

Our Lady of Dolours

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 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

	1/2 November	8/9 November
Vigil 5.30pm	Claude M	Clem Hill
7.30am	Vince Casey	Claude M.
9.00am	Vince Casey#	Claude M.*
10.30am	Clem Hill	Vince Casey
12 noon	Filipino Mass	-
5.30pm	Clem Hill	Clem Hill
7.00pm	Korean Mass	Korean Mass
# Family Mass	*Baptism Presentations	

YEAR A ALL SOULS' DAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2008

READINGS

A wide choice of readings are possible for today.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9 promises that the Lord will destroy death for ever.

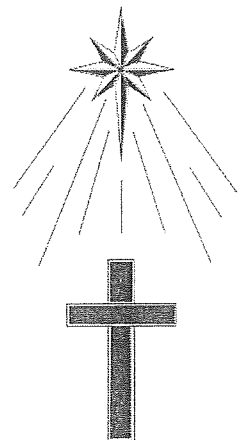
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 5:5-11 Paul teaches that we will be saved through the blood of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

9 November 2008
 Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;
 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17;
 Jn 2:13-22



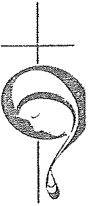
READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS

MON Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14
 TUES Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24
 St Charles Borromeo
 WEDS Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
 THURS Phil 3:3-8; Lk 15:1-10
 FRI Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8
 SAT Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

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: Jane Harris, Myrtle Maher
Recently Deceased: Adolfo Arabia, Patricia Dolbel, Neville Henderson, Rev Kevin Hannan
Deceased Anniversary: Gregory Seery, Peter Seery, Eunice Beaumont, Joyce Wyantani
Weddings: Michael Antarakis & Charmaine Shutte and Wai Kuen Chan & Kwan Ying Lo



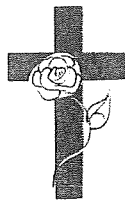
WITHIN THE PARISH

NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

We have a strong Catholic tradition of praying for those who have died during the month of November. As we have in the past years, we will have cards on which to write the names of family and friends who have died. All Masses in the parish in November will be celebrated for these people. These cards are available around the church this weekend. Please place the cards in the box in front of the sacred space.

**REMEMBRANCE MASS- SATURDAY
8th NOVEMBER 9.00AM MASS**

Each year the Parish celebrates the Mass of the Lord's Resurrection for those close to us who have died. It is an opportunity for healing the pain that death brings and finds the hope that Christ gives us for our own life. You may wish to bring a flower to place at the foot of the cross.

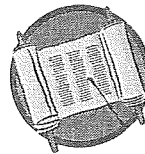


CHARITABLE WORKS FUND - CWF

Next weekend we will have the second Diocesan CWF collection for the 2008 – 2009 financial year. Our parish has been asked to donate a total of \$17,709.00 for this second appeal. Please be prepared to offer what you can to support the essential work of Centacare, St Lucy's and St. Edmund's, catechesis for children in government schools and assistance for hearing impaired people to celebrate the Sacraments. And please note that all donations to CWF are 100% tax deductible! Envelopes are around the church for those who may want to take one home to fill out the details and return it next week.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Michel and Joan Antarakis who have celebrated forty years of marriage and received a blessing at Mass last weekend.



"A YEAR WITH TORAH"

A weekly schedule for reading the first five books of the Bible over one year.

**This week's Torah portion is
Genesis 12:1 – 17:27**

A terrific part of the Bible for anyone experiencing the call to step out into the unknown... It includes the story of Abraham, called by God to leave homeland and kin 'to the land that I will show you' (12:1). There is a small yellow leaflet "In the Light of Torah" available to assist readers of this passage, in the Bible Education brochure stand, church foyer.

CHILDREN'S

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2008

Thanks to all who participated in our first Parent Input Night last week. The Reconciliation program is well underway and enrolments are now closed. Thank you to parishioners who are praying for the candidates... please keep the prayers going! Next step:

Second Input Night (for Parents): Wed 5 October 7.30-8.30pm in Harrington Hall. Please bring your child's workbook with you. We will be going through the steps of the ceremony, addressing the Interview questions, and dealing with final preparations. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Thurs 20 Nov at 5pm and 7pm.

