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The Catholic Parish of Chatswood  
Diocese of Broken Bay

4th Sunday of Lent – Year C

14 March 2010

# Our Lady of Dolours

Under the care of the  
Michaelite Fathers



Prayer to Saint Michael  
the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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*Our Lady of Dolours,  
pray for us.*

## What's happening this week in the Parish?

Day	Time	Event
Mon	7.30pm	Charismatic Prayer Group in MR2
Tues	10.00am	Lenten Bible Discussion in MR2
Weds	9.45am	Lenten Bible Study MR2
Weds	6pm	RCIA in MR3
Weds	7pm	Lenten Bible Study in MR2
Weds	7pm	Social Justice Group in MR3
Thurs	2.00pm	Lenten Bible Study, St Peter's Green, West Chatswood
Thurs	7pm	Weekly AV Lenten presentation "The Reflection" in MR1
Thurs	7.30pm	'Deepening Friendships' Young Adults Group in MR1
Fri	9.30am	Beginnings in MR1
Fri	12.45 & 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Fri	1.15-3pm	Adoration & Divine Mercy Devotions in the Church
Fri	6pm	Soup & Movie Night in MR1
Fri	7.30pm	Home Rosary at 1/19 Clanwilliam St, Willoughby
Sat	10am	Food Addicts Presentation in MR1
Sat	3.30pm	Chinese RCIA in MR2

## Fr Janusz writes...

The parable of the **Prodigal Son** is perhaps the greatest of all Jesus' parables. The key to this parable is the reaction of the father. As the son was returning home, the father ran to the son, embraced him, and began a celebration for him. The son as we know, had 'come to his senses'. When we sin, we don't make sense. Whenever we do come to our senses, Jesus tells us that God the Father will be there to welcome us. The only thing that will keep us from the love of the Father is our decision to keep away from Him. The prodigal son is a model for all of us. God will always extend mercy to a person seeking forgiveness. God's heart is one of mercy. If God extends mercy to us, do we extend mercy to those far from God? Will we be like the Pharisees, and try to distance ourselves from the sinners? Or will we be like Jesus, and take the Father's mercy to those farthest away from His love? Let us ask God today for the grace to be His ambassadors of mercy, and give hope to those who have none.

**Nominations for election to our Parish Pastoral Council** are now open. The PPC has an advisory role in the parish to support the Parish Priest and clergy in their pastoral care of the parish community. It shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community, working together with clergy and parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ. If you think you have talents to offer our community, please consider nominating. Nomination forms are available in the main foyer of the church. Completed forms need to be returned to the Parish Office by 21 March 2010.

This coming week the Church celebrates **two important solemnities**. On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the **Solemnity of St Patrick**, which for the Church in Australia holds a significant place in the history and spirituality of our local church. Then on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the **Solemnity of St Joseph**, husband of Mary. Both these celebrate the lives of great men in the church. If you are able to, why not come and join us in celebrating these great days in the liturgical life of the Church at Mass at 9am or 12.15pm?

## Within the Parish

**THANK YOU** to all who welcomed Fr Robert Borg back to the parish last weekend. Fr Robert commented on the warmth of welcome and hospitality that was shown to him by so many of you. Thank you also to all who helped with the morning tea, particularly members of our parish Social Committee. Well done!

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Thanks to Fr John Mutuku our guest speaker and Br Christopher Rafferty, our organist & the choir from St Pius X College and all who contributed to making the day a great success. A full report with photos is on the Centenary notice board and on the parish website. Next year's service is being organised by Christian women of Chile and will be on 4 March 2011 – venue to be announced.

### '5 minutes with the Word – Lent 2010'

Booklets are now available at the back of the church.

### MONSIGNOR HARRINGTON

Thursday, 11 March was the Anniversary of Monsignor Harrington who died in 1978. Mons. Harrington was Parish Priest at Our Lady of Dolours Church from 1953-1973. In 1986 Harrington Hall was built and named in honour of the late Monsignor Harrington. Please remember the Monsignor in your prayers as we give thanks to God for his life's work at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood.

### CHINESE RECONCILIATION

Father Fernando Montano, a Cantonese speaking priest will be coming to our parish to listen to Reconciliation in Cantonese on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 between 2.30pm-4pm. Any interested parishioner – please contact Margaret 0411 550222.

