Since then I was the Assistant Priest of Pittwater Parish (Mona Vale and Avalon).

Now I am here with you to do my priestly ministry. I hope I will be able to serve you to the best of my ability. Requesting your valuable prayers.

Sathesh Ramachanath OSH.
 Assistant Priest.

CHRISTMAS

Congratulations and thank-you to all those who were involved in any way in the preparation and celebration of the Christmas Masses. They are done so well each year we can forget how much work goes into them. I received many congratulations after each of the Christmas Masses, so well done and thank you.
 Also, thanks for the many gifts, cards and Christmas wishes given to the priests and the parish team.
 Enjoy the rest of the break!
 --- Vince

OFFICE HOURS:

Office hours in January will be 9.30am to 1.00pm Monday to Friday. Please leave a message on the answering machine. It will be checked regularly throughout the holiday period.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS...

Did you notice the colourful prayer chain hanging at the back of the church across the choir loft? Children from Castle Cove public school and Roseville public school made the prayer chain during their scripture classes. The children all composed their own prayers and then the different links were pieced together by their patient and creative scripture teachers which included some of our catechists from Our Lady of Dolours... What a fantastic result and a wonderfully vivid display of prayer!

KID'S BAPTISM

The next Kids' Baptism program which prepares children aged 5-11 for baptism at Easter time, will commence on 3 February 2008 (postponed from 6 January). For more information, see the Kids' Baptism brochure at the back of the church or contact Teresa at the Parish Office 9412 1042.

CARISMATIC HEALING MASS

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to come and pray at Our Lady of Dolours Church on Saturday, 16th February 2008 at 1pm with Fr Augustine Mundackatt. Fr Mundackatt is from Kerala, India and travels all over the world to spread the Word of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. For further details phone Clary on 9440 7336.

HOME ROSARY

will be held on Friday, 11 January at 12 Stan Street, Willoughby at 7.30 pm. Enquiries: 9967 2601.

DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIC PLACE AND CHATSWOOD CHASE

During the week work began on a new storm water drain which is being laid along Ferguson Lane. It will take about three weeks. When it is finished demolition for the building of Civic Place will begin. Also during the week pre-construction activities began for the re-development of Chatswood Chase. Update sheets with more information are available in the foyer of the church.

RETIREMENT LIVING

A number of parishioners have asked to be kept informed about the marketing of the units being built in the parish.

For Watermark Residences at Castle Cove visit

the Display Suite at 12 Deepwater Road; or call

Carolyn Tillotson for an appointment on 9882 2770;

or go to www.watermarkcastlecove.com.au

For St Peter's Green at West Chatswood call Lia

Fraser on 0404 049 922; or www.greengate.com.au;

or www.catholichealthcare.com.au

BIBLE STUDY

Christmas recess. No Bible Study on

Wednesday nights until 23 January 2008.

Enquiries: Jenny and Ray 9412 1701

QUOTE

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

Mother Teresa

Outside the Parish

RED CROSS BLOOD SERVICE

If you are able to give blood please make the effort to visit the Chatswood Donor Centre during January. To make an appointment call 13 14 95.

WALKING WITH LOVE

Saturday 2 February 2008 at Dooleys Catholic Club, Church St, Lidcombe from 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm. This event is a national project of the Australian Catholic Bishops, educating Catholics and the wider community about life-affirming alternatives to abortion and promoting the Gospel ethos of love and forgiveness to all those who have lost a child through abortion. Afternoon tea will be provided. Contact Mary Joseph at the Life Office on 9390 5283 or email mary.joseph@sycdney.catholic.org.au.

MARY MACKILLOP PLACE MUSEUM

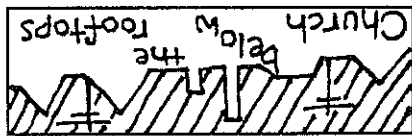
is seeking a Manager for their retail shop. Must have sales/retail experience, be self motivated and results driven, enjoy working in a team environment, be well presented, have good communication skills and be computer literate. Please seek a copy of the job description before applying from: John Day, Assistant Director, Mary Mackillop Place, PO Box 1081, North Sydney, 2059, email john.day@sosj.org.au, fax 8912 4858. Applications close Monday, 14th January 2008.

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

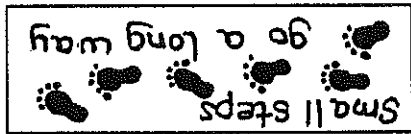
"At last, the light has come! In the Gospel, the magi are led to the child by the light of a star. Whether this was an actual celestial phenomenon, as the narrative suggests, or a metaphor for some other kind of enlightenment, it was by divine guidance that they found the child.

