

# Our Lady of Dolours

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## 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.

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**FAMILY MASS:** 9am each Sunday  
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** at 9am Family Mass on the  
 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.

**KIDS' WORD:** Children's Liturgy of the Word at  
 9am Family Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday during school  
 term. Begins in Church and moves to Meeting  
 Rooms.

**YOUTH MASS:** 5.30pm each Sunday

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**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:** 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.

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**BAPTISMS:** See the brochure in the Church Foyer,  
 go to our website (above) 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

	9/10 May	16/17 May
Vigil 5.30pm	Claude M.	Claude M.
7.30am	Vince Casey	Clem Hill
9.00am	Clem Hill#	Vince Casey
10.30am	Clem Hill	Vince Casey*
5.30pm	Vince Casey	Clem Hill
12.30pm		Baptisms (CH)
7.00pm	Korean Mass	---
#Baptism Presentations		*Baptism

## YEAR B

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009**

## READINGS

**First Reading:** Acts 9:26-31 Saul tries to explain  
 that the Lord appeared to him and changed his life.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise you, Lord, in the  
 assembly of your people.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:18-24 outlines what is  
 expected of Christians.

**Gospel:** John 15:1-8 pictures Jesus as the true  
 vine. All who live  
 in him bear much  
 fruit.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

17 May 2009  
 - Acts 10:25-26,  
 34-35, 44-48;  
 1 Jn 4:7-10;  
 Jn 15:9-17



## READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS

**MON** Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26  
**TUES** Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31  
**WEDS** Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8  
**THURS** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17  
**St Matthias**  
**FRI** Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17  
**SAT** Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

**With Our Lady of Dolours, we pray for:**

**Sick:** Stephen & Lisa Casey, Jean Stowe

**Recently Deceased:** Nikola Andrijic, Mary Heenan

**Deceased Anniversary:** Peter Paset, Antonia Mendes Bota, Conceicao Do , Sacramento Gaspar, G. Vaccaro, F. Consalvo, M.C. Consalvo, Julianna Bucaliero, Margaret Ryan, Molly Burns, Eileen Howland, Elizabeth McCloskey, George Alfred Cassis



**WITHIN THE PARISH**

**MAY IS MARY'S MONTH!**

In Church tradition May is the month when we especially venerate Mary and dedicate our prayers to our loving Mother who leads us to her Son, Jesus Christ.



During May and especially on Mothers' Day use the ideas in the information sheet later in this bulletin to revisit the Passion from the point of view of our spiritual Mother, Our Lady of Dolours. Let us also use her as a model of posture & attitude when praying or reflecting.

Broken Bay News (BBN) has given permission for us to reproduce the articles on the information page. The current issue of this excellent and informative publication about news and events of interest in our Diocese can now be downloaded each month from <http://www.dbb.org.au/news/Pages/default.aspx>

**MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING**

God in heaven,  
you compare your own love for your people  
to the love of a mother for her children.  
Today we ask you to bless all mothers:  
Young mothers experiencing for the first time  
the joys and anxieties of motherhood;  
Mothers immersed in the busyness of family life;  
Single mothers who are both mother and father  
to their children;  
Grandmothers who continue to care for their  
families;  
Those who, without having had children of their  
own, nurture others through the gift of spiritual  
motherhood;  
Our mothers and grandmothers who have died.  
We ask you to bless all these women.  
Give them joy in the work they do for their families;  
comfort them in the moments of sorry;  
and help them to know that they are appreciated and  
loved.  
We ask this through Jesus, the son of Mary, who  
lives and reigns forever and ever.  
*Amen.*

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND - CWF**

Next weekend, the **16-17 May**, Our Lady of Dolours will hold its **third charitable works fund collection** for the 2008 – 2009 financial year. Our parish has been asked to donate a total of \$17,709.00 for this third appeal.

In 2007/2008 a total of \$1,406,784.00 was expended by the Broken Bay CWF to support Centacare Broken Bay (intensive services for children, adolescents & families); Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (faith formation of young Catholics in Government schools); St Lucy's (children with disabilities); St Edmunds (vision impaired children); Ephpheta Centre (services for deaf and hearing impaired).

Bishop David says: "Again, I thank you for your continued generous efforts in supporting the many programs that make up the outreach of the Diocese of Broken Bay, giving life to our faith. Without the efforts from all in the Diocese, our funded agencies would experience great difficulties in meeting their pastoral duties. I pass on my deepest appreciation to all". The CWF 2007-2008 Annual Report is on the notice board in the main church foyer.