**KIDS COIN KILOMETRE** All children are invited to bring their coins to form a kilometre of coins on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> March (after the 9am Mass). Young or old, all are invited to come and participate. There will be a cup of tea for parents and drinks for the children. Come along and join in the fun! See the flyers in the church ....

**WILLOUGHBY SYMPHONY CHOIR AT OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH** - Presents Petite Messe Solennelle by Gioachino Rossini. Neither little, nor solemn, Rossini's last great masterwork is performed by a thrilling cast of young opera soloists, virtuosic pianists and the magnificent Willoughby Symphony Choir at full strength. Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm – Tickets \$25 at the door or phone 9777 7547.

### CHOCOLATE PASCAL LAMBS

Next weekend at all Masses, our parish youth will be selling Chocolate Pascal lambs as a fundraiser for World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid. The lambs are an important Christian symbol of Easter and a great way to spread the message of Christ's resurrection. The lambs come in white and milk chocolate and sell for \$7.00 each.

### ATRIUM NEWS

With the first term of the year well underway, the children in all 3 atrium sessions have settled into Lent in the Atrium – a time for preparing for the great feasts of Easter. We began with our first sessions after Ash Wednesday 'burying' the Alleluia under our purple prayer table cloth. This will be uncovered again when we celebrate Easter with our special "Liturgy of Light" para-liturgy which will end the term for the children.

We still have several children on a waitlist for the 6-9 after school sessions, but not enough adults available to work with the children. We also have a new training program due to begin on May 29-31 (Sat, Sun and Mon) followed by 3 Thursdays in June (10, 17 and 24). If you think you might like to work with the children in this wonderful place – or you just want to know more, please contact Angela or Charmaine at [old.childrens atrium@gmail.com](mailto:old.childrens atrium@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you!

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2010** will be held this year from 14 to 20 March. All 11 Dioceses across NSW and the ACT are joining together to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our Catholic schools. **Our Lady of Dolours Primary School** is having an open morning on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30am to 11am. If you are considering enrolling your child in Kindergarten 2011, this information session is for you and any friends who may be interested.

### MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Come and see the Mercy Spirit in action with displays of work and class activities. Meet the Principal, teachers and students on **SUNDAY 21 MARCH** between 11am – 2pm. Mercy College offers quality Catholic education at an affordable price.

**AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE THE SACREDNESS OF LIFE** Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> March – St Mary's Cathedral Bishop Brady will say the Angelus at noon in the Cathedral followed by a prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney; stopping briefly for prayers outside Parliament House. Event concludes at 1.30pm with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

On this "Day of the Unborn Child" we are joyfully celebrating the sacredness of every human life, the blessing of motherhood for the entire pro-life movement and for an end to abortion in Australia.

A group from Chatswood parish are meeting on the front forecourt after the Angelus under the banner of "Our Lady of Guadalupe". We are inviting you to join us and 2,000 other like minded people. For more information please take a leaflet from the back of the Church or ring Maureen on 9419 5001.

#### FA (Food Addicts)

Are you having a problem with food? Come to a community information meeting for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating and bulimia. Everyone is welcome to this free meeting, including those who think they may have a food problem or those who are concerned about someone who may. Sat, 20<sup>th</sup> March @ 10am at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, meeting room 1, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood. Call FA at 02 8569 1709, or visit our website at [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org).

#### PROJECT COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 14 March

Care for God's creation has always been an important part of Christian tradition. In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Clare from the Southern Highlands in Papua New Guinea. Clare works in the maternity ward, supporting local women to have access to safe maternity services. She also works as an educator on maternal health issues and provides ongoing support to mothers about child health, nutrition and prevention of disease. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps PNG communities to have access to safe maternity and child health facilities as well as primary health care.



**CHOIR PRACTICE** Next Choir Practice for Easter Ceremonies is Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup>. NO practice next Wednesday (St Patrick's Feast).

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS - March 14, 2010

*"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - Joshua 5:12*

Throughout the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need. (Thanks to Archdiocese of St Louis).

