

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 Sun. 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, 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>18/19 April</u>	<u>25/26 April</u>
Vigil 5.30pm	Claude M.	Vlad E.
7.30am	Clem Hill	Claude M.
9.00am	Vince Casey*	Claude M.
10.30am	Vlad E.	Vince Casey
5.30pm	Clem Hill	Clem Hill

*Children's Mass and reception.

YEAR B

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

19TH APRIL 2009

READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 paints a picture of the early Christian community – united, heart and soul.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 John reminds his listeners that anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 describes how the risen Jesus gave the task of continuing his work to his disciples.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

26 April 2009
 Acts 3:13-15,
 17-19;
 1 Jn 2:1-5;
 Lk 24:35-48



READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS

MON	Acts 4:23-31;; Jn 3:1-8
TUES	Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15
WEDS	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
THURS	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
FRI	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
SAT	Anzac Day

With Our Lady of Dolours, we pray for:

Sick: Stephen & Lisa Casey; Phil Wood
Recently Deceased: Maureen Patricia Williamson, Therese O'Connor
Deceased Anniversary: Dominic Ceravolo, Bill Hyde
Wedding: Peter Debono & Teresa Venuto
Reception: Amelia Hetherington will be received as a Catholic at the 9am Mass.



WITHIN THE PARISH

OFFICE HOURS

School holiday office hours are 9.30am to 1.00pm. Please leave a message on the answering machine. It will be checked regularly throughout the holiday period.

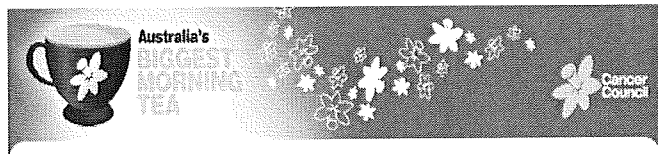


FIRST COMMUNION Enrolments Next weekend

Our children's First Communion program begins next weekend. Enrolments will be taken after all the Sunday Masses on 25-26 April (except 7.30am) in Harrington Hall. Information about First Communion, plus enrolment forms, can be found in the Sacraments brochure stand in the foyer, and from our parish website www.chatswoodparish.org.au

Please note that to make First Communion a child must be a baptised Catholic, at least 7 years of age, and must have made First Reconciliation.

Over the past year we have had a fantastic team of parent helpers assisting at enrolments and interviews. HELP! We need you again for the First Communion program! Please let us know ASAP if you can assist again by calling Tanya Ceravolo (enrolments) 9415 1533 or Mary Tobin (interviews) 9904 7771.



Save the dates! Our parish will be hosting two morning teas for the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea on 3 May (after 9am mass) and 28 May 2009 (after 9am weekday mass). Please bring a plate and join us at these morning teas. More information next week.

HOME ROSARY will be held on Friday, 24 April at 45 Park Rd, Naremburn at 7.30pm. Please phone: 9967 2601. All welcome

ANZAC DAY

At our 9am Mass on Anzac Day, we would like to remember by name anyone who fought in a war and has since died, either in the war or since it finished. If you would like someone you know to be mentioned, please print their name on one of the lists in the foyer of the Church.

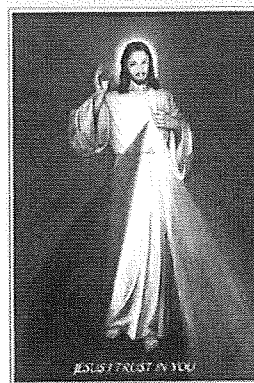
PROJECT COMPASSION

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Celebrate that your generosity has offered new life to your brothers and sisters struggling against injustice. Thank you for supporting the Project Compassion 2009 appeal.

Please remember to put your envelopes and boxes on any collection plate at Mass! Receipts for cash donations will be available in the foyer of the church in July 2009. Caritas will provide receipts for cheque and credit card donations.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in this parish on 19 April at the 10.30 am Mass by Fr Vlad Echalas, SOLT. At 3.00 pm there will be exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with devotional prayers and blessing of Divine Mercy images and will conclude at 4.00 pm with Benediction. Everyone is invited to afternoon tea in Meeting Room 1. If you are able to, please bring a plate to share.
- During the devotional prayers and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, Fr. Vlad will be available for Reconciliation. There will be a DVD showing about the Divine Mercy and St. Faustina.
- The Divine Mercy chaplet will be recited every Friday after the 12.15 pm Mass starting on Friday 24 April and will be led by Fr Vlad. Everybody is invited.



