



# Our Lady of Dolours

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012

## Fr Paul's Pen

It is that time of year when many families are asking for parish references for school enrolments.

**What do I do if I require a reference from the parish?** Please fill out our parish reference form which can be collected from the parish office or the web site and include it with the completed school's reference form and a stamped addressed envelope (made out to the School) and a photo (if requested by the School) and leave them at the parish office. I will complete the school's reference form from the information you give and send it on to the school. If you wish to make an appointment to discuss the reference with me, please do so or I will contact you if I have any questions. We keep our reference form on file and use it if the school rings for a verbal reference.

**Why does the school ask for a reference from the parish?** Catholic schools see themselves as assisting the parents in the Catholic education of their children – they do not replace the parents! They presume that Catholic faith, teachings and practices are part of the home environment. If there are limited places available at the school they will take students from these Catholic homes.

**What can I do to improve my chances being accepted into a school?** In terms of the parish reference, make sure you are:

- registered in the parish – green forms are in the foyer of the church
- contribute to the planned giving – application forms are in the main body of the church
- involved in a parish ministry or activity – respond to one of the many requests and invitations that are in the parish bulletin.

Enjoy the rest of the School holidays; relax and celebrate Australia Day and Happy Chinese New Year.

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Parish Office hours  
(during school holidays):  
Mon-Fri 9.30am-1pm

Fr Paul Finucane Parish Priest  
Fr Clem Hill Assistant Priest  
Fr Jose Phillip OSH  
Assistant Priest

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT OLD

(For liturgies and devotions, see back page)

#### Monday

7.30pm Charismatic Prayer Group in Fr Cahill Room

#### Tuesday

10.30am Cantonese Prayer Group in Fr Cahill Room

**Thursday – Australia Day Public Holiday**  
No 12.15pm Mass today & Parish Office closed.

#### Friday

7.30pm Home Rosary at 45 Park Road, Naremburn

#### Sunday

3.30pm Extraordinary Catechists' Meeting in Bishop Barry Room

### WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

#### Recently Deceased

Betty Sullivan &  
Joyce Angel

#### Deceased Anniversaries

Nancy Richardson,  
Dr Franko Stanich Marko &  
Mara Stanich, Siegfried &  
Michaela Korb, Maria Gussnig,  
Giovanni Moschella, Samuel  
Moschella, Vera Moschella,  
Maria Biviano, Donna Maree  
Burns, Lillian Beaumont, Nancy  
Richardson & Giuseppina  
Lombardo

#### Sick:

Kristin Sulaiman

#### Wedding:

Vahe Ohannessian &  
Kathryn Annis-Brown



## Within the Parish

**"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME"(MK 10:14)**  
Attention all Catechists !!!

- **Extraordinary Meeting of catechists on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm in the Bishop Barry Room** to collect teaching resources, have an update on a new catechist coordinator, confirm rosters and classes and deal with any questions.

Thank you to all those wonderful people who were able to help us with the Catechist Working Bee on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup>. Your help was invaluable!! Thank you also to those who let us know they were unable to help but 'were there with us in spirit'.

### Catechists Needed

The work of the catechists is essential to the Church's Mission as we form children in our faith and the love of Jesus. Due to the retirement of a number of catechists, vacancies exist. Anyone curious about this important Ministry, please phone the Parish Office on 9410 9000 and leave your details and you will be contacted by one of the catechist team or speak to one of the Priests after Mass. Training and support will be provided. **WE NEED YOU!!**

### Kids Word

We are keen to 'build up' our Kids Word for 2012. If anyone is able to help Fr Paul, Fr Clem and Fr Jose with Kids Word, please see them after Mass today or contact them in the Parish Office on 9410 9000 at any time during the week.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GIVING THE PARISH A SOCIAL DIMENSION?

Many of the existing committee members have recently retired after many years of worthy service to the Parish. We are looking to renew the Social Committee and are seeking new energetic and committed people to carry on the good work of this group.

New members will contribute their own ideas and help bring the Parish alive with social events that enhance our Parish community. The Social Committee works closely with Fr Paul to identify and organise parish functions during the year. The possibilities are many and varied, from dances, dinners, lunches and musical nights to carols nights, talks, harbour cruises and picnics (or anything else you may want to add). The Social Committee also helps to serve tea, coffee, cakes, etc to accompany some of our parish activities such as the Parish Feast Day. If you enjoy meeting people and love a good get together please contact Fr Paul or the parish office to discuss volunteering. Phone 9410 9000 or email [office@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:office@chatswoodparish.org.au)

### PARISH CCD COORDINATOR – PART-TIME

Chatswood Catholic Parish is seeking applications for a Parish Catechist Coordinator.