#### JUBILEE COLUMN

In this Year for Priests and our Centenary, it is important that we take the time to reflect on and celebrate the contribution our priests have made to the parish over the years. Last Sunday Fr Robert Borg returned to Our Lady of Dolours to celebrate 10.30am Mass and catch up with parishioners. It was great to see so many parishioners join Fr Robert for morning tea.

On Sunday, 14 March Fr Bob Crawford returns to OLD to celebrate 10.30am Mass. You will have a chance to catch up with Fr Bob during morning tea after Mass. And keep an eye on the bulletin for announcements about other returning priests!

Friday, 19 March sees the return of Soup & Movie Night. 'Mao's Last Dancer' will be screened at 6pm in meeting room 1. Your gold coin donation not only gives you movie entry but also contributes to Project Compassion - Caritas Australia's major annual fundraising and education campaign. A great movie and a great cause!

Thanks to everyone who attended the recent Parish Assembly. Minutes including an update on the Centenary year and a progress report on the many activities we have planned for this special year will be available on the parish website and in the church foyer soon. In the meantime, mark the dates of future parish assemblies in your diary now - 30 May, 29 August and 28 November.

#### BULLETIN REQUIREMENTS

A friendly reminder that any bulletin items need to be received by Nicole in the Parish Office by midday Wednesday each week. Please email Nicole at [office@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:office@chatswoodparish.org.au)

Occasionally the parish office receives requests to place personal advertisements in the bulletin. Such requests may, for example, seek accommodation, employment or to buy or sell computers, cars or other goods. To avoid possible disappointment, please note that the Parish does not accept personal advertisements for publication in our parish bulletin.

#### Outside the Parish

**Adult Education Sessions** presented by Sis Elizabeth Crilley rsj at Mary MacKillop Place, Mount Street, North Sydney. Mondays 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March from 11am - 1pm. Cost is \$10 each session.

**Theology & the Cinema** presented by Richard Leonard SJ. 27 March, 10 April, 1 & 22 May 2010 9am-5pm at Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills. For further information and registrations, phone 9847 0030. [www.brokenbay.catholic.edu.au](http://www.brokenbay.catholic.edu.au)

## 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; 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of month.  
Filipino Mass - 12noon; 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month.  
Family Mass - 9am each Sunday  
Children's Choir at 9am Family Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sunday of the month.  
Kids' Word - Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9am  
Family Mass on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 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

Cenacle - each Monday at 11.30am

Adoration & Divine Mercy Devotions - 12.45pm on  
Friday

Exposition - 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday

Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Saturday  
10.00am with Benediction 10.30am

Anointing of the Sick - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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,  
go to our website (below) or contact the Parish  
Office.

Weddings - Contact a priest or the parish secretary

For a Marriage/Anniversary Blessing at Sunday  
Mass contact Maria & Joe Woods 9411 3451.

## CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

	13/14 March	20/21 March
Vigil 5.30pm	Fr Claude	Fr George
7.30am	Fr Janusz	Fr Claude
9.00am	Fr George	Fr George
10.30am	Fr Bob Crawford*	Fr Janusz
5.30pm	Fr Janusz	Fr Janusz

\*Baptism Presentations

## SUNDAY MASS READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for  
her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who  
mourned for her, and you will find contentment at  
her consoling breasts.

**First Reading:** Jos 5:9-12 The Lord removes the  
reproach of Egypt.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9 Taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** 2 Cor 5:17-21 All is new in Christ.

**Gospel:** Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Parable of the prodigal son.

**Next Weekend's Readings:** - 21 March 2010 -  
Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

## READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS

**MON:** Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

**TUES:** Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16

**WED:** Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

**THURS:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

**FRI:** 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51  
**Joseph, Husband of Mary**

**SAT:** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52

## With Our Lady of Dolours We Pray For:

**Recently Deceased:** Alejandra Pe

**Deceased Anniversary:** John Waddell,  
Eugenia Panetta, Paul Johnson



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** There is a staff member in  
attendance to answer the door and the phones  
Monday to Friday 9.30am-1.00pm and again from  
1.30pm-4.30pm. At all other times it is subject to  
availability of staff, or by appointment. Please note,  
the office is closed for lunch from 1pm-1.30pm

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