Children's Ministries

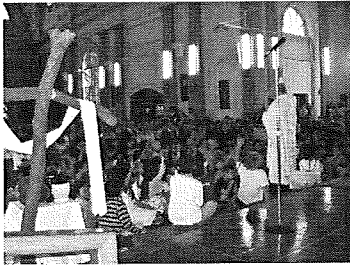


Let the children come to me...

Family Mass Easter Feast!

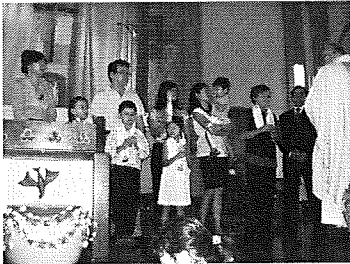
Congratulations to all the people involved in making our Family Mass Easter celebration such a wonderful feast!

The children were involved in the Entrance Procession – including 3 of the children who were baptised. The children also read the readings and



participated in the choir. Fr. Vince's homily was amazing to see with all the children gathered around him. The 7 children baptised and 6 adults initiated as

Catholics brought the real meaning of Easter alive for us all. *What a wonderful way to celebrate our Risen Lord!*



ADULT EDUCATION and FAITH FORMATION

English & God

Today! Sunday 19 April @ 6:30pm Meeting Rm 1 - meet new people, learn some English and also understand the gospel readings with Marie-Anne Van Roie (0400 057 655). Meetings are held every third Sunday of the month after the 5.30pm Mass.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The next meeting is at 7pm on Tuesday 21st April.

CHANGES IN THE PARISH

The fax from the Bishop informing us of changes of the priests at Chatswood, effective on 10th June 2009, is on the notice board in the foyer.

youth @ chatswood

Years 7-12

Please collect a bookmark after the 5.30pm Youth Mass at the entrances to the church and pass it on to a friend if you don't need to keep it yourself.



Hey SPIROIDS! Hope you all had a wonderful Easter weekend. 'Thank God it's SPIRO' is on 19th April; it feels like ages since last SPIRO, so

I hope you can all come! Please bring \$5, your mates, and your enthusiasm for a fun afternoon. And if you're really good, we might have a special treat for SPIRO on 3rd May. Call/email me if you have any questions or suggestions. Peace, Bridge (0421191965, spiro_at_chatswood@hotmail.com) or Estelle (0412 472 994)

Easter liturgies

Thanks to all who helped with Stations of the Cross at 10am on Good Friday, especially Vernon Julien and Hannah Malek and also all involved with ministries at the 5.30 Youth Mass!



Young Adults 18-30+

Young Adults Group

A meeting of like minded young adults is being organized around reflection on the scriptures, prayer and discussion. More details to follow shortly.

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

STEWARDSHIP

The Christian community described in the *Acts of the Apostles* understood and practiced total stewardship. The author reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

~ O.L.D. ie S. ~

(Our Lady of Dolours, Seniors)

Reminders:

Christian Zen Meditation classes start Friday 24th April at 11am and then each Friday in parish MR2. Fr. Vlad Echalas will lead us in this meditation adventure. For your comfort please bring a cushion to sit on.

Jacob's Well Gathering Monday 27th April. Parish MR1 will be open from 9.30am if you would like to retreat someplace after Mass.

TaiKido lessons start Friday 1st May at 1pm in MR1. Please contact Danka if you are interested.

Drivers for Mass ~ Do you live near Artarmon and attend our 10.30am Mass on Sunday? Please contact Joan Munday on 9427 5042 if you are able to help. Your kind gesture would be very much appreciated.

