

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.

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 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

	26/27 January	2/3 February
Vigil	5.30pm Satheesh R.	Satheesh R
	7.30am Satheesh R.	Vince Casey
	9.00am Geoff Bugden	Vince Casey
	10.30am Geoff Bugden*	Vince Casey
	5.30pm Claude M.	Satheesh R
	* Baptisms (Vince Casey)	

YEAR A 3RD SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME 27TH JANUARY 2008

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3 foretells a great light that would one day shine in Galilee.

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Paul appeals to the Corinthians to make up the differences between them.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 is the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. He is the light in the darkness of the first reading.

YESTERDAY,
TODAY,

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

3rd February - 4th Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13;
 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12



FOREVER

DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

MON	2 Sam 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30 St Thomas Aquinas
TUES	2 Sam 6:12-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
WEDS	2 Sam 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
THURS	2 Sam 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25 St John Bosco
FRI	2 Sam 11:1-4, 5-10, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
SAT	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 Presentation of the Lord

With Our Lady of Dolours, we pray for:

Recently Deceased: Julie Brink, Anthony John Soglanich
Deceased Anniversary: Donna-Marie Burns, Rosina Russo, Elisabetta G Salvatore Papallo, Giorgio Circosta, Zita O'Donoghue, Pauline Greco, Len Commins, John Schrauwen, Michael Commins, Stephen Mico, Brian Sullivan, Margaret Commins, deceased members of the Collins family, Paul Johnson, Bill & Vivienne Mooney, Keith & Alan Mooney, Fred Da-ffran
Baptisms: Rhea Ann Kallayil, Alyssa Louise Campbell



WITHIN THE PARISH

OFFICE HOURS: Usual parish office hours have resumed: 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Please remember the office is closed 1.00pm to 1.30 pm daily.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY Monday, 28th January is a public holiday for Australia Day. There will be no 12.15pm Mass that day.

KID'S BAPTISM

The next Kids' Baptism program which prepares children aged 5-11 for baptism at Easter time, will commence on 3 February 2008 (postponed from 6 January). For more information, see the Kids' Baptism brochure at the back of the church and contact Teresa at the Parish Office 9412 1042.

FAREWELL TO FR GEOFF

Fr Geoff will be leaving the parish to go to Waitara parish at the end of this month. Fr Geoff's last Mass in the parish will be this Sunday, 27th January. After the 10.30am Mass on that day there will be a morning tea in Parish Meeting Room #1. All are invited. If possible, bring a plate of food to share.



CATECHIST NEWS Our first meeting for 2008 will be on Monday 4th February in Parish Meeting Room 1 at 12.45pm. At that meeting classes will be allocated and books and paperwork distributed. Please spread the word about this meeting to all our catechists.

The minutes of our final meeting for 2007 will be available for all on February 4th. I have also placed copies of those minutes in 'The catechist box' in the shelves on the Kirk Street entrance to the Church.

HOME ROSARY will be held on Friday, 1 February at 7 Bangalong Street, Naremburn at 7.30pm. Enquiries: 9967 2601.

WORLD YOUTH DAY REGISTRATIONS

July seems a long way off but WYD registrations from the parish close on 10th February. If you are not registered as a WYD pilgrim you cannot attend the WYD functions – this includes youth concerts, Stations of the Cross and the Papal Mass! It may not seem to matter now, but when there are 1,000 young people from all over the world staying in our parish and 200,000+ in Sydney for a week it will feel different. Book now. Forms and details are in the foyer.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY

Do you take for granted the ability to receive Holy Communion every week? Around 120 of our housebound parishioners depend on our loyal team of Ministers of Communion to bring them Holy Communion each week. It would be great to have some extra Ministers to assist in this Ministry. Your commitment could be as little as taking Communion to parishioners one Sunday (or perhaps one Wednesday) in every 4 weeks. Please give some serious thought to assisting us in this role. Enquiries: Gerard Ryan 9419-8310.

RCIA sessions resume this Sunday 27 January 4pm (MR1). Enquiries: Teresa 9412 1042. The Chinese RCIA group resumes Sat 9 February 4pm (MR2). Enquiries: Margaret Yuen 9411 1156 (W) or 0411 550 222.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult Confirmations are held in the Diocese on Pentecost Sunday each year (11 May in 2008). Candidates are prepared in their local parish. If you are an adult Catholic who missed out on this sacrament when you were growing up, your enquiry is welcome. Contact Teresa 9412 1042.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS are a great way to reflect on the Gospels. If you are interested in organising and/or joining a Lenten discussion group this year (using the Brisbane program) please contact Monica Cotter 9412 1323.

