



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.
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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
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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: 3rd 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

	<u>11/12 October</u>	<u>18/19 October</u>
Vigil 5.30pm	Satheesh R	Satheesh R
7.30am	Claude M	Satheesh R
9.00am	Claude M	Vince Casey#
10.30am	Satheesh R	Satheesh R*
5.30pm	Satheesh R	Claude M
7.00pm	Korean Mass	----
	#Children's Mass	*Baptisms (VC)

YEAR A

28^H SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
12TH OCTOBER 2008

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10 Isaiah sees in the future a great feast prepared by God. To this feast all are invited.

Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Paul is confident that he can do all things in God who strengthens him.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 is the parable of the wedding feast to which all are invited.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

19 October 2008

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

READINGS FOR WEEK DAY MASS

MON Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 -5:1; Lk 11:29-32

TUES Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

WEDS Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
St Theresa of Jesus

THURS Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

FRI Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7
St Ignatius of Antioch

SAT 2 Tim 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9
St Luke

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School:
 Phone 9419 2645
 Email: info@old.dbb.catholic.edu.au

With Our Lady of Dolours, we pray for:

Sick:

Recently Deceased: Antonia Mico, Helen McKenzie

Deceased Anniversary: Rosalia Verde



WITHIN THE PARISH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

From Monday, 13 October 2008, the Parish Office hours return to 9.30am to 4.30pm, with the office closed for lunch between 1.00 to 1.30pm. Any comments or queries about office hours please contact Linda, on 9419 9021 or linda@chatswoodparish.org.au.

POSITION VACANT: YOUTH AND ADULT EDUCATION

Our Lady of Dolours Parish is currently looking for a Pastoral Associate who will be responsible for Youth and Adult Education in the parish.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the faith formation and non-school education for all parishioners. Special emphasis will include activities for youth and young adults.

He/she will be required to support existing activities for youth and adult education; to encourage leaders and parishioners who are involved; to welcome and involve new people; and to develop new directions in these ministries.

The position is full-time, permanent. Pay and conditions follow the Bishops' Conference guidelines for Parish Ministry Workers.

For more information or a job description contact the Parish Office on 9410 9000.

Applications in writing before the end of work tomorrow, Monday 13th October.

KIDS' WORD BREAK

Kids' Word will be taking a break during the school holidays as usual. The next Kids' Word session will be on Sunday 26th October.

ATRIUM BREAK

The Atrium also breaks during the school holidays. I will also be away during the second week of the school holidays and will return to work on Tuesday 14th October. *Angela*

THANKS FROM FR. SATHEESH OSH.

Dear friends and fellow parishioners, as I have informed you earlier the time has come for me to say goodbye to Our Lady of Dolours Parish community. My last day in the office is 20th October. I will leave to go to Forestville (Frenchs Forest Parish) on 24th October and will take up my ministry there. I have been here with you for the last ten months. Over this time I have made so many friends and have received so much support, encouragement and love. It has been a wonderful privilege to be close to you all. I wish to thank you all for what you have been to me. I know you will welcome Fr. Clem Hill with the same kind of generosity you gave to me. You will be in my heart and I humbly request you to keep me in your prayers. You are always welcome to Frenchs Forest Parish. Once again thanks to Vince and all of you. May God bless you.

FR SATHEESH FAREWELL MORNING TEA

Please join us to farewell Fr Satheesh on Sunday, 19th October. We will be holding a morning tea in Meeting Room 1 after the 10.30am mass. If you are able, please bring a plate. Thank you. *The Social Committee*



BULLETIN ON WEBSITE

Did you know that the weekly bulletin can also be found on the parish website? Visit www.chatswoodparish.org.au and click on "Bulletin" on the top menu.



ECUMENICAL MEETING.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 13th, but this time we will meet in Room 2. I look forward to seeing you, enjoying a cuppa, sharing the good news since the last meeting and having some prayer. As usual this will take place after the 9.00 am Mass until 11.a.m. All most welcome. Gerry Murphy. 9427 5972.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT AND PREPARATION

A Celebrate Love Weekend is being held in our parish on November 22nd and 23rd. The seminar looks at the sacrament of marriage and the relationship between a husband and wife. It is not about problem solving or counseling but looks at the church's vision of marriage and presenting couples share from their experiences. Participating couples share only with their spouse.

For bookings and information call 9662.7272 or www.celebratelove.com.au

SHARING OUR GIFTS

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven". Mt 5:14-16

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2008

The next stage of our Children's Sacramental program commences soon.