Parish Snippets ~ 1953

"We began clearing our land prior to building our house and at the same time, O.L.D. parish began to build St. Peter the Apostle's school church just one block away. Because we were working on our house every weekend we got to know the locals and were involved in some of the fundraising for the altar furnishings etc. We attended the first Mass in the school church in March 1954 and we moved into our house a few months later. It was a young vibrant community and the congregation overflowed onto the verandah which was a great place for the babies' prams. At that time probably half of the families did not own a car. It was always 8am Mass on Sundays, "Confessions" on Saturday afternoon and Baptisms after Sunday Mass when required. Sadly perhaps, the building was never used as a school and eventually the classroom partitions were removed."

With the decline in Mass attendance St. Peter's was closed as a parish Mass centre and loaned to the Croatian catholic community who used it for regular services. It was demolished in 2008 and on 1st December Fr. Vince blessed the site and foundation stone for the new aged care facility called St. Peter's Green.

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



CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS

The final repair work to prevent rain from entering the Church from the north and south transept parapets is underway. The cost of this current work is \$30,000.00. Grateful thanks to all our parishioners whose financial contributions to the parish over the years have helped make these repairs possible. Please remember that it is through parishioner donations to our **Planned Giving Program** and to the **second collection** at Mass that provide for the material as well as pastoral wellbeing of the parish. To join the Planned Giving Program please contact Linda on 9410 9021.



A YEAR WITH TORAH

This week's Torah portion is **Leviticus 12:1 – 15:33**

Today's portion continues the theme of ritual purity. Particularly jarring to contemporary ears are the opening verses that declare a woman who has

just given birth to be in a state of ritual impurity:

"The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to the children of Israel, saying: If a woman conceives and bears a male child, she shall be ceremonially unclean seven days ... (Lev.12:1-2)

Does this statement bother you? It has certainly bothered Jewish biblical commentators through the generations! Join with the Sages in exploring these verses by picking up a leaflet *"In the Light of Torah"* (Issue #27) from the church foyer.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Tues 21 April 2009 is *Yom Hashoah* or Holocaust Remembrance Day. It is a day of mourning in the Jewish calendar to remember the six million Jews who were murdered by the Nazis in World War II. For Christians and non-Jews, it is important to remember and mourn the fact that Hitler came to power amidst a climate of anti-semitism. Such attitudes are the antithesis of the Gospel.

Earlier this year, Pope Benedict XVI had this to say: "To remember [the Holocaust] is to do everything in our power to prevent any recurrence of such a catastrophe within the human family by building bridges of lasting friendship.

It is my fervent prayer that the memory of this appalling crime will strengthen our determination to heal the wounds that for too long have sullied relations between Christians and Jews.

It is my heartfelt desire that the friendship we now enjoy will grow ever stronger, so that the Church's irrevocable commitment to respectful and harmonious relations with the people of the Covenant will bear fruit in abundance." (21.2.09).

SHARE YOUR MUSICAL TALENTS

If you play the piano, organ or keyboard and would like to share your musical talents with the parish, please contact the parish office on 9410 9000 or office@chatswoodparish.org.au. Musicians will be placed on a roster, which means you will have the opportunity to play at least once a month. Please also nominate which mass you prefer. Thanks!

DIOCESAN WEBSITE

- Welcome to... www.dbb.org.au

There is a new look to the Diocesan website ... where you can go to 'Diocesan' information, Catholic Schools Office, Broken Bay Institute, CCD or Centacare Broken Bay.

Outside the Parish

Serra Vocations Mass & Dinner

Father Kevin Muldoon of the Sydney Archdiocese will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble AT 6.30pm on Wednesday 22nd April 2009, followed by a light supper after.

Serra's objectives are to foster and promote vocations to the Catholic priesthood and religious life, and to encourage its members to fulfill their own Christian vocations to service. All Catholic women and men are welcome.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan 9488 7295 or 0438 887 295, Kevin Fellow 9144 7156 or Email: terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to join us on the night.

Maria Regina 50 Year Golden Jubilee

The P&F committee warmly invite you to celebrate our schools 50 year history at our Golden Jubilee event taking place on the evening of June 27th, 2009

If you would like to be involved in this event, or have stories or photos to share in our yearbook being compiled for the event, please contact us at:

50 Year Golden Jubilee P&F Committee

mrgoldenjubilee@optusnet.com.au

PO Box 350, Avalon NSW 2107

More details and ticket sales will be available in early May. We hope you can join us.

