



I am the bread of life. Jn 6:35

Come to the Feast

You are invited
to a very special weekend,
to feed the mind, nourish the soul;
a smorgasbord of sacred moments
as we pray, listen, ponder and are inspired by
the great mystery at the core of our lives as Catholics:
the Eucharist.

A Mini-Eucharistic Congress in the Year of the Eucharist

30 - 31 July 2005

*Hosted by the Catholic parishes of Willoughby and Chatswood.
Supported by the Catholic parishes of Northbridge and Naremburn.*

Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Church. 94 Archer Street Chatswood.

Timetable for Mini-Eucharistic Congress

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Saturday 30 July

- 9.00am **OPENING MASS**
Bishop David Walker
and concelebrating priests.
HOMILY: Fr Frank Dineen MSC
Gift of Love: *That I may live within you.*
The Eucharist celebrates the mystery of
the **Incarnation**.
Followed by:
MEDITATION on the Incarnation based
on the joyful mysteries of the rosary.
- 10.15 Coffee break
- 10.45 TALK: Fr Gerard Kelly
Gift of Self-Giving: *On the night
he was betrayed...* In the Eucharist we
celebrate the mystery of Christ's **sacrifice**,
his death and resurrection.
- 12.15pm Lunch break
- 1.30-3.00 TALK: Fr Anthony Reilly SM
Gift of Unity: *We are the body of
Christ.* In the Eucharist we celebrate our
unity as one **community** of faith.
- 3.00 Coffee break
- 3.30-5.00 REFLECTION: Mr Gerard Goldman
Gift and Responsibility:
'Lord I am not worthy...' We approach the
Eucharist humbly, aware of our need for
repentance and reconciliation. Followed
by a celebration of the Second Rite of
Reconciliation.
- 5.00 Break
- 5.30-7.00 Vigil Masses in local parishes of
Chatswood (5.30), Willoughby (6.00),
Northbridge (6.00).
HOMILY: The **Bread of Life:** *The
Eucharist is food for the journey*, feeding
the deepest **hunger** of the human heart.
- 7.30-8.30 A dramatic presentation of the
HISTORY OF THE MASS
by Mr Ralph Kershler and Youth Team.
- 8.30-9.15 REFLECTION: Mr Ralph Kershler
Gift of Presence: *Faith leads to
adoration.* In the Eucharist we
contemplate the **real presence** of Christ.
Followed by
EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the
Blessed Sacrament.
- 9.15pm Continue with Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament until 12.00 midnight.

Sunday 31 July

- Morning Masses as usual in the parishes of
Willoughby: 7.30, 9.30 (Children's Mass)
Chatswood: 7.30, 9.00 (Children's Mass),
10.30
Northbridge: 9.00
Naremburn: 8.00, 10.30
HOMILY: **The Bread of Life:** *The
Eucharist is food for the journey*, feeding
the deepest **hunger** of the human heart.
- 11.30am Break for Coffee / Lunch
- 1.30-3.00pm TALK: Ms Jenny Winters
Gift with a Mission: *Bread for
the world.* The Eucharist **commissions** us
to take the Good News to the world.
- 3.00 Coffee break
- 3.30-5.00 REFLECTION: Mr Paul Mason
Liturgy for the Faithful Departed:
Gift of Promise: *Bread of eternal life.*
In the Eucharist we celebrate the gift of
eternal life.
- 5.30pm **CLOSING MASS**
Fr Vince Casey, concelebrating priests.
HOMILY: Fr Phil Hicks MSC
The Bread of Life.
Music provided by combined youth of
collaborating parishes.

Practical Information

- Registration: None required. Just turn up to one, some or all of the sessions.
 - Cost: Donation on the day.
 - Parking: in school grounds adjacent to church. Enter via Kirk St (off Archer St) or Ferguson Lane (off Anderson)
 - Non-residential.
 - Tea / coffee / refreshments available throughout weekend. BYO lunch/dinner or eat out at Chatswood Chase.
 - Mass times. The Congress will not interfere with the regular Mass schedule of collaborating parishes.
 - Young people will help lead the Congress at the Saturday night session and Sunday Closing Mass.
 - Children's Masses to be held at Willoughby (9.30am) and Chatswood (9.00am).
 - Special needs: wheelchair access via main entrance to church (Archer St). Space for wheelchairs, strollers at front pews and side pews near enter Kirk St entrance.
- For further information, phone the parishes of:
Chatswood: 9412 1042 Willoughby: 9958 8846
Northbridge and Naremburn: xxxxxx