**MICHAELITE SPIRITUALITY**

The colours yellow and red depict the spirit of the first defender of God's glory, St. Michael. On the right there is a red *sword of fire*, the symbol of St. Michael, which expresses the motto of our Congregation – "**Who is like God**". On the left, there are three *ears of wheat* and above them, the *Fleur de lis*. The ears of wheat symbolise prosperity, richness, and prudence. The Mass expresses it in these words: ... *gift of bread which human hands have made to become for us the bread of life* ... The *Fleur de lis* is an old symbol of royalty, nobility, and the symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For Michaelites it symbolises purity and innocence. *Brochures in the foyer of the church.*



**"God could not be everywhere, so he created mothers." Jewish Proverb**

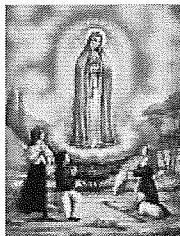


Please come  
and join us in  
saying farewell to  
Vince, Clem, Vlad  
and Teresa on  
Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June at  
7.30pm in Harrington Hall. Bring a plate to share.

### **FR VLAD ECHALAS**

Fr Vlad is in the Philippines visiting his sister who is very ill. He will be returning to the parish on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**STREETWORK** needs your support. At Masses this weekend, you'll hear a little about their work with troubled youth in our area. You are also invited to come to the Annual StreetWork Breakfast – to be hosted this year by St Thomas' Willoughby – on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 8am to 10am in the St Thomas' Catholic Church Hall, 190 High St, Willoughby. There's no charge, just come, enjoy a hearty breakfast, hear more about the work and be inspired to offer your support in whatever way you are able. *It will help with catering if you RSVP to 9887 4030 and leave a message.*



### **May 13 is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima**

Our Lady of Fatima is the title given to the vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary that appeared before three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal on the 13th day of six consecutive months in 1917, starting on 13 May, the Fatima holiday. Our Lady specifically identified Herself as "the Lady of the Rosary" so it is also common to see a combination of these titles, ie Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima. According to the children's account of their vision, the lady confided to the children three secrets and exhorted them to do penance and to make sacrifices to save sinners. Most importantly, Lúcia said that the lady asked them to say the Rosary every day, reiterating many times that the Rosary was the key to personal and world peace

This is an optional feast day but one that many Catholics hold dear. The piety stall has Reminders for your fridge of the Marian feast days which are celebrated in Australia. General information about celebrations of feast days is available on the parish website under the Adult Ed tab.

## **youth @ chatswood**

Years 7-12

Thanks to all who contributed to our powerpoint presentation. Special blessings to all mothers!



Young Adults 18-30+

### **Activities for Young Adults**

#### **\* Retreat**

Where? 'The Abbey', Jamberoo  
When? The weekend of 17-19 July (uni holidays)  
Why? Time out for those in their 20's & 30's to work on their spiritual health.  
How much? Min. donation \$80 (room, talks, food).  
Registration forms in the foyer or go to the parish website (Ministries/Youth & Young Adults) or contact Marie-Anne Van Roie on 0400 057 655

#### **\* Prayer group**

When? 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month.

#### **NEXT MEETING 14 May**

Where? MR1

What? Contemplation of the next Sunday's gospel and sharing /discussion with other young adults

Any enquiries regarding Youth/Young Adults please phone Suzanne on 9410 9032 or ring or text 0415 820 494 or email [suzanne@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:suzanne@chatswoodparish.org.au)



## **ADULT EDUCATION and FAITH FORMATION**

May's 'Word of Life' is available in the Adult Ed stand in the church foyer, together with Leaflets to celebrate this Year of St Paul and a page from last week's Vocation Sunday about 'The unique witness of the single life'.

### **Bible Discussion**

Every Tuesday morning in MR2 at 9.45am (after morning mass). Contact Madelyn Ciciolla on 9419 4986.

Any enquiries regarding Adult Ed please phone Suzanne on 9410 9032 or ring or text 0415 820 494 or email [suzanne@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:suzanne@chatswoodparish.org.au)

# Children's Ministries



*Let the children come to me...*

## ***Children's Activities for Term 2***

Now that the School Holidays are over, all our activities for the children are back again.