"The children's version of the Gospel story is well known to most, but the adult version contains the real challenge. It maintains that God, not the social or political structures of the day, is the source of our light. It teaches that openness and humility are necessary if we wish to read correctly the "signs of the times." It insists that when we discover the "promised one," we must be willing to offer him all that we have. The light has come, and we are invited to live in it. How have we responded to the invitation?"

Reflection by Dianne Bergant



'As an outsider to the Catholic Church, I was first attracted to the idea of becoming a Catholic by the faith of my husband and the witness of our Catholic friends. In fact, there were many wonderful people lighting up the way, but no one actually challenging me to take the plunge. It took the invitation of my child's teacher to set my journey to Christ in motion. I call her my star of Bethlehem.' (Kate, Catholic and loving it!)



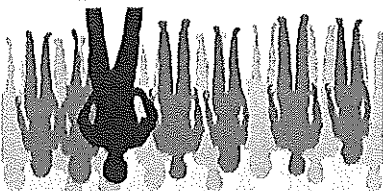
- When the magi met the Lord they came away changed; their lives now pointing in a new direction. Have you ever had an experience like this which has affected your life as a Catholic? Share this with a friend outside our faith community.

- The response of the magi is to offer the Christ-child a gift. What is the most precious gift you could give of yourself to the Lord in the coming week?

- How does the Lord shine upon your life?

- What signs can you see in the world that nations are being drawn to the light of Christ?

- What obstacles still obscure this light?



Youth at Chatswood

for general enquiries: youth_at_chatswood@hotmail.com

WYD2008 Corner

REGISTRATION UPDATES

WYD08 New Registration Hours

Wed	9:30 am to 1:00 pm
	3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Thurs	2:00 pm to 4:30 pm
	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Sunday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

or call Darlene to set an appointment at 94121042

Watch out for another registration weekend. (to be announced)

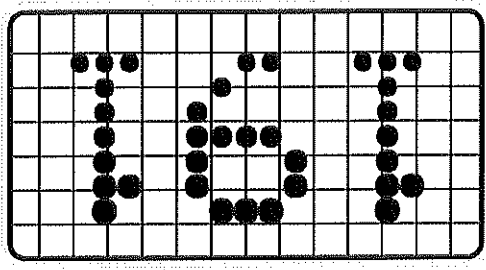
Registration FACTS and FORM is now available in the parish website

To secure your booking please register on or before **10 February, 2008.**

Register now and be involved! WYD08 is around the corner!!!

For more information email to darlene@chatswood.parish.org.au
winniewong117@gmail.com

WYD08 COUNTDOWN



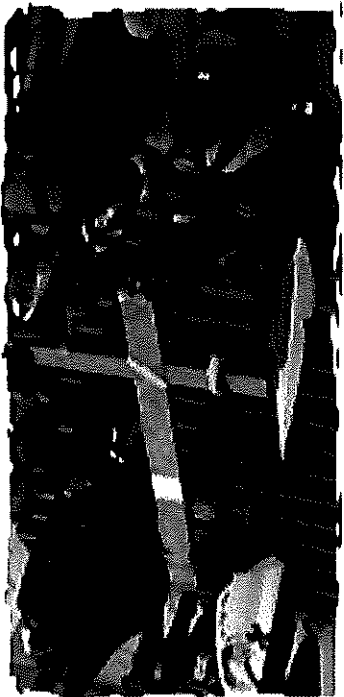
a prepared and willing heart and then let God do his work. And he does. He wipes away the tears. He mops away the perspiration. He softened our furrowed brows. He touches our cheeks. He changes our faces as we worship.

-Max Lucado

All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And my glory is shown through them. (John 17:10)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Antioch WYD Cross & Icon CELEBRATION



A privileged time for Antiochers with the WYD Cross & Icon - praying with these symbol of faith and animating liturgies for families and friends

January 11-12, 2008
Parish of St. Mary & St. Joseph,
Malabar Road
(cnr Gregory St),
South Coogee

Cost: \$10.00

Information:
Ron & Mavis Pirola,
93491710 or
0410697906

ANTIOCH WEEKEND

"the best youth weekend ever"
February 8 to 10, 2008

For more information please contact:
Natalie Viset 0438 223 964
Andrew Bagot 0408 657 729
John and Marie Black 9869 7076

Thoughts for New Year: OUR GOAL

God is in the business of changing the face of the world

Let me be very clear. This change is His job, not ours. Our goal is not to make our faces radiant. Not even Jesus did that. Matthew says, "Jesus' appearance was changed" not "Jesus changed his appearance." Moses didn't even know his face is shining (Exodus 34:29). Our goal is not to conjure up some fake, frozen expression. Our goal is simply to stand before God with