

Our Lady of Dolours

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm

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

15/16 September 22/23 September

Vigil 5.30pm	Vince Casey	Geoff Bugden
7.30am	C. Mostowik	C. Mostowik
9.00am	Vince Casey	C. Mostowik
10.30am	Geoff Bugden	Geoff Bugden*
12.30pm	Baptisms	-----
5.30pm	Geoff Meagher	Geoff Bugden
		*Baptisms

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24TH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME
16TH SEPTEMBER 2007

READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 records how Moses interceded with God who relented and forgave the people.

Responsorial Psalm: I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Over the next six Sundays we read excerpts from Paul's letters to Timothy. Today Paul writes of God's determination to save sinners.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32 Shows people taking offence because Jesus associated with sinners. In reply Jesus tells three parables.



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

23rd September 2007
(25th Sunday) Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

MON 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

TUES 1 Tim 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

WEDS 1 Tim 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

THURS 1 Tim 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50
Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong
Hasang & Companions

FRI Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
St Matthew

SAT 1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

With Our Lady of Dolours, we pray for:

Recently Deceased: Filomena Ceravolo, Fr Kevin Starkey (Parish Priest of Moorebank), Santo Biviano
Deceased Anniversary: Guy Atwell, Margaret & Brian Sutton, Rosina & Giorgio Circosta, Elisabetta Salvatore Papallo, Rosina Prestia, Vlaho Vlatko Rulo
Sick: Bernard Carroll, Pia Maiorana, Hock Siang Cheam
Baptism: Rex Madrideojos, Lucy Yu, Amy Shi



WITHIN THE PARISH

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Catechumenate sessions will commence later this month. Time and place to be advised. Enquiries: Teresa 9412 1042

CHINESE RCIA / Faith formation

One of the quiet strengths of our parish is a small group of Chinese parishioners who meet on Saturday afternoons, reflecting on the Sunday Gospels. There are both Cantonese and Mandarin speakers in the group. The group helps to guide those preparing for baptism, but also welcomes those who are already Catholic and who wish to keep growing in their faith.

Margaret Yuen and Katherine Lai form the cornerstone of this excellent ministry, ably assisted by Sr Pauline from Lindfield. The Chinese RCIA/Faith formation group will take a break over the coming school holidays and will resume from October. Your enquiry is welcome. Contact: Margaret Yuen 9411 1156 (W) or 0411 550 222.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

There will be a Meeting for this ministry on Wednesday, 19th September in Meeting Room 1 at 7.00pm. As always everyone is welcome to attend as we go forward with the Parish projects. Enquiries: Terry Meagher (94192642)

HOLIDAYS

I will be on holidays from Monday 17th September till Thursday 18th October. I will be visiting friends, staying with my Mum and going to the Entrance with my nephew. The last few days will be a re-union with some of my ordination class. *Vince.*



SINGERS AND MUSICIANS

We are privileged to have different choir groups sing or play at the various Masses to enhance our liturgies. *We always welcome any singers or musicians who would like to join the different groups.* Please contact Charmaine on 9412 1042 or charmaine@chatswoodparish.org.au if you like share your talents.



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS

This weekend we are celebrating our parish feast day. There was Taize prayer on Friday night, a parish dinner on Saturday evening and tea and coffee on Sunday morning. Thanks to all who contributed to these celebration. To mark the feast we will be using the prayers for Our lady of Dolours at all the Masses in the parish this weekend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CLOTHING APPEAL

Our appeal for clean, good quality men's, women's and children's clothing as well as towels and blankets will take place in the Parish over the weekend of 29th and 30th September. Plastic bags for the purpose will be available at all Church entrances over the weekend of 22nd/23rd September. Please take one or more home and return them to the Vinnies van parked in the Church grounds on the weekend of 29th/30th September.

We always welcome donations of items that can be sold in our retail outlets at very low prices. For donated goods that need to be picked up, phone our Chatswood Centre (9419 4236) or Brookvale (9905 0424) any weekday during business hours.

WELCOME

to Geoff Meagher, brother of Terry, a Jesuit priest who is home from India for a few months. Geoff will be celebrating Mass in the parish this weekend. Please make him welcome.

