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## Christmas Timetable 2006



# Our Lady of Dolours

Catholic Parish of Chatswood

### Carols in the Mall

Local Christian Churches are providing a festival of carols in the mall leading up to Christmas:

Mon 18 (11-1pm), Tues 19 (4-6pm), Wed 20 (11-1pm), Thurs 21 (7-9pm), Fri 22 (11-1pm), Sat 23 Dec (11-1pm). Please stop by, enjoy the singing.

### Reconciliation

Communal celebration (second rite):

Wed 13 Dec at 7.30pm (suitable for kids too)  
Thurs 14 Dec at 12.45pm

Individual celebration (first rite):

After all the 9am & 12.15 Masses on 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 Dec. Also, Tues 19 Dec 7-8pm.  
Please partake in this feast of healing grace!

### Masses

Note: Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. This means Sunday morning Masses on 24 Dec are scheduled as usual celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent; then Christmas Masses begin that same Sunday evening.

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th Dec:

5.30pm Children's Mass. 8.30pm Youth Mass.  
12.00 Traditional Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day 25th Dec:

7.30am. 9.00am Children's Mass.  
10.30am Traditional Mass.  
There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day.



❖ **Family Advent Kits will be available for each week of Advent. They offer practical, fun ways to teach your children (grandchildren, nieces, nephews, godchildren) about the meaning of Christmas.**

❖ **Visit our Piety Store for lovely gifts that share the meaning of Christmas.**

❖ **Social justice and Christmas? Pick up a 'different' kind of shopping catalogue in church foyer.**

❖ **Check the parish bulletin for more info about events, groups, worship and sacraments during Advent.**

# Our Journey to Christmas

Advent and Christmas  
at Our Lady of Dolours  
Catholic Church Chatswood

**Advent** is a season of renewal as we prepare our hearts and lives for the celebration of Christmas.

You are invited to think ahead and plan your Advent journey. What opportunities are coming up to:

- ❖ Pray,
- ❖ Reflect deeply,
- ❖ Rejoice in God's gifts,
- ❖ Say sorry,
- ❖ Renew our relationships,
- ❖ Give to those in need,
- ❖ Meet God in the silence of our hearts.

Let this leaflet be a guide.

Every journey begins with a single step.  
Start your Advent journey now by reading this leaflet and planning your next step...



# Advent 1

## Sat 2 Dec

\* Indonesian community - Christmas celebration.

## Sun 3 Dec: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

\* We light the first candle on the Advent wreath.  
\* St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal is held at all Masses today.

## Wed 6 Dec

\* Feast of Saint Nicholas, a 'Christmas saint'.  
\* Advent Ecumenical Service - St Ives.

## Fri 8 Dec

\* Immaculate Conception of Mary. Teach your child to know and love Mary. As Catholics we believe that Mary was perfectly open to the grace of the Holy Spirit from the moment of her conception. She was chosen to bear Jesus, and thus brought the gift of salvation into human history.

**'Be still and know that I am God.'**

*Gift yourself this Advent with a gift of inner space, a quiet place in the heart to be still and know God.*

*Our Advent liturgies will help us to nurture this gift of stillness.*



# Advent 2

## Sun 10 Dec: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

\* We light the second candle on the Advent wreath.  
\* DVD on World Youth Day '08 played at all Masses.  
\* Christmas ornaments on sale after all Masses from School of Joy Orphanage, Bethlehem.

## Wed 13 Dec

\* Reconciliation - Second Rite 7.30pm. This ceremony will be suitable for both children and adults.

## Thurs 14 Dec

\* Reconciliation - Second Rite 12.45pm.

A movie by the makers of 'Narnia'...

**'The Nativity Story'** (PG) starts 30 Nov.

**'One family. One journey. One child who would change the world forever.'**

# Advent 3

## Sun 17 Dec: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

\* We light the third candle on the Advent wreath.  
\* Advent Blessing for expectant parents at all Masses.

**Tues 19 Dec** Reconciliation (first rite) 7-8pm.

Christmas Carols in the mall this week,  
**18-23 Dec inclusive.** See times overleaf.

### *A Christmas Gift*

*Invite a friend, neighbour or family member - someone who doesn't usually go to church - to one of our Christmas celebrations. Share the wealth of our faith community. Share the joy of our Christmas worship.*



### **Reconciliation in Advent**

#### **First Rite:**

**Every Sat 9.30-10.30am**  
**After weekday Masses**  
**on 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23**  
**Dec. 7-8pm on 19 Dec.**

#### **Second Rite:**

**Wed 13 Dec 7.30pm**  
**Thurs 14 Dec 12.45pm**

# Advent 4

## Sun 24 Dec: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

\* We light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath, and prepare to enter the Christmas season which begins tonight...



*'A people who walked in darkness has seen a great light...'*