The position is a part-time fixed term appointment for one year in the first instance, with strong prospects for renewal. Applicants are required to complete the NSW Working With Children Check – Applicant Declaration and Consent.

To obtain an application pack please contact the Parish Office on 9419 9000 or [office@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:office@chatswoodparish.org.au). After reading the documentation for this position please direct enquiries to Fr Paul Finucane, Parish Priest, on email: [paul@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:paul@chatswoodparish.org.au) or phone: (02) 9410 9022.

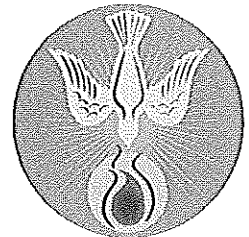
Closing date: applications in writing are to be received in the parish office before close of business on Friday 10 February 2012.

*The successful applicant will be required to comply with the relevant provisions of the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998.*

### ENROLMENTS FOR 1<sup>st</sup> RECONCILIATION CLOSE 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012

Enrolment forms for the celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation are available from the Sacraments stand in the main foyer of the Church

or on the Parish website. All formalities must be completed by Friday 10 Feb. Any queries, please contact Suzanne Camilleri after 30 January on [Suzanne@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:Suzanne@chatswoodparish.org.au) or 9410 9025.



### INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR FEBRUARY

Our next infant baptism preparation program begins on Saturday, 4 February @ 4pm. If you would like to have your baby baptised during February, enrol your infant by filling in a baptism enrolment form (which you can download from the website or pick up from the main foyer in the Church) and return to Nicole in the Parish Office. Details on form.

### CLERGY VISITS

If anyone would like to have a visit from one of our priests, either to bless their house or for a pastoral visit, please contact Nicole on 9410 9020 in the Parish Office to arrange.

Fr Jose goes on annual leave this week and will return to India for a month. We wish him a safe and happy holiday and look forward to his return in February.

**AUSTRALIA DAY** - is this Thursday January 26. Australia Day commemorates the establishment of the first British settlement at Port Jackson, now part of Sydney, in 1788. It is celebrated with a public holiday, so we have an opportunity for all Australians to come together to rejoice for the blessings we share in this our country.

#### **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.*



#### **KUNG HEI FAT CHOY - HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR 23 JANUARY!**

Chinese New Year is the most important festival in Chinese culture. It is celebrated on the new moon of the first month, and is a time for family reunions, especially sharing delicious meals together. Chinese New Year traditionally lasts to the 15th day of the New Year. In the Chinese system of counting years, 2012 is known as the Year of the Water Dragon.



#### **PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS & PUBLIC HOLIDAY MASSES**

Parish Office hours from 3<sup>rd</sup> January until 30<sup>th</sup> January are 9.30am to 1.00pm. As Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January is a public holiday there will only be 1 Mass on this day at 9am. **There will be no 12.15pm Mass on this day and the Parish Office will be closed.**

### **Outside the Parish**

**Palms Australia** is seeking volunteers to work in their national office at Glebe. Our most valued office volunteers have been those who are able to draw on their lifetime of experience. Admin, technical or fix-it skills will all contribute to preparing, sending and supporting those taking up a mission overseas. **Training and support will be provided.** Contact Roger O'Halloran: roger@palms.org.au or phone 9518 9551.

**Red Mass: Monday, 30 January 2012**  
The annual Red Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on Monday, 30 January 2012 at 9.00 am. The Red Mass marks the commencement of the judicial term and invokes the guidance of the Holy Spirit on those who seek and administer justice. All are warmly invited to attend, especially all those who work in the courts and the legal profession. Inquiries: Michael McAuley, St Thomas More Society, 0409 115 981.