Children's Ministries



Let the children come to me...

Kindy Blessing Mass

On **Sunday 3rd February 2008** 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.

Look 'n' Learn Class

At the end of the **Kindy Blessing Mass** next Sunday, Fr. Vince will explain about the Ashes we use on Ash Wednesday. As Lent begins the following Wednesday, please stay and hear what he has to say before heading out to the morning tea!

Children's Mass Readers for 2008

Philomena Brandt, our Children's Mass Reading Co-Ordinator, is currently putting together the new roster for 2008 and would love to hear from any children who would like to join the reading roster for the Children's Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Philomena on: 9882 3359
email: pbrandt@optusnet.com.au

Atrium for 3-6 year old Children

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children's program will begin again this year for 3-6 year old children on Thursday 14th February in our parish atrium. If you would like your child to be involved, or if you simply want to find out more about what the atrium is, please contact Angela on 9412 1042 or by email: angela@chatswoodparish.org.au

FROM FR GEOFF

Sadly the time has come to say farewell to you, although I am departing with great memories. I leave with very rich experiences of faith and love. I thank each and every one of you from the depths of my heart for the love and concern you have shown me. You will be in my prayers and my memories. May God continue to bless you. As I'm only going to be a short distance from you, no doubt we will see each other now and again. *Geoff*

FAREWELL AND THANK-YOU

We thank Geoff for all he has done for our parish and wish him well in his next two appointments – Waitara for two months with Fr John Hodgson and then permanently at French's Forest with Fr Michael O'Toole.

DEMOLITION EXCAVATION AND CONSTRUCTION AT CHATSWOOD

For those who missed out, last week's update is available in the foyer of the church. It includes information about the garages, Civic Place, Chatswood Chase and the closure of St Peter's Church.

During the week fences were put around the Civic Place site and demolition began. One concern has been the removal of asbestos with the school just next door. To respond to this, most of the asbestos will be removed before school comes back. Any remaining asbestos is in places that can only be accessed during the demolition and this will be removed when it can be reached but out of school hours. We will be informed when this is happening. A new concrete slab will be laid beside the church and behind the offices before school comes back. The stairs to provide safe access for the students will be finished within four weeks.

CIVIC PLACE MEETING

A public meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, 5th February at 7.30pm in Harrington Hall to meet with Cardinal Project Services who are responsible for the demolition of the existing buildings on the Civic Place site. The meeting is open to all those involved with the Parish or Schools.

BIBLE STUDY

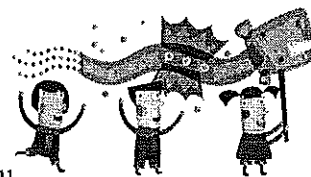
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7.30 – 9.00 PM

This week we read and discussed 1 Kings. Next Wednesday we are looking at 2 Kings.

Meetings are held in meeting room 1 (blue room). You don't need to attend each week just come along when you are able, all welcome. Jenny and Ray are the coordinators (enquiries 9412 1701)

CHINESE NEW

YEAR There will be a special mass to celebrate Chinese New Year at 9am on Thursday, 7th February. At this mass the Lord's Prayer will be sung in Chinese by the parish group. Following the mass, there will be a morning tea in Meeting Room 1. All are welcome.



INTER-RELIGIOUS MINISTRY GROUP

An inaugural meeting of this new group in the parish is scheduled for Saturday 16 February 2008 at 6.45 pm in the parish meeting room No 1. The purpose of the group is to promote dialogue between Catholics and other religions which are not Christian.

"What dialogue demands of all of us is that, holding to what we believe, we listen respectfully to one another, seek to discern all that is good and holy in each other's teachings, and cooperate in supporting everything that favours mutual understanding and peace" (John Paul II, Address to Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders in Jerusalem, March 2000).

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

popularly known as **Candlemas Day**, occurs on **Sat, 2nd February**. If you would like to have your own prayer candles blessed, please bring them to the 9am Mass on that day, for the Blessing of the Candles which will take place at the beginning of Mass.

