

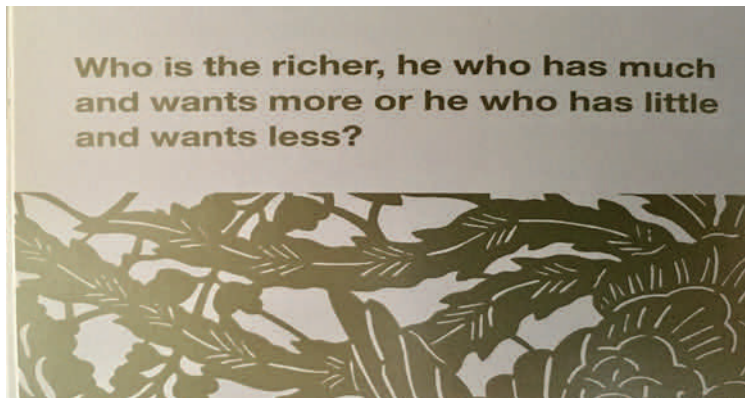
# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEWS IN BRIEF** Term 4 Week 4 - 10 October 2017

Dear Parents and Friends,

I wonder if we all perhaps have someone in our lives who challenges us to think a bit differently and move towards a better Christian lifestyle as a kinder and more contented person ... a person who authentically exists for 'others' and with 'others'.

The person who commonly challenges me is my little brother, Julian; last week, he sent me the following provocative note that's messing a bit with the worldview I'm comfortable within.



Whilst preparing this newsletter note about 'who is the richer', I thought I'd look at this coming weekend's Mass readings. You might find the following inspirational or, at least, thought-provoking:

**Reading 2 – PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20**

*Brothers and sisters:*

*I know how to live in humble circumstances;*

*I know also how to live with abundance.*

*In every circumstance and in all things*

*I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry,  
of living in abundance and of being in need.*

*I can do all things in him who strengthens me.*

*Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.*

*My God will fully supply whatever you need,  
in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.  
To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**Some special news:**

I heard some special news this week that Cassandra Parker who graduated from OLD in 2009 has been elected as a senior student leader at Mercy Catholic College Chatswood in her final year of High School. Congratulations Cassandra.

## COMING EVENTS

### October

**Mon 16** Year 2 Excursion to Coastal Environment Centre at Narrabeen

**Wed 25** P & F Meeting

### November

**Wed 1** Kindergarten 2018 Day 1 Orientation Programme

**Wed 8** Kindergarten 2018 Day 2 Orientation Programme

**Wed 15** Kindergarten 2018 Day 1 Orientation Programme

**Wed 22** OLD School Band Demonstration

**Mon 27** Yr 6 Graduation Liturgy  
Yr 6 Graduation Dinner

**Tues 28** Broken Bay Primary Sports Awards

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[www.olddb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olddb.catholic.edu.au)

**Important Parish News regarding Fr Paul:**

**Below is information cut and pasted from a recent parish bulletin by Fr Paul:**

*It is coming up seven and a half years now that I have been enjoying the privilege and experience of sharing in the joy of the Gospel with you here at Chatswood, in our large, multi-cultural, vibrant, welcoming and faith filled community. I have made many good friends here and received so much support, personally and in sharing in the ministry collaboratively with you all as parish team, volunteer ministers and as a faithful, prayerful community sharing in worship, growing in faith and outreach. Over the last 12 months we have grown with many experiencing and still continuing to experience a deeper relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit through ALPHA, joining in service through a ministry and supporting the parish to grow financially.*

*Recently Bishop Peter Comensoli has discussed with me the possibility of a move to leadership in another parish. Chatswood being the biggest and one of the most actively engaged parishes in many ways, requires good ongoing leadership that can be sustained over a reasonable time frame. Bishop Peter believes that seven and a half years is a good time to hand over to new leadership. I have accepted Bishop Peter's request to move to a new parish. The move is not until 12 January 2018, so still a good three months away. I will be moving to Kincumber on the Central Coast. I am pleased to announce that Bishop Peter's replacement for me is one of our youngest, most vibrant, actively engaged, missionary and faith filled priests, full of energy, joy, warmth and very friendly. I am talking about Fr. Jim McKeon who is presently at Kincumber. Please make him welcome in due course. We already have a friendship with Holy Cross parish Kincumber as we have helped their financial burden in helping them to pay for their Church through the St Peter and St Paul Fund. You can see a photo of the Church in the foyer given to us in thanksgiving for this help.*

*In the meantime let us continue together to build God's Kingdom of love here, to grow in faith, and worship our loving Lord, so Fr. Jim will have a welcoming and faith filled parish to belong to. It is "Name Tag Sunday" today so let us call each other by name.*

*"All will be right, with time and a little patience". Mary Mackillop.*

*Fr Paul*

(Following by Philip): Whist my time working with Fr Paul is relatively short, I know that many parents and friends will be saddened to hear this news. This considered, we will get opportunities to celebrate Fr Paul's pastoral leadership at Chatswood Parish towards the end of Term 4. Importantly too, we'll get an opportunity to welcome Fr Jim and forge new ties at the start of 2018.

**P+F Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 25 October - 6.30pm:**

Parents and Friends are warmly invited to attend the P+F AGM on Wednesday 25 October at 6.30pm.

At this meeting we will discuss important strategic ideas going forward into 2018. Importantly too, we will have elections for the various P+F leadership positions.

Please seriously consider attending this important meeting. Thank you.

## The Sacrament of First Holy Communion – Congratulations!

Congratulations and God's blessings to Mikayla and her brother Benson for making their First Holy Communion together late last term.



*John 6: 33 "For the bread of God is the bread  
that comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world."*



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