***Beginnings*** - Group for parents and carers of babies and toddlers began again last Friday in Meeting Room 1. If you have a baby or toddler up to age 3, please come along and meet with us on Friday mornings from 9.30-11.30am in Meeting Room 1. We are always delighted to welcome new people and share in the joys of parenthood.

***Children's Atrium*** - Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (COGS) program continues in the Atrium in the Kirk St demountable rooms. Our 3-6 year old group runs on Fridays from 9.30-11.00. It is very full and we have children on the waiting list! Our 6-9 year old group runs after school on Mondays from 3.30-5.00pm. We have a couple of places available in this group. If you are interested or just want to know more about this wonderful program, please contact Angela on 9410 9028 or [angela@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:angela@chatswoodparish.org.au)

***Kid's Word*** - for Term 2 begins again this Sunday and continues on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays during the term. The children are called out to the front of the church at the beginning of Mass and will follow the adult leaders out to Meeting Room 2 for the 3-6 year olds and Meeting Room 1 for the older children. Mums and Dads of younger (under 3's) children are welcome to come along with their child to Meeting Room 2.

***Do you love being with little children?***  
If so, then we need your help in the atrium! Remember the joy of watching a snail travel across the garden path. That is what it is like working with children in the atrium. Adults who are lucky enough to work with these little ones in the atrium have the special privilege of glimpsing God at work through His relationship with these little ones.

We currently run 2 sessions for the children each week. **We also have children who cannot come, because we have no-one to run extra sessions!** If you think you might like to join our team and learn more about this wonderful child-centred approach to faith formation for children, we will be hosting a formation course for adults working in this program, here in our atrium on June 20-22 and August 15-17 inclusive. There are flyers for the course and our atrium in the foyer of the church. The course fee of \$250 will be funded by the parish if you are willing to become an assistant in our Atrium. For further information please contact Angela on 9410 9028 or [angela@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:angela@chatswoodparish.org.au)



***"The moment a child is born, the mother is also born. She never existed before. The woman existed, but the mother, never. A mother is something absolutely new." Rajneesh***

## ***STEWARDSHIP***

In today's Gospel Jesus tells His disciples that He is the vine; all the nourishment for us to bear good fruit is found in Him. As we gather Sunday after Sunday at the Eucharistic table, we are nourished and called to bear good fruit in our lives. Good stewards know that Jesus, especially in the gift of His body and blood, is the vine that sustains us as we strive to be good stewards.

## ***ECUMENISM IN ACTION***

The May Ecumenical meeting was held last Monday and the following have flowed from it:

- Jean Pope from the Chatswood South Uniting Church has offered us inspirational cards for distribution during our nursing home visits. Jean has also offered to run a workshop at July's Jacob's Well to show others how it's done. This will help keep up our supply for future visits so OLDieS, mark.27 July in your diaries!
- Judy Smith from St Paul's Anglican Church has donated a book to our library called "Islam; Human Rights and Public Policy". It will be one of the books featured this month so visit the library and check it out!

Deep thanks to these fellow Christians in our area who are putting into action our prayer - 'Thy kingdom come'. Why not join us in prayer and fellowship at the next meeting: 9.30am on 1 June?

## ~ O.L.D. ie S. ~

(Our Lady of Dolours, Seniors)

### Seniors Lunch ~ Thursday 14th May

The theme is "The spirit of a 3 year old lives for 100 years". The programme for the event is Mass at 11am in St. Leonards, Naremburn, followed by lunch and entertainment. Gold coin donation. Lucky door prize and raffle. For catering purposes please contact Danka by Monday afternoon 11th May if you wish to attend.

- **St. Peregrine Prayer Shawl** gathering tomorrow in MR1 from 10am.
- **TAI-KIDO** is continuing in MR1 on Fridays with a start time of 1pm. Pay as you go. Attendance so far indicates that it is popular with men.

To limit the number of pages in our bulletin I will be putting only some information in my column. However, each month a flyer is available in the foyer called "What's Happening this Month". Please take one home & put it on the fridge.

For further information on any of the above please see notice board in church foyer or ring Danka on 9410 9030 or [danka@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:danka@chatswoodparish.org.au)



### A YEAR WITH TORAH

Today's Torah portion is Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34

Today's Torah readings bring us to the end of the Book of Leviticus. Our focus for discussion is the opening verses of a series of blessings found in Lev. 26:3-13. The blessings are

sometimes categorized as follows: 1) fruitfulness of the land; 2) peace; 3) victory over enemies; 4) the flourishing of the nation; 5) assurance of the Divine Presence. See "Light of Torah" leaflet no. 30 available from the Bible Education stand in church foyer.