Enquiries: Tanya 0401066681, Mary 0439499292

"MESSIAH" CONCERT AT OLD CHURCH

Friday, 21 November 2008 at 8pm join the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra and Choir as they perform Handel's most classic Oratorio, The Messiah in our Church. For bookings, phone 9777 7547 or visit www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au.

Leaflets are around the Church.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Please take a copy of the Australian Catholics magazine from the foyer of the Church, if you wish.

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

Being active is an important part of life particularly as we get older. It enables us to meet new friends, it is beneficial for our health and it creates endorphins which supposedly make us happier. Ladies, if you would like to play social tennis at Artarmon on Thursday mornings between 9.30 and 11.30 please contact Dolour Meagher on 9419 2642. More players are always welcome.

Drivers Needed for Mass ~ We have some elderly parishioners who are no longer able to drive but who would dearly like to come to Mass on a Sunday. Please contact Danka Scenna at the parish on 9410 9032 if you would like to help.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me ... and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward". Mt 10:40-42

LITURGY TEAM MEETING

The next meeting is on Tuesday 4th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. We will be planning Advent and Christmas celebrations in the parish. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

ECUMENICAL MEETING

Our meeting will take place this Monday, 3rd November after the 9.00am Mass and the rosary. We will meet with our fellow interfaith Christians to share what is happening in our lives, pray for our intentions and those of our churches. As usual we will meet in the Blue room, meeting Room 1. Please come and join us in prayer and have a cuppa. All most welcome.
Gerry Murphy 9427 5972.

CELEBRATE LOVE SEMINAR

A two day seminar for married couples with practical tools and liberating insights. Sat & Sun - Chatswood, Nov 22/23 www.celebratelove.com.au

Children's Ministries



Let the children come to me...

Atrium Open Day TODAY

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is a beautiful ministry within the parish at Our Lady of Dolours. It is a program where the children come to a special place called the atrium to spend time with God. We currently run 2 sessions per week for the children. We invite all parishioners to come along to the atrium – located in the blue demountable rooms in the Rotunda Park in Kirk St, immediately after the 9.00am Mass **TODAY** to see what a wonderful treasure we have for our children! There will be a sausage sizzle and face painting too!

Leaders for the Atrium

We want to be able offer more children to come to the atrium. In order to do this, we need more adult leaders who can;

- undertake training in this program which will begin in March next year .
- work for 1 ½ hours once a week with the children in the atrium

If you would like to know more or offer your service to this wonderful ministry, please contact Angela at the parish office on 9410 9028, or angela@chatswoodparish.org.au

Beginnings - for parents and babies from 0-3 Years

We had our first meeting to establish our goals for the new mums, babies and toddler group on Thursday morning. Although there were only 2 of us, we are excited about the prospect of supporting parents in the parish with the physical, social, emotional and spiritual development of their youngest children who are a special gift from God. Goals have been set and a format and feel for these meetings has been established. We are planning to begin this new initiative at the beginning of the school year 2009.

If you are interested in attending this group or can provide assistance as an experienced parent please contact Angela 9410 9028, or angela@chatswoodparish.org.au

YOUTH AND ADULT EDUCATION MINISTER

We are currently checking references for the preferred applicant for this position.

CATECHISTS COLUMN

We are almost at the end of 2008, thus only 2 workshops are available for this year. I encourage catechists who have not completed them to register and attend them as a means of furthering their faith, knowledge and confidence.

1. Training - Cluster Evenings for Term 4 - 7:00pm-9:00pm - Location: Carlingford

1. Wed 5 Nov: "D" Classroom Management: Positive Discipline
2. Wed 12 Nov: "D" Teaching Strategies: Listening & Questioning

• Dates to Remember:

Sun 16 Nov

2008 Diocesan Catechist Mass - 2:00pm - Awards to catechists will be handed over

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral

23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara

An Invitation from Bishop David Walker to all catechists and their families

Afternoon tea will be served

RSVP by 11 Nov - Call Sonia to register

• Fri 21 Nov

Northern Region Reflection Day

9:00am-2:30pm

Theme: 'The Year of St Paul' - Conducted by Bishop Walker

Queen of Peace Parish Meeting Room

18 Stuart Ave, Normanhurst

RSVP by Wed 19 Nov - Call Sonia to register

CALL FOR CATECHISTS

A catechist in our Parish teaches Catholic Scripture (1/2 hr/week) in the public schools in our area. You may have, on several occasions, read in the Parish Bulletin, the 'Call for Catechists' notice and wondered what it is about. You may feel you would like to get involved but are not sure. If this is your case, give me a call and I will give you all the information you need to help you dissipate your doubts. Be assured that taking the "Word of the Lord" to His children is an extraordinarily rewarding experience! Please, call Sonia on 9410 9022.

