

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

22/23 September 29/30 September

Vigil	5.30pm	Geoff Bugden	Geoff Bugden
	7.30am	Claude Mostowik	Geoff Bugden
	9.00am	Claude Mostowik	C. Mostowik
	10.30am	Geoff Bugden*	C. Mostowik
	5.30pm	Geoff Bugden	Geoff Bugden
		*Baptisms	

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25TH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME
23RD SEPTEMBER 2007

READINGS

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7 is a condemnation of people who are so intent on making money that they have no time for God or for the poor.

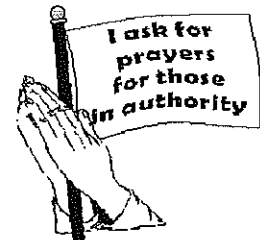
Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Tim 2:1-8 Paul invites us to pray for everyone since God wants everyone to be saved.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 Jesus tells the parable of the man who cancelled his master's debtors in order to gain favour with them when he was dismissed.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

30th September 2007
 (26th Sunday) Amos 6:1, 4-7
 1 Tim 6:11-16;
 Lk 16:19-31



DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

MON Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
TUES Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
WEDS Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
THURS Haggai 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
 St Vincent de Paul
FRI Haggai 1:15-2:9; Lk 9:18-22
SAT Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Apoc 12:7-12;
 Jn 1:47-51
 Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

With Our Lady of Dolours, we pray for:

Recently Deceased: Bernard Carroll, Fr Michael Myo Myint (Burma), Brian Brouggy

Deceased Anniversary: Robert John Kendall, Patrick Scully, George & Margaret Brouggy,
Fr Frank Brouggy, Soohyang Lee, Gregory Lee

Sick: Hock Siang Cheam,

Baptism: Linley Ward, Ethan Hemingway, Olivia Leung, Noah Mudadu, Scott Emerson



WITHIN THE PARISH



OFFICE HOURS

Monday, 1st October is a Public Holiday and as such there will be no 12.15pm mass. The Parish Office will also be closed.

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 Kirk St foyer. Thanks for your assistance. (Teresa & Paula)

READING THE GOSPEL

Are there any parishioners who would enjoy spending an occasional hour reading the gospel to some of our interested older parishioners residing in nursing homes? If you think you would like to be a reader please call Linda on 9412 1042.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be Tuesday 25 September 2007 commencing at 7.30pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CLOTHING APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul annual Clothing Appeal will take place in this Parish next weekend 29th/30th September. Once again we are seeking clean, good quality men's, women's and children's clothing as well as towels and blankets. This Saturday and Sunday plastic bags will be available at all entrances of the Church and we ask you to please take one or more and to return filled bags next weekend where they can be placed in the Vinnies van parked in the Church grounds. We are, as always, deeply grateful to you all for your generosity.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE ON
www.chatswoodparish.org.au

HOLIDAYS

I will be on holidays from Monday 17th September till Thursday 18th October. *Vince*

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Feast Day of Our Lady of Dolours was beautifully celebrated over the weekend with masses, Taizé worship on Friday evening, the Parish Dinner on Saturday and morning tea on Sunday. Heartfelt thanks to all who contributed time and efforts to our celebrations, particularly the Filipino Chaplaincy Choir who sang for us at the Dinner, the musicians and readers who helped create the Taizé peace and serenity, and those who brought delicious food to the morning tea. Finally, a warm thank you as well to those parishioners who attended the celebrations, ensuring their success.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. DANAI PENOLLAR

Rev Danai Penollar will be ordained into the priesthood on 22 September 2007 in Sydney. Danai's family are connected to our Parish. Our prayerful best wishes go to him and his family at this happy time.

THANKS Cana Communities wishes to thank all parishioners who donated so generously to their recent Appeal. They were able to raise \$1,219.00 from raffle tickets sold after our Parish masses.