#### **Catholic Engaged Encounter**

Are you engaged? Thinking about getting married or know someone who is? If the answer is "YES", then come along to a Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend. Weekend dates for 2012 are: 4 & 5 Feb; 28 & 29 April; 23 & 24 June; 25 & 26 August; 27 & 28 October; 1 & 2 December. For more information go to our website [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au)

#### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! Weekend date: 23 - 25 March at St. Mary's Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, NSW. Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au) Information: website [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au)

#### **"Be encouraged in heart" Col 2:2**

**Retreat Day of Prayer for Women** of the Diocese of Broken Bay Saturday 17 March 2012 10am to 3pm Organised by the Ecclesial Women of the Mary Star of the Sea Association. Presentations by Fr David Ranson and Gail Gill. The day will be held at the Bethany Centre, 39 Chilton Pde, Warrawee. For bookings ring Gail or Joan at 94893698 or email [gail.gill@dbb.org.au](mailto:gail.gill@dbb.org.au) or [joan.pavitt@dbb.org.au](mailto:joan.pavitt@dbb.org.au)

#### **Volunteering Opportunity with Compeer**

Can you spare just an hour a week to help someone who is lonely? Compeer (a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society) matches volunteers in one-on-one friendship with people living with a mental illness, making a real difference to their quality of life.

Volunteers are asked to spend just an hour a week for at least 12 months with their Compeer friend. We are currently seeking male volunteers aged 35-75 years to match with friends on our waiting list. For more information about this volunteering opportunity email: [amy.bastes@vinnies.org.au](mailto:amy.bastes@vinnies.org.au) or call (02) 9413 3091

**PARISH MASS TIMETABLE**

Monday to Friday - 9am & 12.15pm  
 Saturday - 9am and 5.30pm (Vigil)  
 Sunday - 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am and 5.30pm  
 Public Holidays - 9am only

Filipino Mass (in English) 12noon; 1<sup>st</sup> Sun of month  
 Indonesian Mass; 7.00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of month (Feb '12)  
 Korean Mass - 7pm; 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of month  
 Malayalam Mass: 7pm; 1st Sat of month  
 Family Mass - 9am each Sunday  
 Children's Choir at 9am Family Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
 Kids' Word - Children's Liturgy of the Word: 9am Family Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during school term. Begins in Church & 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  
 Cenacle - each Monday at 11.30am  
 Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy prayers - Fridays after 9am Mass, concluding at 12 noon  
 Exposition - 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday  
 Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Saturday 10.00am with Benediction 10.30am

Anointing of the Sick - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 or contact the parish secretary.  
 Weddings - Contact the parish secretary.  
 For a Marriage/Anniversary Blessing at Sunday Mass contact Maria & Joe Woods 9411 3451.

**SUNDAY MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Sing a new song to the Lord: sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.

**First Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10 The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Teach me your ways, O Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 7:29-31 The world as we know it is passing away.

**Gospel:** Mk 1:14-20 Repent, and believe the Good News.

**READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS**

**MON:** 2 Sam 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30

**TUES:** Eph 3:8-12; Jn 15:9-17 **St Francis de Sales**

**WED:** Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18  
**The Conversion of St Paul**

**THURS:** 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**

**FRI:** 2 Sam 11:1-10, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

**SAT:** Wis 7:7-10, 15-16; Mt 23:8-12  
**St Thomas Aquinas**

**CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES**

	21/22 January	28/29 January
Vigil 5.30pm	Fr Clem	Fr Paul
7.30am	Fr Paul	Fr Clem
9.00am	Fr Paul	Fr Clem
10.30am	Fr Clem	Fr Paul
5.30pm	Fr Paul	Fr Clem

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

	5.30pm Saturday	7.30 am Sunday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5.30 pm Sunday
Week 4 21 & 22 January	Senior Server: Renzo Balboa David Ching Brendan Jayaram Tanya Smith	Junior Server: Rose Thompson  Senior Server: Gerard Ryan	Junior Server: Sean Dixon Patrick Dixon Alex Evans Victoria Venticinque Senior Server: James Connolly Angelo Maiorana Benton Ng Nicole Ng Damian Ryan	Junior Server: Benjamin Abarca Sam Lee Seann Obrero Danielle Velasco  Senior Server: Walter Niemotko Paul Taqueban	Senior Server: Abigail Sia Morad Wasile
Week 5 28 & 29 January	Senior Server: Terry Meagher Abigail Sia	Junior Server: Rose Thompson  Senior Server: Gerard Ryan	Junior Server: Keegan Gyoery Ethan Gyoery  Senior Server: Jasmine Chan Damian Ryan	Junior Server: Benjamin Abarca Seann Obrero Danielle Velasco  Senior Server: Paul Taqueban	Senior Server: Nenita Axalan