

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

	24/25 January	31 Jan / 1 Feb
Vigil 5.30pm	Vince Casey	
7.30am	Clem Hill	
9.00am	Clem Hill	
10.30am	Vince Casey*	
12noon	--	Filipino Mass
5.30pm	Claude M.	
7.00pm	--	Korean Mass

*Baptisms

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
25TH JANUARY 2009

READINGS

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 tells how God pardoned the Ninevites when they repented on hearing the word of Jonah.

Responsorial Psalm: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 warns that the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 Jesus calls the first disciples, Simon and Andrew, James and John.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 February 2009
 4th Sunday Ord. Time
 Deut 18:15-20;
 1 Cor 7:32-35;
 Mk 1:21-28



READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS

MON Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11 or Rom 12:9-13; Mt 5:1-12 or Lk 12:22-32
Australia Day

TUES Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

WEDS Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
St Thomas Aquinas

THURS Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

FRI Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

SAT Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41
St John Bosco

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: Greg Bartells, Sheila Dark.
Deceased Anniversary: Margaret and Michael Commins, Stephan Mico, Brian Sullivan, Maria, Giovanni and Robert Macolino, Mara Martinovich.
Baptism: Leonardo Zaurrini.

WITHIN THE PARISH

PUBLIC HOLIDAY Monday, 26th January is a public holiday for Australia Day. There will be no 12.15pm Mass and the Parish Office will be closed that day.

OFFICE HOURS: Usual parish office hours will resume next Tuesday: **9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Please remember the office is closed 1.00pm to 1.30 pm daily. WELCOME BACK FROM YOUR HOLIDAY VINCE!**

NEW ROSTER - ALTAR SERVERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

The new roster will soon commence. If you would like to make any changes to your existing roster, please ring Gerard Ryan (9419-8310) within the next week. If you would like to become an Altar Server or Minister of Communion at Mass or to the sick, please also ring Gerard.

"A YEAR WITH TORAH"

This week's Torah Portion is Exodus 10:1-13:16



It records the birth of the Israelite people as the last three of the ten plagues are visited on Egypt. To set free the people of Israel from mighty Pharaoh, God calls Moses to *come* enter into the core of Pharaoh, into the very root of his power. There, God meets god; Creator meets created; Truth meets falsehood; Liberator meets oppressor; the Divine Self meets self-centeredness. For more on this dramatic confrontation, visit www.batkol.info/parashathashavuah (The Hebrew name for this portion is 'Bo' which means 'Come'.)

PARISH PROJECT - MAUBARA ORPHANAGE

At 7.00 pm on Thursday 29th January in Meeting Room 1, Daisy and Roheela will be reflecting on their recent immersion experience in East Timor. Their journey included a visit to the Orphanage we support through our Parish Projects. All parishioners very welcome to join us and have a cuppa afterwards.

AUSTRALIA DAY - MON 26 JAN

An Australia Day prayer by Bruce Prewer from his book, 'Australian Prayers':

*God of Australia
We bring you our gratitude
for the diversity and wealth
of this land and its people;
for its weathered old mountains, fertile
valleys,
and vast plains;
for its riches of mine and agriculture,
forest, and grazing lands;
for the first Australians, who know and love
this continent
with an intimate, profound sensitivity;
for the courage, vision and sacrifice of the
early settlers;
for the diverse races who now call Australia
home:
For these and all your gifts
we offer you, O Lord, our joyful, thankful
hearts.*

~ O.L.D. ie S. ~

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

Would you like to be part of our **Bereavement Team?** We are having a meeting at 10am on Wednesday 28th January in the Parish office. You will be playing a vital role in our parish, so please come and join us.

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around" ...
Leo Buscaglia*

Seniors enquiries or just to chat call Danka on 9410 9030 or danka@chatswoodparish.org.au

SCHOOLS COMMENCE THIS WEEK!

Our prayers and good wishes to all students, teachers and staff for a happy and successful year.



Children's Ministries



Let the children come to me...

Kindy Blessing Mass 2009

Next **Sunday 1st February 2009** we invite all the children in our parish who begin Kindergarten this year to come to Mass in their school uniform. During Mass you will receive a special **blessing** as you begin your school life. We will have a morning tea after Mass to celebrate. Everyone is invited to come along and support these special members of our parish family at this important time in their lives.

"Beginnings" Starts in Two Weeks

Our new parents, babies and toddler group starts on Friday 6th February at 9.30am. Young parents, please mark this in your diary and come along and meet others in the parish with young ones. We hope to see you there! Any queries contact Angela on 9410 9028 or angela@chatswoodparish.org.au

Furniture Needed

With our new babies and toddler group starting soon, we are in need of some small tables and low shelving. If you have any such items you no longer need and could donate, please contact Angela on 9410 9028 or angela@chatswoodparish.org.au



YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

A weekend retreat at Jambaroo is planned for young adults, 21+ who have left school. The weekend of 17-19 July (in the uni holidays) has been booked. We anticipate that the suggested cost to cover accommodation, talks and food will be \$75. Further information will follow closer to the time. To register your interest, please contact Marie-Anne Van Roie on 0400 057 655.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The first 2009 meeting of the newly formed PPC will be held this Tuesday 25th January at 7.30pm in Meeting Room 1. All parishioners are very welcome to attend any meeting of the PPC.