Fr Martin says that Candlemas is a well-known and popular feast in Burma. During times of stress, such as exams or sickness or an impending catastrophe e.g. a storm or flooding, people like to light their blessed candles when they pray

REPAIRS TO THE TABERNACLE AND SACRARIUM

Our Lady of Dolours parish is blessed with the generosity and thoughtfulness of its parishioners. Before Christmas a parishioner offered to fund the metalwork restoration of our tabernacle. In the New Year another parishioner offered a donation that will pay for repairs to the sacrarium. Both the tabernacle and sacrarium will be collected on Friday 1 February by representatives of W.J. Sanders, the company that has undertaken the repair and regilding. There will be a replacement tabernacle for approximately two weeks while the tabernacle and sacrarium are in the workshop. Our gratitude and prayers go to our anonymous donors, thank you!

FAMILY GROUPS PLANNING FOR 2008

What happens in a Family Group ?

The group gathers about once a month, each time for a different type of social event (e.g. A picnic, barbeque, games night, restaurant meal, bush walk etc). This brings the group together on a regular basis to enjoy being with one another and to gradually develop supportive relationships.

During late January and February the groups in the Chatswood area are meeting to plan the activities for the 2008 year. Any interested person, church going or not, young or elderly, married, single, separated or divorced, are invited to come along to one of the meetings and to experience the get together.

The groups are meeting as follows:

1. 28 January Cowell group
2. 10 February Fitzgerald group
3. 10 February Moran group
4. 23 February van Bussel group

Two other groups are yet to finalise a date in February. If you want to find out more information, contact Jenny or Ray on 9412 1701.

YOUTH MUSICIANS and SINGERS



Do you play an instrument? Do you enjoy praising God in song? The Youth Band is looking for new musicians and singers, especially guitarists to join their group.

The Band performs at the 5:30pm Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. If you are interested, please contact *Regina Chan* on 0411 622 800 or *Charmaine Wan* on 9412 1042.

Outside the Parish

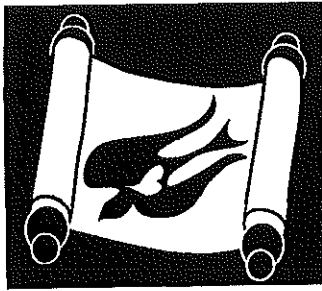
WALKING WITH LOVE: Alternatives & Responses to Abortion

You are invited to Walking with Love, on Sat Feb 2 at Dooleys Catholic Club, Church St, Lidcombe 1-5pm. This event is a project of the Australian Catholic Bishops. Inquiries and RSVPs to Mary Joseph at the Life Office on 9390 5283 or email mary.joseph@sydney.catholic.org.au

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES at Mary MacKillop Place, 9 Mount St, Nth Sydney – "Intro to the Gospel of Matthew" beginning Monday 4th Feb at 11am – 1pm (5 weeks). See noticeboard.

COMPEER

NSW winners of the 2007 NAB volunteer awards, Compeer is a program sponsored by the St Vincent de Paul Society which helps to break down the stigma associated with mental illness. Free training and ongoing support are provided for volunteers and our next volunteer training course will be held on Saturdays February 9th and 23rd. Contact Emily Hayes on 9413 3091.



Adult Education Opportunities 2008

Focus on: Bible Education

Within the Parish

Bible Study course

Right here in the Parish! Every Wednesday evening in Meeting Rm 1, 7.30pm.
Enquiries: Jenny Moran 9412 1701.

Good reading

“What is the Bible”, by Fr Mark O’Brien.
INFORM leaflet #101. From church foyer.

Bibles can be found in the **Parish Library** (situated within the church). Borrow a copy and enjoy some reflection time in the quiet space of our beautiful church, open from 7am till late every day of the week.

Lenten Programs

Lenten groups are small gatherings of parishioners who come together for a Gospel-based reflection each week of Lent. For more info, or to organise or join a group, contact Monica Cotter 9412 1323.

To grow in faith, we need to sink our roots deeply into the Scriptures, God’s Word.

How can we do this in 2008?

This page offers suggestions. More to come in ‘08.

Beyond the Parish

Aquinas Academy

A work of the Marists offering Adult Education in the faith. 141 Harrington St Sydney. T 9247 4651
sandra@aquinas-academy.com
www.aquinas-academy.com

Bible courses with Br Brian Beggs FMS.

5 Tuesdays 10am-12noon. Cost: \$90

Gospel of Mark. Feb 5 - 26, Mar 4.