Eligibility: Candidates must be baptized Catholic, 7 years of age or older. Reconciliation must be celebrated **before** First Communion.

Enrolment: Sat or Sun, 18 or 19 Oct 2008. In Harrington Hall after one of the following Masses: 5.30pm Saturday; 9.00am, 10.30am, 5.30pm Sunday.

The Sacrament will be celebrated on Thurs 20 Nov at 5pm and 7pm.

For a brochure detailing all the preparation steps, and for (blue) enrolment forms, see the Sacraments brochure stand in the main foyer of the church, or go to the parish website www.chatswoodparish.org.au. Enquiries: Tanya 0422 335 834

Parish catechists, please bring this notice to the attention of eligible children. Many thanks.

BIBLE STUDY

"Come and See" - The Gospel of John

Bible study resumes on 15 October at 7.30pm when we will study John 16 "The Promise of the Holy Spirit". All welcome.

Jenny and Ray are the coordinators (enquiries 9412 1701).

O.L.D. ie S.

(Our Lady of Dolours, Seniors ~ Over 55's)

Carers are those wonderful people who are sometimes forgotten but who put their life on hold to look after, through the goodness of their heart, their ailing loved ones.

Willoughby City Council is holding a complimentary luncheon at the Dougherty Centre, **Wednesday 22 October**, 12 noon to 2.30 pm, to thank Carers in our community. Entertainment will be provided by Celtic Folk Band "Mothers of Intention" and Cheryl Koenig, author of "Paper Cranes" will discuss her inspiring story of a mother's hope and determination.

Bookings are essential – please call Louise Geaghan on 9777 7975.

"Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope and patience never fail. Love is eternal. ..."

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 GNB

A Reflection Day on the Spirituality of Aging

Remembering how God has been with us in the past gives us strength for the present and hope for the future.

Topics include: The Journey of Letting Go; Prayer in Later Life; Living in Deeper Trust and Hope.

Suitable for: Parishioners at retirement age or later.

When: Saturday 1st November 2008

Time: 10 am to 3.30 pm

Where: Mount St Benedict Centre,
Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

Cost: \$35.00 (morning tea included, BYO lunch)
(This is a repeat of the day held on 23rd April 2008.)

Please book by 24/10/08 on phone 94846208 or 94847033 or email: mtstbenedict@bigpond.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

All parishioners are very welcome to join us for our meeting next week on Wednesday 15 October, 7 pm in Meeting Room 1.



PLANNED GIVING AT O.L.D.

Our Lady of Dolours parishioners sustain the spiritual and material life of our Catholic faith community in so many ways. Today the parish extends its gratitude to all our parishioners who have faithfully contributed to Planned Giving over the years.

What is Planned Giving? Planned Giving is the financial support of the parish by parishioners who donate a regular amount of money using a weekly envelope or a monthly credit card deduction.

To help sustain the spiritual AND material life of our parish, we would like to invite those who are not yet contributing through Planned Giving to consider supporting the upkeep of the parish in this way. The amount donated can be as little or as much as you can afford! One guideline is to donate the value of one hour of your weekly income.

The parish has to meet all its ongoing expenses from the money we donate to Planned Giving and the Second Collection. This includes all materials for Masses, pastoral and sacramental programs and education; wages and office expenses; cleaning; and power and water. Catching up with overdue repairs and maintenance of our church, parish offices and meeting rooms, and the Fathers' home, has been a major cost in recent years, as was the purchase of our new organ and the data projectors.

All sources of parish income, including Planned Giving, have reduced steadily and significantly in the past eight years. Our parish savings have been depleted in meeting the increased demands on expenditure, particularly for the repair and maintenance of our parish buildings.

We now have EFTPOS facilities in the parish office. This allows monthly credit card deductions for Planned Giving to be a very efficient and cost effective way of supporting the parish financially.

Application forms for Planned Giving by credit card or envelopes are near the windows in the main part of the church. Please take home a form today and carefully consider if this is a way you can support the spiritual and material wellbeing of our parish. Completed applications may be dropped in to the parish office. Thank you! If you would like further information please contact Leanne on 9410 9030 or leanne@chatswoodparish.org.au

CATECHISTS COLUMN

- **Training - Cluster Evenings for Term 4 - 7:00pm-9:00pm - Location: Carlingford**
 1. Wed 15 Oct: "C" Teaching Strategies: Using Visual Resources & Drama
 2. Wed 22 Oct: "C" Teaching Strategies: Using Music in the Classroom
 3. Wed 29 Oct: "D" The Development of the Child and Adolescent 1
 4. Wed 5 Nov: "D" Classroom Management: Positive Discipline
 5. Wed 12 Nov: "D" Teaching Strategies: Listening & Questioning

