



## ADULT EDUCATION and FAITH FORMATION at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood

New Beginnings in 2009

### WITHIN THE PARISH



#### Baptism of the Lord 11 January 2009

Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift... It is called  
\* **gift** because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own  
\* **grace** since it is given even to the guilty

- \* anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed
- \* **enlightenment** because it radiates light
- \* **garment** of immortality since it veils our shame and is the means to eternal life
- \* **bath of rebirth** because it washes and the sins of our old life are buried in the water and
- \* **seal** as it is the sign of God's rule in our lives.



#### World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Wednesday, 11 February 2009

February 11 is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - Lourdes is renowned as a place of holiness and healing and over 10 years ago, the Holy Father declared that a World Day of the Sick would be celebrated each year on 11 February. This year's theme has not yet been announced but themes in previous years have included

- \* 'Christ, hope for Africa' when Pope John Paul II condemned the trafficking in arms in African countries and spoke of the problem of AIDS and
- \* 'Mary suffers with those who are in affliction' when Benedict XVI reflected on the meaning of pain and the Christian duty to take responsibility for it in whatever situation it arises.

The celebration of World Day of the Sick asks us to reflect on the deepest questions about life: questions about the meaning of pain, suffering and death, which we consider as a mystery to be confronted with strength and as a chance for Christ to incorporate our life to His.

### BEYOND THE PARISH



#### RHYME RHYTHM AND RITUAL

An experience of practical liturgy will be held to focus on the basics of liturgy and worship, including how to bring it all together, with music and creativity as keys to doing liturgy well.

The workshop is on Thursday 19 February between 9.30am -2.30pm at the Dougherty Community Centre, Victor Street, Chatswood.

The cost will be reimbursed for active parishioners but you must contact Suzanne by 9 February on 9410 9032 or 0415 820 494 or email [suzanne@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:suzanne@chatswoodparish.org.au)



#### LAY MINISTRY TRAINING

The diocese is currently providing training for eight lay ministries - Word; Liturgy; Music; Hospitality; Youth and Young Adults; Seniors; Catechetics; and Loss and Bereavement.

Many people have expressed their interest but were not able to attend the training in November. This **initial training day will be repeated on Wednesday evenings in February.** More information and application forms are in the foyer of the church. If you are still interested please fill out an application form and send it to the Diocese **asap.** (We can fax them from the parish office.) If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Francis Voon on [francis.voon1@dbb.org.au](mailto:francis.voon1@dbb.org.au) or 9847 0212. Francis is our parish contact in the Parish Support Unit.