HOME ROSARY will be held on Friday, 7 November at 11 Waverton Lane, Waverton at 7.30pm Inquiries please phone: 9967 2601. All welcome.

SURVEY OF PARISHIONERS

"Unlike any other creature on this planet, humans can learn and understand, without having experienced. They can think themselves into other people's minds, imagine themselves into other people's places," JK Rowling, author of the Harry Potter Series

Over the last few months the Parish Pastoral Council has been imagining what parish life is like for those who are involved in ministries in the parish. The council has also been imagining what parish life is like for those who aren't very involved in the parish. We have been trying to imagine this because we feel drawn to invite more parishioners to share their gifts and talents with the parish community. We are trying to understand not only why people find involvement in parish ministries so life giving, but also understand why people feel reluctant to step forward to participate.

Our imaginations, however can only take us so far (even if we have the imagination of JK Rowling!), so over the next few months, the council will be surveying parishioners currently involved in ministries and parishioners who have recently ceased their involvement in parish ministries. We hope this feedback will give us a better insight into how we can better invite, form and nurture parishioners for ongoing involvement within the parish. We believe this is vital for a healthy and relevant parish life for all parishioners. Early next year we will be holding a "Sign up Sunday" which will give parishioners the chance to sign up to contribute to one of the many ministries in the parish. So start imagining your dream parish involvement now!

Jenni Winters on behalf of the Pastoral Parish Council

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS FOR 2008

Nominations for the elections will be called on Sunday 9th November to fill five vacancies. Nominations must come from parishioners who live in, or regularly attend Church and related activities at Our Lady of Dolours Parish and are able to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council for a three year term.

Parishioners are invited to consider if you or someone you know have the gifts to provide leadership for the parish as a member of the PPC.

After the nominations close (16 November) the Returning Officer will prepare and make available ballot papers for the elections over the following two

Sundays. The result of the election will be announced on Sunday 7 December.

For more information contact Vince Casey or a member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

PARISH INCOME

During the last financial year we spent more than was donated to the parish through planned giving, credit cards and the second collection. We need to increase our income if we are to have the regular routine maintenance our old buildings require and to sustain the current pastoral activities of the parish into the future. If you are able to contribute please fill in one of the forms which are available near the windows in the main body of the church

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Be part of the Society's good works. Social Justice Sunday and the feast of St Vincent de Paul, both held recently, reminded us of the call to make our society more just and compassionate. The St Vincent de Paul Society works year round to assist people in our local area who experience disadvantage. By visiting people in their homes, the Society aims to help men, women and families to break the cycle of poverty and disadvantage. If you would like to know more about the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in our parish or would like to know how you can become involved, please contact Bob (tel 9419 2824) or Joan (tel 9419 6904), for more information.

Outside the Parish

Salsa Spectacular - Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Fundraiser



Dinner Dance Fundraiser
7pm Sat, 8 November
Harrington Hall \$35 p.p.
Ticket price includes 3
course buffet, live
entertainment. BYO Learn
to Salsa or sit back and
enjoy the atmosphere.

Download your ticket order forms at:
www.ourladyofdolours.nsw.edu.au and follow the
links to P&F Forms tab.

A Special Mass for those who have lost a Loved One A special Mass of remembrance will be offered at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Monday November 17th at 7.30pm.

StreetWork Christmas Appeal Dinner

Saturday, 29 November from 7-10pm includes dinner and coffee. Harrington Hall. RSVP 24 9887 4030. Guest speaker is Bill Crews.



St. Thomas' 80th Birthday

Please come to the Parish Anniversary Celebration and launch of the book, "Continuing the 80 Year Story of St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Willoughby". Saturday, 8th November in the Parish Hall after 6pm Mass. ALL WELCOME!