If interested in attending any of these workshops, please contact Sonia: 9410 90 22.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul Society seeks volunteers to fill two vacancies that have arisen in our Interview Room on Thursday morning and one afternoon, for approximately 2 hours each. The Interview Room is in our shop at 287 Victorian Ave, Chatswood. We require empathetic persons who after some training are able to assist clients needing our help. The work is varied and rewarding. Interested? Please phone our Interview Room Co-ordinator, Mr Bill Robinson on 9451 1180.

HOME ROSARY

The schedule for the remainder of October is:

10/10 - 12 Stan Street, Willoughby
17/10 - 15 Hazelbank Road, Wollstonecraft
24/10 - 67 Crows Nest Road, Waverton
31/10 - To be advised.

Please phone: 9967 2601. All welcome.

CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Do you have half an hour a week to serve the Lord? Join our team of 60 catechists and teach the "Word of the Lord" in our public schools. You will be trained and will become stronger in your faith. I can assure you it is a very rewarding experience! Please call Sonia on 9410 90 22

SCRIPTURE RESOURCE

The October edition of "Word of Life" is now available in the main foyer, in both English and Italian. "Word of Life" is a monthly scripture-based reflection from the Focolare movement.

CHINESE RCIA

Due to school holiday the Chinese RCIA will take a break. It will resume on 18th October, 2008.

Outside the Parish

SNIPPETS FROM THE SYNOD

The Bishops' Synod commenced during the week. The topic under the microscope is the place of the Bible in the Church's life and mission. Delegates to the synod include 180 bishops representing episcopal conferences around the world, 24 members of the Roman Curia, 10 heads of religious orders, and 32 clerics appointed directly by the pope. There are also 37 observers, of whom 19 this time are women, and 41 experts who will advise the members during their deliberations.

One reported highlight of the synod is that for the first time, the bishops were addressed by a representative of another faith. Rabbi Shear-Yashuv Cohen, co-chair of an Israeli-Vatican dialogue commission and the chief rabbi of Haifa, led a discussion on Jewish interpretation of scripture last Monday.

Cardinal Albert Vanhoye, the former secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, spoke after the Rabbi, drawing attention to previous Vatican documents which underscored the close relationship between Jews and Christians, especially in relation to their shared scriptures:

"The Old Testament is not simply a piece among others in the Christian Bible. It is the base, the fundamental part," he said. "If the New Testament was established on another basis, it would have no real value. Without its conformity to the sacred Scriptures of the Jewish people, it could not be presented as the accomplishment of God's project."

One fascinating initiative launched by the Pope last Sunday to coincide with the Synod was a Bible Marathon! Yes, the Bible was read from beginning to end in various languages by nearly 1,200 readers, commencing with Pope Benedict XVI who read the opening chapters of Genesis. (source: ZENIT)

WORLDWIDE ENCOUNTER

A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 31 October – 2 November 2008 Venue: Mt. Schoenstatt, Mulgoa, (nr. Penrith) NSW For bookings/details contact: 02 9489 4523 or 02 4283 3435 Website www.wwme.org.au

MARRIAGE

iWITNESS CONFERENCE

The iWitness Conference is bringing the youth together and equipping us to answer the call of Pope Benedict to be "a new generation of apostles"! The Conference is being run from 21 - 24 November, for young adults aged 17-35 and with four days of talks, forums and festivities planned, spent at the beachside Collaroy Centre – you don't want to miss out! The iWitness Conference is bringing you some of the best speakers in Australia, including Cardinal Pell, Bishop Julian Porteous, Robert Haddad, Fr Tony Percy, Prof. Hayden Ramsay, Sister Mary Madeline OP, Peter Holmes and many more! All food, accommodation and activities are included in the early bird price of \$198 (if you register before October 21st, \$220 after that time). For more details email iWitness2008@gmail.com, check out the facebook group called "iWitness" or simply search for "iWitness Conference" in Google and visit our website!

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

**Stirring the Spirit in my Life
Being Authentic in the Workplace**

Speakers: Michael Thornber &
Kelley Wachter

Where: Upstairs at The Union Hotel,
Cnr Pacific Hwy & West Street,
North Sydney

Date Mon, 20 October 7.30pm – 9pm.

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

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

Enquiries Michelle 9958 5963

WANTING TO GIVE MORE, DO MORE WITH YOUR LIFE?