### CATECHISTS COLUMN

Minutes from our last meeting have been emailed to all catechists; however, for those catechists who don't have an email address they will be able to get them from the Catechists' pigeon hole

We are still waiting for the photos from the barbeque for our leaving priests. Hopefully we will be able to put them in the Bulletin next week.

### Days to Remember

1. **Monday 11 May - 9:30am-2:30pm:**  
**Reflection Day "Finding God in Our Busy Lives"** St Benedict's Church,  
Cnr Arcadia & Fagans Rds
2. **Mon 1 June - 11:30am - 3:00pm**  
**Workshop "Songs & Actions"** (using the new CD's) **This workshop has been organised in response to feedback from catechists from all other parishes in our Diocese.**  
Caroline Chisholm Centre  
Blg 2, 423 Pennant Hills
3. **Fri 29 Sun 31 May**  
**Parish Ministry Retreat - Cost \$150=**  
**The Parable of the Good Samaritan as a model of ecological conversion "They took the earth and bandaged it..."** or  
**Sat 30 May - 9:30am-3:30pm. Cost \$20=**  
Mt St Benedict Centre 449D Pennant Hills Rd,  
Pennant Hills

**All catechists who are interested in attending any of the above events should contact Sonia who is organising registration and transport: 9410 90 29**

I am extraordinarily thankful to the new catechists who have come forward and signed to join our team. However, there is still the need for more catechists as some have had to stop teaching (due to difficult situations in their lives - nevertheless, they are willing to come back in the near future).

### We Urgently Require Catechists as follows:

- **Wed 9:15am to 9:45am (30 min/week) Yr 2**  
**Roseville Public School**
- **Tue 1:50pm to 2:30pm (40 m in/fortnightly)**  
**Yr 8 Chatswood High**
- **Tue 10:35pm to 11:50pm (75 min once a month) Yr 10 Chatswood High**

### FAITH AND HOPE IN SCRIPTURE

(Indonesian Community)

Speaker : Bambang Soetanto  
Date : Saturday, 23 May '09  
Time : 6.30pm  
Venue : Parish meeting room 1

For more info: contact Ellen 0403 567 077



**HOME ROSARY** will be held on Friday, 15 May at 25 Blakesley Street, Chatswood at 7.30pm. All welcome. Tel: 9967 2601.

## Outside the Parish

### *The Parishes of Our Lady of the Way*

present: "A night of Inspiration told in story and song".

**Jenni Winters** - Journey into the heart, listen to the voice within; **Gemma Sigia** - St Jude's School, Tanzania, With Faith and hard work anything is possible; **Kelly Millward** - Never turn away.

Facilitator: **Caroline Jones**

### **Women's Night of Spirituality**

7.30 pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 St Mary's Church  
264 Miller Street, North Sydney

### *St Thomas' Parish*

Robert Tilley is giving two lectures with question time in the St Thomas Parish Meeting Room cnr High St/Horsley Ave Willoughby on Mondays, 11 & 25 @ 7.30pm-9pm. The course is titled "At Home with the Word of God: How the New Testament Rises from the Old". Queries: Michelle 9958 5963

### *Diocese of Broken Bay Reflection Days*

Are you a busy person who would like to encounter God in daily life? Then maybe one of the reflection days is for you!

1. Monday 11 May at Arcadia 9am-3pm
2. Friday 15 May at Terrey Hills 9am-3pm
3. Thursday 28 May at Toukley 4pm-9pm

See the parish website 'Ministries' /

'Prayer and Spirituality' for more information.

### *Spirituality in the Pub*

"Passionate Life: Prophetic Voice in Ministry"

**Speakers:** Peter Griffin &  
Phil Glendenning

**Venue:** Upstairs at The  
Union Hotel,  
Cnr Pacific Hwy & West St,  
North Sydney

**Date:** Monday 18 May 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm.

**Parking:** Street parking or an easy walk to  
St Mary's Ridge St. car park.

**Come along and raise your spirits with challenging conversation. Raise a glass to a better world. Delicious counter meals available.**

Enquiries Michelle 9958 5963



*Brigidine College St Ives* will be holding an Open Day on 21 May from 2pm until 5pm. All are welcome. For information call the College Registrar on 9988 6281.

### *Twilight Retreat*

'Destination Vocation'. Explore alternative life options with like-minded people. Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 4pm – 9.30pm. MacKillop Hall (Granville Parish – cnr Grimwood & Randle St, Granville).