NEW WEBSITE

The parish's new website will go live on Friday 21 September 2007. The new website will have information about the parish, including contact phone numbers of some parishioners (as printed in the parish directory). Please advise Charmaine Wan at charmaine@chatswoodparish.org.au or on 9412 1042 if you do not wish your contact details to be advertised on the parish's website. You can check out the new website on www.chatswoodparish.org.au after 21st September.



HUMOUR

Pavarotti knocks at the pearly gates.

St Peter opens them and says "oh, it's you Luciano, come on in, squeeze through".

Pavarotti says "hold on, I've got an envelope for you from the Pope".

St Peter opens it up and reads it....

"HERE'S THAT TENOR I OWE YOU"

FAMILY GROUPS - SEPTEMBER 2007

During September the following activities are scheduled for their members and they would like to invite other parishioners or members of the other Family Groups to join them. Each event or activity has an organizer and telephone number for contact if you are interested in attending or enquiring.

- Sunday September 23 Bush Walk
Anne & Wim 9419 7707
- Saturday September 29 Magical Mystery Tour
Gerard 9412 3267

Please see our notice board at the left hand side of the Church entrance for more details of Family Groups. Jenny and Ray Moran (9412 1701) are the Coordinators of the Chatswood Family Groups and would welcome any enquiry.

CCD CATECHISTS AWARDS

Congratulations and best wishes to Gail Atwell (15 years), Rita Biviano (25 years) and Mary Julien (40 years) who have taught in our State Schools over the years. Your dedication is very much appreciated by the parishioners.

QUOTE

"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you..." Author unknown

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This weekend we are calling for nominations for four positions to be filled on the Parish Pastoral Council. Those elected to the Council will hold the position for three years. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

The PPC advises the Parish Priest and helps set the direction for all parish pastoral activities. It needs leaders who have vision and dreams for our Parish. Are you or someone you know one of these leaders? Please pray about who might be a good leader to guide our Parish in the next few years and ask them to consider nomination.

Nominations forms are available in the foyer of the church. The elections will be held on the weekends of 7th and 14th October 2007.

CATECHISTS!

Attention: Year 2 catechists. Can you help distribute sacramental information to your students re the Reconciliation program which starts in October? It would be helpful to have this to students prior to school holidays. Pick up from the pigeon holes in Kirk St. Thanks for your assistance.

HOME ROSARY will be held on Friday, 21 September at 7.30pm at 305/17 Barton Road, Artarmon. Enquiries: 9967 2601.

ANTIOCH: Calendar of events Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd September.

Parramatta Diocese combined Antioch Weekend. This is a completely different weekend with brand new talks about love, life and Christ; games; food; music; and a chance to grow stronger with yourself and God. It is being held at Mt Victoria (in the Blue Mountains). Application forms at the parish office or contact the leaders, Ben Cummins 0402 317 331 or Jacqui Vella 0433 320 944. Cost is about \$80.

Sunday 7th October

10am BAM (Big Antioch Meeting) at the chapter Hall at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

3pm Antioch Anniversary Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. The main celebrant is Fr Vince Casey.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament will be celebrated during the 12.15pm Mass this Friday 21st September.

HOMESTAY HOST FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 18th September, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Waitara @ 7.30pm

Cindy Bakewell from WYD Sydney Office is the manager of the Homestay Program and will address families interested in hosting international pilgrims for World Youth Day. Families may have lots of questions about hosting pilgrims, and may be hesitating about doing so, and this **information evening** becomes a wonderful opportunity to have your questions answered, and to learn some tips and traps of hosting pilgrims. Light supper provided. RSVP Parish Office: 9483 2300.

WORLD YOUTH DAY VIGIL

The Legion of Mary are holding an all night vigil at Our Lady of Dolours Church on Friday, 21 September with a 9.30pm start; 10.00pm Mass. Celebrant is Fr. Joseph Patanam. The intention is for the success of the World Youth Day 2008 and conversion of sinners. Everyone is invited, especially the young people. Refreshments will be served throughout the night.

THANKS

to Claude Mostowik, Finian Egan and Denis Callahan who will be celebrating Masses in the parish to allow me to take me holidays. *Vince.*

Outside the Parish

OLOR WAITARA WELCOMES PAPAL VOCATIONS MONSTRANCE.