ADULT EDUCATION and
FAITH FORMATION



Rhyme, Rhythm and Ritual

A day of action and interaction is being held at the Dougherty Community Centre, Victor St Chatswood from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Thursday 19 February. If you are interested in contributing to truly celebrating the Mass, please contact Suzanne or go to the latest up date to the website: Ministries/Adult Ed/ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES** / <http://www.chatswoodparish.org.au/4148250/chatswood-catholic-parish-adult-education.htm>

English & God conversation class

Our first '09 gathering will be on Sunday 25 January at 6.30pm in MR1. We will look at understanding both the Mass and the next week's gospel reading in English. We look forward to seeing you there and chatting afterwards over a cuppa!

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

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Years 7-12



Spiro

Are you in Yrs 7, 8 or 9?
Sunday afternoon, 1 March is
our first get - together for '09.

Contact Bridgette (0421 191 965) or email spiro_at_chatswood@hotmail.com for more info or to register your interest. Parents are asked to attend the first 'Kick start' meeting at 3.30pm in MR2. Refreshments provided.



Young Adults 18-30+

Are you being called to give 'time & talent' to OLD Youth?

Leaders/mentors are needed to help with Spiro. Make as small or as large a commitment as you are able. Training provided if required. Please contact Bridgette (0421 191 965) or email spiro_at_chatswood@hotmail.com if this is your way in 2009 of responding to God's generosity in your life. See the Youth page on the website for more info.

Feast of the Conversion of St Paul in 2008-2009 YEAR OF PAUL



A number of Catholic bishops' conferences, including Australia's, have decided to allow the readings for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25) to be used for this year only in place of the usual Sunday readings for the Third

Sunday in Ordinary Time, that is:

Acts 22:3-16 OR Acts 9:1-22

Ps 116:1-2

1 Corinthians 7:28-31

Mark 16:15-18

We have retained the usual readings at Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood, however, there are a number of resources about St Paul that are available to us.

One is the leaflet called 'The gift of Scripture & St Paul' that is still available on the 'Bible' display stand in the foyer. Other leaflets in this series are available for downloading at: www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Scripture (click on Year of St Paul – Resources on the right).



The leaflet entitled 'The first letter to the Corinthians' is now also available on the 'Bible' display stand.

More information is available on the parish website <http://www.chatswoodparish.org.au/4148250/chatswood-catholic-parish-adult-education.htm> including a full commentary on **Mark 16:15-18**.

It is interesting to note that whilst this gospel does not in fact mention St Paul, it does focus on the missionary call to announce the Gospel everywhere and the supernatural gifts that mark out Jesus' authentic followers.

We are told to 'go everywhere and publicly and vocally announce the total message about Jesus: His identity, His deeds and His promise'. We are also given some of the most unusual and controversial lines in the Gospels about gifts that can distinguish the followers of Jesus. In particular we should be aware that Christians have practised the ministry of exorcism from earliest times and that both evangelical Christians and Charismatic Catholics attest to the 'gift of tongues'.

Sacraments Update 2009

Kids' Baptism:

The next Kids' Baptism process (preparing 5-11 year olds for baptism) begins 1 Feb. Children in this program will be baptised at Easter. Enquiries: Teresa 9410 9027.

A wonderful new initiative this year: Chinese Kids' Baptism program, in Cantonese. Enquiries: Margaret 0411 550 222

Adult Baptism:

We have two groups of adults preparing for baptism, a Chinese group that meets Saturdays 3.30pm (resuming 7 Feb) and an English-speaking group that meets Sundays 4pm (resuming 1 Feb). In all, there are currently 12 adults in our parish on various stages of the RCIA process. Enquiries: Teresa 9410 9027 or (for Chinese group) Margaret 0411 550 222.

Adult Confirmation: For adult Catholics who missed out on this sacrament when they were growing up. This ceremony is with the Bishop at the diocesan Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday. An information night will be held Tues 24 Feb, 7.30pm, Parish Meeting Rm 1. Enquiries: Teresa 9410 9027.

Children's Sacramental Program

This is a one year/three stage process that prepares Catholic children for **Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion**. The new program for 2009-2010 begins with enrolments for Confirmation in August and a brochure will be available very soon. A general **Information Night** for parents, presenting an overview of the entire process, will be held Tues 10 Feb, 7.30pm, MR1.

For those children already in the 2008-2009 sacramental program, enrolments for the sacrament of **First Communion** will take place after Sunday Masses on 25/26 April. First Communion will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday 31 May 2009 in two ceremonies 1.30 and 3.30pm. Info in church foyer. Enquiries: Tanya 9415 1533H or Mary 9904 7771H.

A child must be age 7+ and have made **First Reconciliation** in order to make First Communion. A 'catch up' Reconciliation program will be run during Lent for children who missed out on Reconciliation last year. The first Parent Info Night is Tues 17 Feb 7.30pm, Meeting Rm 1. Enquiries: Teresa 9410 9027.

More Sacraments info:
visit the Sacraments brochure stand in church foyer
or www.chatswoodparish.org.au