



Our Lady of Dolours

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
29th January 2012

Fr Paul's Pen

Did you know that our Parish has a Bible Study group that meets every Wednesday evening of School term? This is not something that is just nice to have in the Parish or an optional extra. To know that God's Word is being read and studied in a serious but relaxed manner in our Parish is a core strength at the heart of the parish, as your backbone is to your body.

If we are serious about being disciples of Christ, and there is no other type, God's word, regularly read, studied and reflected upon with the aid of study materials and the wisdom of others shared is fundamental. I know a great many of you have a deep love and respect for the word of God and engage with it regularly in many ways through the Mass and preparation for Mass and through your own personal and family prayer, reflection, bible and spiritual reading.

The whole of the Bible is like a love letter from God earnestly proclaiming and witnessing to his great love for us. As the notice in the bulletin concerning Bible Study says straight out, "In studying the Bible we are learning more of God's love for us and getting to know Him better." If you want to know who Jesus, the Father, the Holy Spirit and who you are, you must read God's word and reflect on it. The scriptures are not only God's word and therefore somehow separate to us. The scriptures are our story at heart. We are made in the image and likeness of God so it is in them that we find our identity and purpose. The scriptures are our family history, the story of our relationship with God and one another, as the people of God. A life lived with no thought for the scriptures is a life hardly lived at all, a life that has not connected with the love of God shouted to us, expressed in the scriptures. God's love for us is never far away but we do not hear and experience it without the scriptures. The most commonly used word in scripture apart from God or Lord is LISTEN. A plea from God for us to hear and know His immense love for us.

So if you are looking for a way to know His great love through the Scriptures and with the support of other members of the Body of Christ who love the Word of God, take time on a Wednesday night and come and see what the Lord is saying to you personally. Bring a friend or member of your family. What else are you doing on a Wednesday night that is so important? Be warned though, this could be a transforming, life changing experience.

"Listen to me, distant nations, you people who live far away! Before I was born, the Lord chose me and appointed me to be his servant. He made my words as sharp as a sword. With his own hand he protected me. He made me like an arrow, sharp and ready for use. He said to me 'Israel, you are my servant; because of you, people will praise me.'" Isaiah 49: 1 – 3.

God's alphabet has only four letters between I and U: L-O-V-E.

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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

9.45am Bible Discussion in Bishop Barry Room
7pm RCIA resumes in Bishop Barry Room

Wednesday

7.30pm Bible Study resumes in Fr Cahill Room

Thursday

10am & 7pm Mediation resumes in Parish Office

Friday

9.30am Beginnings Playgroup resumes in Bishop Barry Room.

7.30pm Home Rosary 415/15 Barton Rd, Artarmon

Saturday

4pm Baptism Preparation (for those booked in) in Bishop Barry Room

7pm Malayalam Mass in Church (Fr Jaison)

WITH OUR LADY OF DOLOURS WE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased

Betty Sullivan &
Joyce Angel

Deceased Anniversaries:

Mara Martinovich,
Francis Ward, Anna Bacic,
Tam Wai Lin, Ng Lee Wah, Tam
Shin Big, Siew Koon Hiew &
Joanne Murphy

Sick:

Madeliene Choo



Within the Parish

CONGRATULATIONS

This week Brother John Henry Thornber will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary as a Christian Brother.

Last week, Sister Rosalia a Mercy sister celebrated her 63rd Anniversary on entering the Convent.

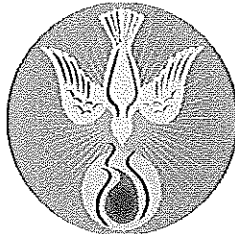
We congratulate them both on such wonderful achievements.

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.

ENROLMENTS FOR 1st RECONCILIATION CLOSE 10TH FEBRUARY 2012

Enrolment forms for the celebration of 1st 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 or 9410 9025.



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



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. After reading the documentation for this position please direct enquiries to Fr Paul Finucane, Parish Priest, on email: 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.

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.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Parish Office hours return to normal this week; being 9.30am-4.30pm. We close for lunch from 1-1.30pm each day.

SCHOOLS RETURN THIS WEEK

We welcome back all our Schools this week and hope the teachers, students and parents have had a relaxing break and are looking forward to a new and busy year.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES – 9AM MASS PRAYERS

If you would like the parish community to pray for someone on the anniversary of their death, you may write their name, your name and their relationship to you on the page for their anniversary date in the new 2012 calendar at the rear of the church near the confessional. We will then pray for them and mention their name during the Prayers of Intercession at the 9am Mass on that day.