HOME ROSARY will be held on Friday, 28 September at 7.30pm at 21/34 Archer Street, Chatswood. Enquiries: 9967 2601.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT FR MARTIN

I am Fr, Martin Aye Ngwe. I am from Myanmar (Burma). My parents are U Daniel Aye Ba and Daw Celina. My parents have a big family with 12 children. Among 12 children, 7 are girls and 5 are boys. I am the fourth one.

I was ordained as a priest on 6th April 1997. My eldest brother, Maurice Nyunt Wai is a priest too and he is serving the Church as Vicar General for Pathein Diocese in Myanmar.

I graduated in Zoology in Yangon University, Myanmar. I got my Diploma in Social Communication at the Catholic University, Lyon, France and Diploma in Pastoral Communication in Gregorian University, Rome. I was working as a National Director for Social Communication in National Catholic Media Centre (Signis Myanmar) in Yangon, Myanmar for 5 years. I taught Communication Skills, Awareness of Media and English Grammar in Intermediate Seminary and St. Francis Xavier Novitiate, in Myanmar for two years. Now, I am ready to help in this Diocese of Broken Bay. With best wishes, yours, Fr. Martin Aye Ngwe

ANTIOCH: Calendar of events

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.

CHINESE RCIA / Faith formation

A quiet strength 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 20 October. Your enquiry is welcome. Contact: Margaret Yuen 9411 1156 (W) or 0411 550 222.

CATECHISTS All Catechists are invited to a meeting at OLD in MR1 on 4 Oct 2007 at 10.00am.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Again 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 directions 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.

Nomination forms are available in the foyer of the church. Completed Nominations should be dropped into the Office and close Sunday 30 September 2007 (8pm). The elections will be held on the weekends of 7th and 14 October 2007.

PPC Members who do not need to stand for re-elections this year are: Anna McNally, Chris Rodrigues, Jenni Winters, Joan Munday, John Paul Maiorana, Monica Cotter, Patricia Davies and Rick Doran.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Catechumenate sessions commence 30 September. Enquiries: Teresa 9412 1042

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS First Reconciliation

Enrolments for the First Reconciliation program will be taken on the weekend of 20-21 October in Harrington Hall after the Sat night Vigil Mass, and after all Sunday Masses except 7.30am.

The sacrament will be celebrated on Thurs 29 November. Blue enrolment forms and further information is now available in the main foyer of the church. Eligibility: Your child must be a Catholic aged 7 or older. Reconciliation must be celebrated before First Communion. Enquiries: Paula 9419 7730



PASTORAL PRINCIPLES

Day of Prayer & Reflection, Sat 20 October

A day of prayer and reflection for parish ministry leaders and other interested parishioners is scheduled for Saturday, 20 October 2007. Details next week.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Social Justice Sunday is celebrated next Sunday, 30 September. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released its Social Justice Statement for 2007: *Who is My Neighbour? Australia's role as a global citizen.* The Statement examines global issues of justice, development and peace. Copies of the Statement are around the Church, please take one to read and share with a neighbour. "As the communion of the Faithful, centered around the Eucharist as we are, we know that if we serve all our neighbours generously we will be more truly the disciples that Jesus Christ calls us to be."

BIBLE STUDY

WEDS NIGHTS AT 7.30PM - 9.00PM

The Church has always taught that the Bible is the inspired **Word of God**. This week we read and discussed Genesis parts of chapter 4, 6 and 11. Next Wednesday we are looking at Genesis parts of chapter 12, 15 and 17.

Each week in addition to the readings and discussion on the Bible we listen to a DVD series which gives both a historical and theological overview of salvation history from Genesis to the Catholic Church.

You don't need to attend each week just come along when you are able, all welcome. Jenny and Ray Moran are the coordinators (enquiries 9412 1701)

QUOTE

"In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable we eventually learn that here, in this life, all symphonies remain unfinished.." Karl Rahner

Outside the Parish

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



Stories from the prophet next door...