The Vocations Monstrance, blessed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, will be in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Waitara on the 5th of October 2007. There will be a welcoming Mass for the Papal Vocations Monstrance at 9:15am on Friday 5th of October 2007 followed by prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the next 24 hours. Please join us in this opportunity to pray for vocations in our Diocese. Everyone is welcome to join us in our prayers.

"SPRING" A TIME TO VISIT MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

You are invited to visit the Shrine of Mary Mackillop, tour the Museum and enjoy morning tea and a catered lunch. \$25.00 per person. October 3rd. Bookings essential (8912 4800).



AFTER SCHOOL CARE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NEEDED

Holy Family Primary School, Lindfield, After School Care, needs a part-time/full time assistant director. The position would suit a retired person with an interest in children. Please fax your resume to: Holy Family PS After School Care, Subject: Assistant Director Position at fax: (02) 9416 9342. For enquires about the position please ring the Centre's director Jenny Cheung on: ph: (02) 9416 7157. Thank you.

PROJECT RACHEL NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2007

Hope and healing after abortion with Theresa Burke. To educate and empower through a deeper understanding of abortion trauma, its aftermath and ways to forgiveness, wholeness and healing. Conference on Saturday and Sunday, 29 & 30 September. \$10/15 donation at the door. Chevalier Centre, 1 Roma Ave, Kensington. Website www.projectrachel.org.au

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

At the Blue Gum Hotel, Waitara on Wednesday, 19th September 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Our theme: "a destitute time. What is the way forward for religion?" Patrick Lee youth minister from Pennant Hills and Penny Elsley world youth day coordinator for the Broken Bay Diocese are our speakers. All welcome. Enquiries to Angela 9869 8863.

Have you booked yet?

Challenge Ranch

2 Fantastic Opportunities!

Family Weekend

Friday 2nd November 7 pm -

Sunday 4th November 2pm

Mum's Only Weekend

Friday 9th November 7pm -

Sunday 11th November 2pm

Excellent Value

Cost includes **all** meals, accommodation & supervised activities

Don't be disappointed.

***Numbers closing off last week of term**

Book Now!

Phone: Marian Bowyer 0432 882

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Or Email

parentcouncil@cso.brokenbay.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady of Dolours

the patron saint of our parish



Our Lady of Dolours' Feast Day celebrations 2007

Friday 14 Sept. 7pm. Taize Prayer and Worship evening.

Saturday 15 Sept. 7pm. Parish Dinner.

Sunday 16 Sept. Celebratory morning tea after 9am Mass.

On our feast day this year, we are also announcing our new parish website, which is to be launched in just a few weeks time.

What does Our Lady of Dolours (Sorrows) mean to us today?

There is great suffering in the world: in people's hearts, in families, amidst nations.

Our faith must be able to 'speak' to us in our suffering.

In the Christian tradition, the image of Mary, a young woman bringing forth a child in a dangerous world, and the image of Mary as an older woman, standing before her son crucified on a cross, have spoken to the hearts of generations of believers.

Our Lady of Dolours takes us to the very heart of the gospel: we are saved through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is no accident that the Feast of Our Lady of Dolours (15 Sept) follows the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross (14 Sept).

In reflecting on Mary as sorrowful mother (note: not 'depressed and embittered' mother) we do so in the context of faith, hope and love.

We remember that God's people are a people of unquenchable hope!

We believe that:

- God never abandons us in our pain.
- Love is stronger than death.
- Whatever 'deathly' experiences we endure, God calls us onwards into fullness of life.
- As the first disciple of Jesus, Mary shows us how to face our trials with courage and hope, trusting that God's love will prevail.
- As a Church we are called to stand in solidarity with all who suffer, and to be a healing presence in the world.

Our Lady of Dolours' in church tradition

The 13th century founders of the Servite order developed a practice of meditating on the seven sorrows (dolours) of Mary.

A beautiful prayer evolved, following much the same meditative pattern as the rosary, using seven groups of seven beads. Hence it is known as the Servite Rosary or the Rosary of Seven Sorrows.

The seven sorrows of Mary



The prophecy of Simeon
Lk 2:33-35



The Flight into Egypt
Mt 2:13-15



The loss of the child Jesus in the temple
Lk 2:41-52



Meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary
Jn 19:17



At the foot of the cross
Jn 19:25-30



Taking Jesus down from the cross
Jn 19:31-37



The burial of Jesus
Jn 19:38-42

The power of Marian prayer

Did you know that, during each week, hundreds of people visit the Marian shrine in our church?