Please note, this book is only for anniversaries of deceased parishioners, friends and relatives. If you would like the parish community to pray for someone who is sick, please contact the Parish Secretary on 9410 9000. The name of the sick person will then be included in the parish bulletin.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Join us in our Devotion Prayers and Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the first Friday of the month at 7:00pm. Next Mass is on 3rd February 2012. We pray especially for people afflicted with cancer and heart conditions. Names collected before the Mass. There will be people distributing Sacred Heart leaflets during this weekend regular Mass.

WANT THE ROMANCE OF ST VALENTINES DAY TO LAST MORE THAN ONE DAY??? THEN SMART LOVING IS FOR YOU....

Join us for supper and a chance to learn some simple tactics to keep the spark of St Valentine's Day in your marriage all year. The presentation, by world-renowned marriage experts, Francine & Byron Pirola, is suitable for individual spouses, couples and those simply interested in supporting marriage in our parish.



Hope to see you on Wednesday 15 February at 7.30pm in the Bishop Barry Room. For more info, contact Elizabeth Reedy on 0418 238 709.

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP

In studying the Bible we are learning more of God's love for us and getting to know him better as evidenced by the scriptures.



This year we'll be reading suggested Bible readings from "Our Father's Plan" a Catholic Bible Study of Salvation History and discussing questions raised in the study plan and any other questions that may arise. We will then listen to a DVD for a wrap-up segment and finish by 9pm.

Our first meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday night 1st February at 7.30 pm in the Fr Cahill room and each Wednesday of the school term. You don't need to attend each week just come along when you are able, all are very welcome.

Please feel free to ring Jenny or Ray Moran 9412 1701 or 0417 664 447 if you have any questions or just turn up. We will also be at the back of the Church at each Mass this weekend to answer any questions.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Thursday, 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. There will be a blessing of candles at both Masses. Please bring a candle to be blessed otherwise tea light candles will be available.

DO YOU ENJOY A CUPPA AFTER MASS?

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help ensure we have a CUPPA at one Mass per week - on a monthly rotation. Please email Suzanne (suzanne@chatswodparish.org.au) to volunteer and/or to get more information. The CUPPA returns next weekend, and being the 1st Sunday of the month, it is after the Vigil Mass in the Bishop Barry Room. ALL WELCOME! A small plate of food to share would be appreciated.

Outside the Parish

'Ordained & Married' - Truth on Tap is back for 2012!

Come along to Truth on Tap, Wed 1st February from 6.30pm in the Log Room at Brookvale Hotel to hear from The McKenzies on the topic of 'Ordained & Married?'. Fire away your questions for this couple... it's going to be a VERY interesting night! Bring some friends or make some new ones, enjoy dinner together from 6.30pm, speakers from 7.30pm with LOTS of Q & A time... Truth on Tap is for people 18-35 (religious not included in age range). Check out www.truthontap.com.au or contact us at truthontap@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

Rachels Vineyard Ministries Australian National Conference 2012

A conference for networking and professional development of those interested in post-abortion ministry, especially those involved in Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Ministries will be held at the Mt St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills from 9-11 March 2012.

As part of this conference Richard White (an experienced bereavement counsellor) will present a one day workshop on 'Grief and Loss A Ministry of Accompaniment' on Saturday 10 March from 9am to 3.30pm. Contact the Parish Office for Conference Information, Registration Form and more info.



I WOULD LIKE TO DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE WITH
THE OUR LADY OF DOLOURS BIBLE STUDY GROUP.



MY NAME IS: _____

MY BEST TELEPHONE CONTACT IS: _____

Please place this form on any collection plate at Mass or drop it in to the Parish Office.

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; 1st Sun of month
 Indonesian Mass; 7.00pm 3rd Sun of month (Feb '12)
 Korean Mass - 7pm; 1st & 2nd Sun of month
 Malayalam Mass: 7pm; 1st Sat of month
 Family Mass - 9am each Sunday
 Children's Choir at 9am Family Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month
 Kids' Word - Children's Liturgy of the Word: 9am Family Mass 2nd & 4th 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 - 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 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: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading: Deut 18:15-20 I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35 The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

Gospel: Mk 1:21-28 This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

READINGS FOR WEEK DAYS

MON: 2 Sam 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

TUES: Phil 4:4-9; Mt 18:1-5
 St John Bosco

WED: 2 Sam 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

THURS: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
 The Presentation of the Lord

FRI: Sirach 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

SAT: 1 Kg 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

		<u>28/29 January</u>	<u>4/5 February</u>
Vigil	5.30pm	Fr Paul	Fr Clem
	7.30am	Fr Clem	Fr Paul
	9.00am	Fr Clem	Fr Paul
	10.30am	Fr Paul	Fr Clem
	12noon	-----	Filipino Mass
	5.30pm	Fr Clem	Fr Clem
	7pm	-----	Korean Mass

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

	5.30pm Saturday	7.30 am Sunday	9 am Sunday	10.30 am Sunday	5.30 pm Sunday
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
4 & 5 February	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available