Silvae

Twenty-three years ago, Len and Carmel fell in love with a seven acre property out in the bush, 15 km from Bendigo. Thus began a new stage of their journey. More than a retirement plan, their property 'Silvae' has become a resource to be shared and utilised for the spiritual growth of others. Carmel writes:

Right from the first time we set our eyes on the place, we felt it was a gift from God: the house, the space, the beautiful undulating countryside, the vista from the windows. The property needed some work, but Len could see the possibilities, so we set about pursuing our dream: *Silvae* (which means 'near the trees' - named by our son who was studying Latin at the time).

Back when all this started to take shape, we vowed that we would express our gratitude to God by making the place available if, and when, the occasion arose. Over the years we have held parish functions ranging from al fresco breakfasts to simple luncheons and dinners. We have even had 'live-in' retreats; participants brought along their caravans and tents!

Some years ago, both Len and I undertook a parish course called 'Finding and Forming the Treasure Within'. Flowing from this we felt God leading us to make *Silvae* available for personal retreats. For three hours, once a month, people are invited to spend time in our home and garden for prayer, quiet reflection, journalling, fellowship and ample opportunities to go and be alone if they so desire.

More recently, we have begun hosting a Tuesday morning bible study group at *Silvae*, under the leadership of Karen, a young mother involved in the local school. In these ways and more, our home is our resource for offering 'spirituality in the bush'. (CF) *Courtesy: Network News Apr 2000*

Think... Pray....

Reflect on all the gifts, blessings, opportunities and resources - material, spiritual, intellectual, relational - which fill your life. Then ask: How am I (are we) using these resources to further the mission of Jesus? In what way could I (we) be more generous in sharing our resources with others? Take these questions to prayer, share them with some wise, faithful people, and see what emerges.

10 WAYS TO...

LISTEN TO THOSE WE LOVE

1. Stop what you're doing

Physically turn your chair around, move away from your desk, leave the dishes, and don't lunge for the phone on the first ring. Let the person speaking know that 'you have my full attention'.

2. Look into their eyes

They say that the eye is the window to the soul. It's true, when we look into a person's eyes instead of glancing all over the room, we 'hear' things beyond words.

3. Treat this as sacred time

A child's chatter about his/her day. A friend revealing a heartache. A young couple announcing their engagement. Joyful, tragic or mundane, disclosures like these are sacred moments - recognise them as such. A subtle gesture, like resting your hands, palms upward, on your lap can help to open you to this sacred time.

4. Be open to God

Listen, not just with your ears, not just your brain, but engage your heart. Be aware that you and your conversation partner are enfolded in the mystery of God's love. Adopt a prayerful consciousness as you listen.

5. Don't rush in with advice

Let the person have their say. Don't jump the gun, anticipate their next sentence or rush in with advice. Wait. Pause. Have patience. Give them space for 'more' to be revealed.

6. Treasure the silence

Learn to be comfortable with silence. Out of silence wonderful things can emerge - a relief-filled sigh, the gift of tears, a clear insight, a fresh question, a movement of grace... some things just can't be expressed verbally.

7. Listen with your face

Your face is wonderfully expressive of 'you'! Your face can convey empathy and solidarity without taking up the other's verbal space. A steady gaze, a warm smile, a wince of pain, an encouraging wink... these are all ways to 'say' *I'm listening, I hear you, I'm with you, I love you.*

8. Listen with touch

A firm grasp or a gentle touch, a pat on the back or an intimate embrace: appropriate to the relationship and respecting the other's boundaries, our sense of touch can convey how deeply we are listening, without having to use any words at all.

9. Give feedback

When the other has finished speaking, it can be helpful to ask for clarity. e.g. 'When you say that your teacher "took it out on you", do you mean...'

Likewise, you can 'feed back' what you heard the other saying, especially acknowledging feelings. e.g. 'Sounds like you were treated very unfairly. I can understand why you're so angry.'

Even when you don't agree with the speaker, or you wish to challenge their position, your response will be more readily received if the other person first feels that he/she has been truly heard.

10. Follow up

A simple acknowledgment of your conversation at a later date (e.g. 'How did your exam go?' 'Has this week been easier than last week?') can convey to the other that her words impacted on you, that you cared enough to remember his situation.



Is your home a listening home?