You are invited to hear about how Sisters of Mercy respond to this call in today's world ...

When? *Sunday, October 26*
4 – 5.30pm (followed by pizza tea for
those who wish to stay)

Where? **The Gathering Space**
15 Charles Street, Ryde

Contact? **Sister Margaret Sheppard**
c/-9683 2555 (for catering purposes)

If you can't come on October 26 yet would like to know more about being a Sister, ring 9683 2555 and ask for Sister Margaret Sheppard.

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the gospel in everyday language

at a
glance 

Today's Readings

Is 25:6-10

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14

—A magnificent mountain

Ready for anything, with Christ

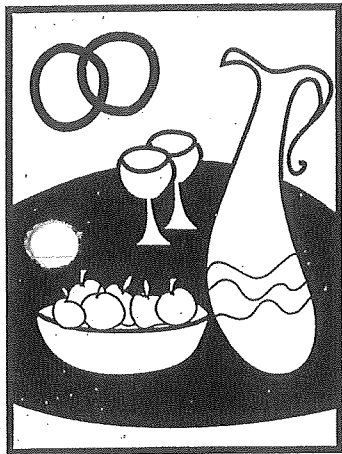
The wedding feast is ready!

Next Week

Jesus confronts the Pharisees

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5;

Mt 22:15-21



Twenty-eighth Sunday Year A

in a nutshell

Today's Gospel describes God as a rich host who showers us (his guests) with gifts and invites us to a lavish feast in his honour. We are expected to respond! By the orientation of our hearts and the evidence of our actions we Christians are called to acknowledge God's generosity and to be 'dressed appropriately' in the finery of our baptismal faith.



A feast for the senses

It was late spring, a cloudless day. On a circular lawn I was awe-struck by the sight of two mature jacaranda trees. Their peaks stretched upwards towards each other. With the sun out, all the blossoms were shimmering. That shimmer had to have a name. 'Mauve' and 'Jacaranda blue' lacked something. In a contemplative flash of insight it came: *electric blue*. A month later, the trees again caught my attention. The green lawn was strewn with blue flowers forming a gorgeous carpet with a thick pile. 'The heavens proclaim the glory of God,' sings the psalmist. So does the earth! Thinking to take a short-cut across the lawn, I stopped, then changed my mind. To disturb such a glory would be a desecration, like defacing a priceless painting. (PK)

Blessings

Even amidst suffering it is possible to live as a grateful guest at God's banquet of blessings.

Maria and Alex are a married couple in their thirties, with three children under four. Every day they cope with a serious illness afflicting Alex, including all its related pressures - physical, emotional and financial.

A recent email from Maria reads:

'There are wonderful gifts and graces that have resulted from all the pain. Like our growth as a family in our relationship with God.

'We now get into trouble from Georgina (3) if we forget to say grace, and last night we all held hands around the table, even the boys (2 year old twins); which was so funny because they squeezed each other too hard! Little Dom then echoed Georgie's "Amen" about ten times which led to a family discussion of the meaning of "Amen"!

'Yesterday, in the car, Georgie was praying aloud about her father, among other things. It gives me a huge lift that she incorporates prayer into her daily life, not just at bedtime and before meals.

'So, even as we struggle to cope from day to day, as a family I couldn't ask for more in regard to prayer and the reality that our communication with God is gradually taking on such importance in all our lives.'

Gratitude is healing

A solo parent shares:

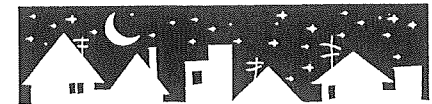
One thing that helped me on the road to recovery after my divorce was to focus on simple blessings. In the midst of a day of desperate sadness, I would find little things to thank God for: the warm sunshine, the relief of tears, the roof over my head, the gift of a supportive friend.



'Keep your eye on the ball'

In ball sports a player is urged by a good coach to 'keep your eye on the ball'. If you don't you are sure to drop it, lose it or have it stolen from you.

Today's Gospel is saying something like this. 'Keep your focus on the blessings of God, and your life will be filled with those blessings!' On the other hand, should we take our eye off the gift of God's love, we are sure to drop it, lose it, or have it stolen from us.



A prayerful focus

Think of a time in your life when you were clearly focussed on and receptive to God's love.

And what about now? How responsive are you to the invitation of faith?

What distractions and hurts dampen your capacity to respond to God?

Think of two people who can help you to 'rekindle' that spark of faith.

Bring all these reflections to prayer.



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