Ecumenical Celebration for Advent

Bishop David Walker of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is inviting all members of Christian churches in northern Sydney to join together for an Advent Ecumenical Celebration on **Wednesday, 26th November at 8.00pm** at the Cathedral of the Diocese of Broken Bay, 23 Yardley Ave Waitara (parking is available in the grounds and the Cathedral is only a short walk from Waitara station). Please be part of this opportunity to gather with fellow Christians as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's birth.

Diocese of Broken Bay and the Edmund Rice Centre for Justice

The Diocese of Broken Bay and the Edmund Rice Centre for Justice have embarked on a partnership to continue the spirit of World Youth Day 2008, through the launch of our *Let's Talk Local* pilgrimages throughout the Wilcannia-Forbes region. The Diocese is seeking to send a trial *Let's Talk* pilgrimage from 25th November until 2nd December 2008. This trial pilgrimage will allow young adults to experience the pilgrimage to promote to groups in 2009. For further information, contact **Cassandra Gibbs** at the Edmund Rice Centre on **0422 771 816**.

Diocese of Broken Bay - Eucharist with People with Disabilities

An invitation to people with disabilities, their families, friends, carers and parishioners. Sunday, 9 November at St Kieran's Church, 2 King St, Manly Vale at 11.30am. Celebrant is Bishop Walker. Lunch is served at conclusion of Eucharist so please RSVP for catering purposes to Joanne on 9488 2483 or email jorourke@brokenbay.catholic.org.au by 3rd November 2008.

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Together forever

Visiting and praying with someone on their death bed is a powerful experience. The important things come into focus with fresh clarity. The unimportant things which normally absorb so much attention seem so trivial. Visiting Eva was no exception. She was too frail to communicate, so I just sat with her and prayed quietly. As I did so I felt a strong awareness of Eva's husband, Len. Len had died six months earlier and I was aware much Eva missed him. They had been together in sixty years of marriage. Now, as Eva lay dying, their love for each other began to influence my prayer...

'And may Len be close to you at this difficult time and the love you share, which overcomes all things, even death, draw him close to you so that you will not travel this journey alone but that Len will be there with you and soon you will be together forever...'

A single tear from Eva's eye told me that this had been the right prayer for this moment. Three hours later, she was with her beloved Len forever.

Song Spot
Listen to
'One Sweet Day'
(Mariah Carey &
Boyz II Men)

Connections

The whole family travelled interstate for Grandpa's funeral. Everyone was there – uncles, aunts, cousins I hadn't seen for years and would never have recognised. It was a great reunion as celebrated the life of our grandfather - Grandpa, the last of his generation; Grandpa who had kept us informed about each other and had kept us in some way 'connected'. Many a parting comment was that 'we will have to stay in touch'.

As you might guess, not a lot has happened. But there *are* glimmers of connectedness on the horizon: an unexpected visit to a sick aunt, a cousin joining us for holidays, a photo of a new baby at Christmas time. I am aware that these new shoots come from seeds sown by the witness of Grandpa. To nurture these new beginnings is to honour our grandfather and his continuing influence on our lives. (Kerry)

in a nutshell

Today we commemorate the souls of all the faithful departed. We are very aware of those we miss and the love of God permeating all existence and which connects us even through death. We are reminded of the source of our hope, the risen Christ, and the bearing our earthly choices have on eternal life to come.

Pray

*For a stronger belief that God's love reaches beyond the grave...
Lord hear our prayer.*



Through the pain... a prophet

As we muso's were packing up our keyboards and guitars after Mass one Sunday, a woman walked up to us with tears in her eyes. 'I wish you wouldn't sing that song in the parish,' she said, not unkindly but honestly. 'Every time I hear it, it reminds me of the twins.' It took me a moment to recognise the woman and put two and two together, but quickly I saw the picture: Sarah's twins were stillborn and the song she was referring to was from *Isaiah 49*: 'Could a mother forget her baby, or a woman the child within her womb?'

The words to that hymn have never sounded the same to me since that day. No longer do they refer to 'any' baby or 'any' mother, but Sarah and *her* twins. After seeing the anguish in Sarah's face that day, I know one thing for sure: God will *never* forget me. In her pain she was a prophet to me.



Think...Talk

Who in particular do you think about on All Souls Day?

- Describe this person's life.
- What did he/she mean to you then?
- What does this person mean to you now?
- What prayer do you most want to pray for him/her?
- What do you want your children to know about this person? Tell the story...



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