The Vinyard

A place for young adults 18+, where Vincentian conversation and fellowship can grow. First Tuesday of each month starting 5 May 6-9pm at Ashfield. To register or get more details: Email: wvd@cmaustralia.org or ring Lisa on 9716 4166 or 0419 418 547.

Catholic Adult Ed. Centre

- All invited to launch of the book *Women of Hope* by Linda Baraciolli at 3 Keating St, Lidcombe, Wednesday, 29 April at 7.30pm. RSVP to Maree on 9643 3660.
- *Opening the Bible* given by Peter Holmes at St Catherine Laboure, Gymea on six Monday evenings, beginning 4 May. Telephone 9643 3660 or www.caec.com.au

Branches – commencing Tuesday 12th May, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

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 or contact Pat Kervin on 9254 9855.

YUCAN Dialogue Sunday 3rd May, 7:30pm:

For **YOUNG ADULTS** wanting to go further in their faith, searching for more or wanting to meet others who are keen to make a difference....All are welcome to "YUCAN Dialogue" for Young Adults (20's and 30's)! Topic: "**Prophets in our Time**".

An interactive evening with Dr Alex Nelson PhD. Alex will be discussing the means by which we can engage with those we deal with in our everyday lives in ways that teach us the valuable lessons of Christian living. St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Mackenzie St, Lavender Bay (North Sydney). Donation \$5. For more information go to yucan.org.au.





ADULT EDUCATION and FAITH FORMATION

Opportunities for the Easter Season 2009 & onwards

WITHIN THE PARISH

Bible Discussion

Tuesdays in MR2 at 10am
Reflects on the next Sunday's gospel
Contact Madelyn Ciciolla - 9419 4986

Bible Study

Wednesdays in MR1 at 7pm
Meets to study the Bible, currently 1 Corinthians
Contact Suzanne Camilleri – 9419 0932

Take Home Reading

Leaflets are available from the stands in the church foyer

'Light of Torah': Tools to help Christians explore Scripture with an appreciation of the Bible's Jewish roots.

'Inform': a series of concise, readable articles about faith and life matters.

'Landmarks': a stimulus for thought and discussion on the teachings of the Catholic Church.



'Year of St Paul' (2008-09): thoughts about St Paul's contribution to the New Testament, including his 1st & 2nd Letters to the Corinthians and his Letter to the Ephesians.

The parish website also has a further reflection on

Christ's Resurrection in the Year of St Paul. Go to www.chatswoodparish.org.au Ministries/Adult Ed.

Lecture

In celebration of Pentecost, Fr Vlad Echalas will give a talk on the Paraclete. See the website and bulletin shortly for more details.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Spirituality for Discipleship

Wednesday 29 & Thursday 30 April 2009
A unique opportunity to reflect on mission, spirituality and radical discipleship in the beautiful grounds of Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills.

Anthony Gittins CSSp is Professor of Mission & Culture at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He is an internationally recognised lecturer & retreat master.

Encountering Jesus – 29 April

Dr Gittins reflects on and draws from the Gospel encounters that Jesus had between women & men and what this means for us today as we grow into discipleship.

Called To Be Sent – 30 April

Dr Gittins explores what it means to be called into discipleship as our relationship with Christ demands that we enter more deeply into God's mission. What does this mean for us? Our family? Our Church?



Sisterhood Conference

Sisterhood is a network of young women, 17-40, which seeks to support everyday girls doing everyday life together. The conference at Collaroy Beach seeks to draw women together for a weekend of prayer and praise and formation in what it is to be a Catholic woman in the 21st Century. Go to the website address below for more details.

When: Fri 29 May from 6.30pm to Sun 31 May 2pm

Where: Collaroy Centre, Homestead Ave

Cost: \$170 including all meals and accommodation (BYO linen; blankets and pillows provided)

Limited places; register now online at www.sisterhood.org.au/conference