Gospel of Matthew. Apr 29 - May 27

Gospel of Luke. Jul 1- Aug 5

Gospel of John. Oct 7 - Nov 4

Bible course with Robert Tilley. Cost \$90.

5 Tuesdays 10am-12noon. May 6-June 3.

The Book of Job and the Question of Faith.

Catholic Institute of Sydney

99 Albert St, Strathfield. Tel 9752 9500

cisinfo@cis.catholic.edu.au

www.cis.catholic.edu.au

Semester 1, 2008. Courses at undergraduate level.

Introduction to Biblical Studies. Weds. 6-9pm.

Prophetic Literature. Tuesdays 9.30am-12.30pm.

The Synoptic Gospels. Wednesdays 9.30-12.30pm.

Hot Lenten Tip!



Faith at Home

The home is the first ‘school’ in life and love and faith. How can we foster this reality at Our Lady of Dolours Parish? Here is one very practical suggestion:

Purchase a copy of “*Family Prayer Time*”, a booklet of scripture readings, meditations, discussion pointers and prayer ideas for families with young children for the weeks of Lent, and through to Easter Sunday. Published by Adult Faith Education, Brisbane. View samples and order online: www.bne.catholic.net.au/lentprog08. Or Tel: (07) 3336 9168. Price: \$5.50 per booklet. There is also a CD available for \$10.

What’s Lent all about?

Sun 3 February, 4-5pm, MR1.

A presentation by Teresa Pirola and Fr Vince Casey, looking at the meaning and origins of Lent, why we do certain things at Lent, and practical ways for celebrating this season of renewal at church and at home. This session would be very suitable for a non-Catholic enquiring about the Catholic faith, or a Catholic who has ‘been away’ for a while, but certainly all parishioners are very welcome! A way for us all to ‘focus’ our thoughts before Ash Wednesday.

Youth at Chatswood

for general enquiries: youth_at_chatswood@hotmail.com

27 January 2008



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING AT WYD AND NOT

A \$35 BOOKING FEE

Our Parish is giving you the opportunity to book yourself in for the biggest youth gathering in the World, for just \$35 initially, by the 10th of February 2008. Then later, complete the registration with the remaining amount when you have decided on the Week or Weekend Package (B or C). The Parish Incentive Scheme will also subsidise your overall expense by a specified amount, if you are involved in a ministry or at the parish discretion. So pick up a form TODAY at the foyer, and drop in the completed form to the Church Office after mass or see registration schedules on the form.

WYD REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FEBRUARY 10, 2008

Visit www.chatswoodparish.org.au for more details.

WYD 2008 PACKAGES

Package B: AUD \$335.00

- A Week pass entry into all events
- Pilgrim Pack
- Public transport access to and from the venue daily
- Meals included - all lunches & dinners + breakfast on Sunday

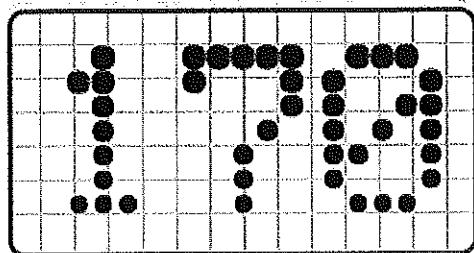
Package C: AUD \$175.00

- Entry into all weekend events only (including Vigil & Final Mass at Randwick)
- Pilgrim Pack
- Public transport access to and from the venue during the weekend only
- Meals included - 1 lunch, 1 dinner (Sat) and 1 breakfast (Sun)

You can download the Registration Form and FAQ from the parish website (www.chatswoodparish.org.au)

For more information email to darlene@chatswoodparish.org.au or winniewong117@gmail.com

WYD08 COUNTDOWN



ANTIOCH WEEKEND

"the best youth weekend ever"

February 8 to 10, 2008

The Antioch weekend involves talks, fun, music, singing, sharing, games, friendship, prayers and includes mass. This is a great experience and chance to explore your faith, meet a great group of people, and grow closer to God.

For more information please contact:

Natalie Viset	0438 223 964
Andrew Bagot	0408 657 729
John and Marie Black	9869 7076

You will receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and you will be my **witnesses.**" Acts 1:8

If you have any features or articles to publicize in the youth page please phone Darlene at 94121042, fax 94121282, or email to darlene@chatswoodparish.org.au

Designed by Winnie W., Adeline T. & Darlene B.