RSVP Sr Veronica McCluskie 9630 5620.

### *Do you long to give your life to something meaningful?*

We Daughters of St Paul are a community of religious sisters focused on Christ. Engaging with the world through modern media and technology, we proclaim Christ in new ways to the people of each new generation. We invite you to share our mission and explore what religious life has to offer you. Inquiries can be made to Sr Joanna on 0403 175 251 or [vocations@pauline.com.au](mailto:vocations@pauline.com.au). You can find out more about us at [www.daughtersofstpaul.org.au](http://www.daughtersofstpaul.org.au).

### *Branches for Young Adults*

Commences Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

Guest speaker will be Mark McDonald, Co-ordinator of Youth Ministry for our diocese, Broken Bay. Branches is a ten week course (1 night per week) for young adults (20's & 30's) interested in exploring Christianity from a Catholic perspective. Each night will involve a dinner, followed by a talk and then breaking into small discussion groups. St Patrick's Church Crypt, 20 Grosvenor St, Sydney (near Circular Quay). For more information go to [www.stpatschurchhill.org/youngadults](http://www.stpatschurchhill.org/youngadults) or contact Pat Kervin on 9254 9855.

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# A Time to Reflect on Mary

By **Bishop David Walker**

At Easter we focus on Jesus in his passion. In this month of Mary, it can be good for us to make Mary the focus of the passion.

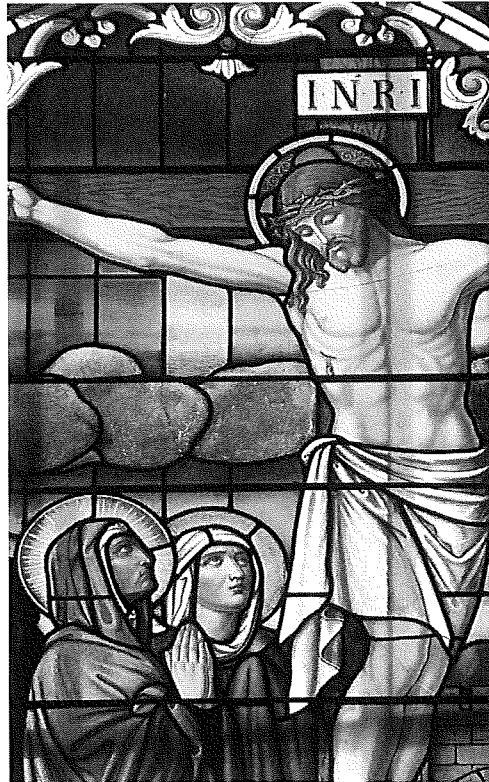
I urge you to read the Scripture on this page using the *lectio divina* (sacred reading) guidelines outlined. As you do, perhaps consider the following in your meditations:

- What did this week mean to her?
- How was her faith tested during these days?
- What was her prayer to her heavenly Father?
- What can we learn from Mary at this time?

## Reading

*"Standing by the cross of Jesus was his mother..."* Jn 19:25

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

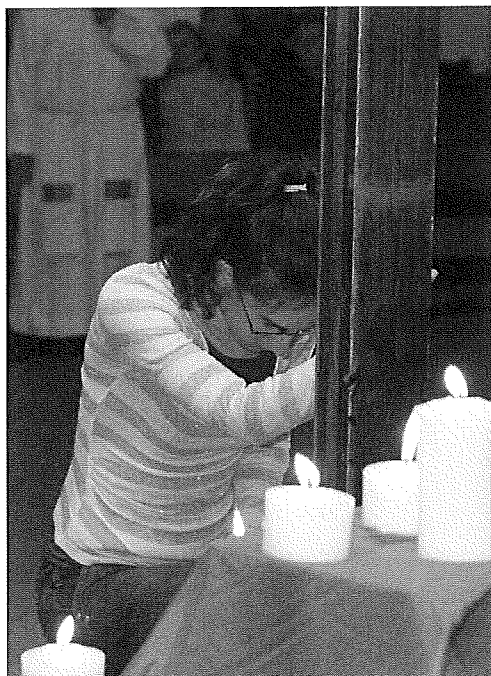


# A time to feed our daily journey

*"Committing herself whole-heartedly, she devoted herself totally, as a servant of the Lord, to the person and work of her Son, under and with him, serving the mystery of redemption."* LG 56

By **Eileen Luthi**  
Diocesan Liturgy Co-ordinator

Mary, standing by the cross, offers to us a model for our posture and attitude for prayer and contemplation. Her physical presence is one of silence, of an intensity of awareness and immersion into the being of the Son.