In this week of our parish feast day:

- Make a point of visiting the shrine to pray for the gift of healing for someone carrying a heavy burden.
- Meditate on the seven sorrows of Mary.

With Our Lady of Dolours may we stand at the foot of the cross with people around the world who are struggling under great burdens such as the effects of poverty, disease, homelessness and war.

Youth at Chatswood



General Enquiries: youth_at_chatswood@hotmail.com

Youth Page designed by: Adeline Tan & Winnie Wong

You're a Beautiful Person Tom Walsh

I wish that I could tell every person that I meet that he or she is a beautiful person--and have them believe it. I wish I could look them in the eyes and tell them of their beauty and have them accept the words for what they truly are--the truth, plain and simple.

You know what I mean, don't you? You and I both know that most people will deny their beauty, expressing what they feel is modesty or humility. It's easier for us to be told that we're talented or intelligent--our own beauty is something that we don't want to face.

You could help me to convince people of their innate beauty. You could agree with me in an effort to reinforce the message. You could give a few specifics to illustrate just what we're talking about when we say the person is beautiful. You could reassure the person that I'm not saying it to flatter or to try to win the person over or get something out of the person, but just trying to express in words the beauty I see when I look into that person's eyes and see the human being there, the person who gets happy and hurt and who laughs and who cries.

You can help me by reminding the person that beauty isn't about comparing ourselves with others, but about the part of us that shines when we love others and love life. It's not all physical and it's not all spiritual, but a tender combination of all that we are.

And when that person says, "No, not me," you could argue the point and ask him or her not to talk down about him or herself, to admit to the beauty that's there, to accept it, to thrive in it. Because you know just as well as I do that this person can hurt his or her own self-image and feelings by denying the beauty.

So I ask you: Please help me to convince people of their own beauty. Will you do that? Thank you. And we'll start right here, with you: You're a beautiful person.

The rest is up to you.

(source:
<http://www.livinglifefully.com/flo/flobeautifulperson.htm>)



"May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious onto you; may the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

World Youth Day 2008 News (visit: www.wyd2008.org.au)

World Youth Day 2008 organisers today opened applications to young Catholics looking to play a pivotal role in the event. Applications are being sought for Animating Teams to coordinate the Catechesis teaching sessions on three mornings during the week-long event.

Led by one of 300 Bishops from around the world, Catechesis is a chance for pilgrims to learn more about their faith, discuss issues with clergy and gain further spiritual guidance.

"The ultimate goal of Catechesis is to guide, with the help of the Holy Spirit, the minds and hearts of the pilgrims to take steps to receive Christ and to respond to his invitations," said Steve Lawrence, Director Evangelisation and Catechesis. "We are looking for 300 Animating Teams of at least six people who will help lead and coordinate the three elements of Catechesis: preparation, teaching and Mass," he said.

Mr Lawrence said most Catechesis sessions would be in English, but up to a third would be in other languages, predominantly Italian, Spanish and French. Applications are open to groups that can provide the following functions:

- \$ Leaders
- \$ MCs
- \$ Musicians including singers and/or choir
- \$ Readers for Mass
- \$ Servers for Mass
- \$ Other team members to give testimonies and present dramas

Applications are open to Catholics from Australia, New Zealand and around the world to assist the various language groups participating in WYD08.

To apply, please visit www.wyd2008.org/catechesis

Spiro news...

*This week on **SPIRO**. Have you ever wondered why it rains when you don't have an umbrella? Why are the people that love you the most often the ones who can hurt you the most? Why is there war? And why does it have to rain before we see a rainbow? We will explore these questions and more when we embark on a 4 week journey of discovery... but don't worry, there will still be chocolate and pizza... and cartoons (who said you can't learn anything from cartoons??)!! Meet us at the meeting room 1 at 6.30pm, finish time 8pm. Cost: \$8 for dinner.*

As always I am available on 0421191965, or spiro_at_chatswood@hotmail.com

Peace, Bridge.

WANTED

Are you young and energetic?
Can you hold a tune in the shower?
Bring your passion & shower singing skills to our Youth Choir!!
Contact
youth_at_chatswood@hotmail.com for more information

To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment

- Ralph Waldo Emerson