Listening to one another, REALLY listening to the person beyond the words, is an important expression of love. In a fast-paced world with so many distractions it's not easy to find that deeper level of communication. But take heart: even our 'trying' is a way of loving.

Helpful hint

The build up of hurts, especially in family life, can impede our capacity to listen. For example, if you ever find yourself recoiling with irritation or 'switching off' when a particular person makes a claim on your ears, chances are there is some healing needed in an area of your relationship.

What can one do? Note these reactions, take them to prayer, talk them over with a trusted friend, then seek out the appropriate healing remedy (e.g. face into an issue, talk to a counsellor or spiritual guide, receive the sacrament of reconciliation, sign up for a retreat or renewal program... whatever will help you work through your hurt to a deeper peace).



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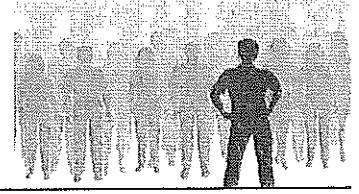
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Listen with love

Youth at Chatswood



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Ripples of Love
Joseph J. Mazzella

I love walking around a lake that lies just a few miles from my home. The lake is surrounded by trees and its paths are beautiful no matter what season of the year it is. I have gotten in the habit of taking my children with me on these walks as well. They seem to enjoy the fresh air, beautiful scenery, and oneness with nature as much as I do. My kids, however, do have one other reason for enjoying the lake. Like all children they enjoy tossing rocks out into the middle of it.

They see how far they can toss a rock across it and watch the endless ripples that appear from the splash. I often wonder myself how far those ripples would go if the shores of the lake were not there to stop them.

A loving act, I think, is often like dropping a rock into the water. Only this time there is no lake shore to stop the ripples. The ripples from your loving act continue to flow onward and outward, touching the hearts and souls of everyone with no end that you can ever see.

If you don't believe me, then try it out for yourself. Say something kind and loving to everyone you meet today, smile at everyone, send out thoughts of joy and delight to everyone you pass, help everyone you can without being asked and watch the effects. You will be amazed at how people will brighten when touched by your love and goodness. You will be amazed at how they will take it into their hearts and pass it on to others. You will be amazed at how your few acts of love will ripple out to change the world around you.

Remember then to choose and share all the love and joy you can today. It may seem only a drop in an ocean, but God will make sure that the ripples spread out to touch the entire world.

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

Special News from Antioch

This Sunday at church we're having a youth mass (duh!) where Chatswood Antioch will be introduced to the rest of the parish.

There will be an acoustic band of guitars, consisting of people from Antioch who are experienced with music. We'll be singing some fantabulous new songs that we sing during Antioch meetings.

Please contact Stephy Adan for further information. (0401 090 825)

Spiro news...

NEXT in SPIRO on 29th September. Our 4 week journey of discovery is already half over and we have covered some excellent ground ... who knew that Bart and Lisa Simpson's shenanigans could actually teach us something about life?! Come next time and see which crazy cartoon will be worthy of our attention ... but don't worry, there will still be plenty of chocolate and pizza! Meet us in meeting room 1 at 6.30pm, finish time 8pm. Cost: \$8 for dinner.

SPIRO nites following are on: October 20, November 3 and 17, December 1 and 15.

Shout outs go to Dom and his crazy doodling (the man gets sidetracked more quickly than the SPIROIDS!), Tom and his participation and contribution though one could classify him an invalid, Josh for maintaining a smile while we covered him in pegs, Chaz for making everything - from making name tags to sitting on the ground watching tv - look cool, Mikey and his extreme enthusiasm for everything we do, Nathan for simply remembering to come ... sort of ... And special props to Lilly for not only her constant commitment and dedication to the SPIRO cause, but also for her jelly beans J

As usual we can be found at spiro_at_chatswood@hotmail.com or 0421191965. Please feel free to drop me a line if you have any questions about becoming a SPIROID or a leader, or if you want to ask how my day is, what my favourite colour is, or where I would rather be on Mondays!

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us." - Helen Keller