Strengthened by this silent standing-with, she was able to move: to hold him in her arms, to go back to the city with the disciples, to share their fears while waiting on the Spirit and to be energised and faithful as the days of grief became years of hope and mission.

With very few words, but with a powerful sense of availability, Mary is a model for our physical coming before God. She who struggled in childbirth stood in total love and support before the death struggle.

We could look at our posture, our gestures and our actions at Mass and in prayer, and learn from Mary.

First, do we fully descend into a silence that speaks of self-emptying and of a servant response?

Secondly, are we people who can bring our physical selves before God, in a wholeness of heart and mind and body?

We might check out these ideas:

- In our liturgy and our prayer, are we aware of our body being an offering of praise and gratitude to God as we stand, sit and move?
- In our prayer, do we still our hands and feet, freeing ourselves to become the hands and feet of Christ, to become his Body?
- Are we freed then to stretch and raise our arms, and dance in the healing joy of the Spirit?

Rejoice! Christ is risen. Alleluia!

## Lectio divina

### Opening prayer

*"Lord Jesus, you who are the Son of the Living God, teach me to listen to what you tell me in the holy Scriptures, and to discover your face there."* (Guigo II)

### Reading: getting to know the text

1. Take in all the elements of the text
2. Be aware of context, related texts, quotes
3. Note the key characters; what are key words?
4. Don't choose any one thing to work with at this stage
5. You are becoming familiar with the text: gathering food for thought

### Meditation: Engaging with the text, making it my own

1. Here, faith life and the Word interact and seek integration
2. What does the text tell me about the God who speaks?
3. What does it tell me about responding to that God?
4. What does the text teach me about my faith life?
5. What do I need to do to transform my life?
6. We cannot do it alone; we are humbled, we turn to God in prayer

### Prayer: Let prayer emerge from your working with the text

1. This prayer emerges from our reading / meditation
2. It is shaped by our personal prayer practice
3. We seek the grace to achieve what emerged from meditation.
4. Prayer commits us to transformation of life.
5. All that we can do in prayer, is done here

### Contemplation: God's response

1. What happens here, only God can give
2. Do not expect this to happen: go with it if it does
3. God does not wait, breaks in, runs to meet us
4. There is no need to be silent to let God speak

### Action: throughout the day

1. Now choose a word, phrase, sentence
2. Bring it to mind frequently during the day
3. Let it recapture the experience of your lectio
4. Use it especially in situations relating to your lectio
5. "Daily and hourly till the soil of the heart with the Gospel plough"

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**spiro\_at\_chatswood@hotmail.com**

Hey SPIROIDS! Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> May) we'll be whipping up a few culinary delights in our own version of Master Chef Chatswood. Cost \$7 each, meeting at O.L.D. parish mtg rooms, from 3pm to 5pm.

Come and hang out with us any other SPIRO – we'll be around 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. Got an idea of something fun to do? Let me know and we'll check it out!

Do you lead a crazy busy life and find it hard to dedicate time to praying? Check out this link. You can download an mp3 file of a short reflection (1 for each day) that you can listen to on the train, in between classes, before you go to bed ...

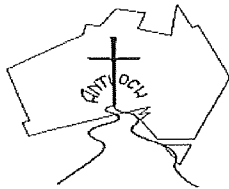
**Pray-as-you-go.org**

*Don't forget the other 364 days a year ... don't save up your "thank you's" and "I love you's" for Mother's Day.*

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it.

-- Chinese Proverb

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Antioch meets every Sunday night at 7pm in the parish meeting rooms. If you're in the last few years of high school or just finished, come along for a few hours of singing, talks, prayer and socialising! It's a great way to start the new week!

"Young people listening to me, answer the Lord with strong and generous hearts! He is counting on you. Never forget Christ needs you to carry out his plan for salvation. Christ needs your youth and your generous enthusiasm to make his proclamation of joy resound in the new millennium. Answer His call by placing your lives at His service! Trust Christ, because He trusts you."

*(Pope John Paul II)*

A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us when troubles thicken around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavour by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts. -- Washington Irving

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 Check out what's going on in the diocese at the Broken Bay Diocese website:  
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