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**WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday Vigil: 5pm  
Sunday: 8am, 9.30am,

**WEEKDAY MASS TIME:**

Mon 7.00am Tues 7.30pm  
Wed 9.00am Thurs 7.00am  
Fri 9.00 am Sat 9.00am

**HOLY HOUR:**

Saturday 8.00-9.00am

**RECONCILIATION:** 10 mins

before Mass and Saturdays  
8.00 – 8.55am,

Tuesday 6.45 – 7.25pm

**BAPTISMS:** at 9.30am Mass

**BAPTISM Prep** Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup>

September 7pm

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment.

**NEXT ANOINTING MASSES:**

6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> October

**NOVENA OUR LADY**

**DIVINE MERCY:** Tues.

6.30pm

**Our sick:** Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Ida Dimeglio, Josefa Dabu, Rita Webb, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Marko Radmilo, Lonza Busuttill, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House & house bounds.

<http://catholicfaitheducation.blogspot.com.au/>

**READING MINISTRY:**

[HTTP://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG](http://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG)

<https://www.compellingtruth.org>

[www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au)

**Online Bible**

**Correspondence Courses:**

<http://www.ibtministries.org>

EWTN-Kids (catechism for Kids)

Catholic News Service, Catholica; Zenith News; Fish Eaters

<http://www.liturgy.sydneycatholic.org>

[www.catalystforrenewal.org.au](http://www.catalystforrenewal.org.au)

Today we say thank you to Rita Zuman for more than 60 years of her dedication to St. Joseph's Church community. May God bless her, her husband and family. Thank you, Rita. You will be missed. Second "goodbye" with an expression of gratitude is to Annmarie for a short nonetheless indispensable presence in our community. Thank you for sharing your faith with us and your help.

**Sat: 9 am: +Sr. Miriam Boland DC; Vigil 5pm: Dantis Sun: 8am: + Souls in Purgatory (FOSS); 9.30am +Pro Populo; Mon: Ram Narayan; Tues: +Andrew Veselic); Wed: For the conversion of the brother; Thurs: Dantis; Fri:**

100 native plants will be given by the Shire Council to be planted in our garden as a part of the program "Schools in Greenweb". Thank you.

50th school reunion St Patrick's College and Mary Immaculate College Sutherland Graduation years 1966 (4th Form) 1968 (6th Form) October 20th at Tradies Gynea \$60pp. Contact details: Sue Smith 0417 211 856 Margaret Haydon 0417 329 440

You are invited to *St Joseph's Primary School's Book Fair!* Come up after 9 am Mass and buy some books as Christmas and birthday presents for friends and family (and have a cup of tea and cake as you browse!)

You are invited to attend a special presentation on the beginnings of the international Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need. Dr Sven Sterken of the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium will be the speaker. All welcome. Wednesday 22 August, 2pm, Polding Centre (133 Liverpool Street, Sydney) Cost is \$10 and bookings are essential via: [www.aidtochurch.org/events](http://www.aidtochurch.org/events)

Projects in waiting: more efficient and easy to operate PA and Visual System c. \$28,000; placing concrete around the south/west wall of the church c. \$18,000.

We can also help you choose suitable books for various ages.

**When:** Friday 31st August

**Where:** St Joseph's Primary School Library

**Working Bee: Saturday 25 Aug.** Volunteers (from church and school) are welcome to attend a working bee in the precinct of the church (10am to 11am). Please bring some tools to spread mulch, to plant some plants and trees, to clean the walkways and driveway around the church, and collect some debris from the gardens. Invitation is extended to everyone of good will to look after our common space. Those who can't work might prepare some light refreshments around 11am. Thank you in for your help.



Please continue to contribute to the Archdiocesan Charity Appeal CWF over the next few weekends. Each parish has been given a compulsory quota to contribute (100% deductible) to the CWF. Our parish has to pay this time (3 X per year) \$12,600.00. Thank you for your generous support.

Plenary Council 2020: On Pentecost Sunday—20 May—this year, the Plenary was launched, beginning 2018 as a "Year of Listening". Following that, local "Animators" will be trained to facilitate "Open Dialogue and Listening Sessions" within their local parishes and faith communities. These sessions will be guided according to broad themes. Participants are invited to "Listen to God by listening to one another." During 2019—a "Year of Discerning"—there will be a "Discernment and Re-Listening" period and summary reports from the local listening and dialogue sessions will be written up to form the agenda for the actual Plenary Council. And finally, 2020, the "Year of Proposing," will see the first of two sessions of the Plenary Council take place in October in either Alice Springs, Darwin or Adelaide. The second session will take place in May 2021 in a metropolitan city on the Eastern seaboard, most likely Sydney. During the second Plenary session the Australian bishops will vote on proposed legislation. The idea behind the process is that the faith of the faithful—the "sensus fidelium"—will be discerned and then acted upon by the bishops. This is a way of the Church determining its course of action during a particular moment in time—discerning the "signs of the times" under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, the scriptural theme of the Plenary is "Listen to what the Spirit is saying." (Rev. 2:7)

On the first weekend of September Retired Priest Foundation Appeal will be conducted. Our donations are to say thank you to the retired priests like our Fr Bod, Fr. Vito...



In the hope that we become a leaven of holiness, justice and reconciliation in today's rapidly changing society, Pope Francis has encouraged all of us to participate in a period of patient dialogue and faith-filled discernment in the spirit of fraternal unity and missionary discipleship. Being receptive, speaking honestly and sharing insights with one another we are invited to respond to the following questions: 1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time? 2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020? 3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share? The PCWG have commissioned a Candle for each parish. This candle must be presented to the community at the weekend mass as a symbol to encourage parishioners to keep flame alive for renewal. The light of the candle symbolises the light of the Holy Spirit in the life of the parish.

The candidates making their journey toward their 1st Holy Communion are counting on our support and prayers. Only one month left till the celebration, so please remember them in your prayers.

The new Minister of the Eucharist roster is being prepared – if you wish to become involved in this Ministry please contact Rhonda Hewitt via the Parish Office to volunteer. There is a need for you on Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.00pm

Fifty years after Pope Paul VI issued *Humanae Vitae*, the landmark encyclical reaffirming Church teaching against contraception. Much has happened in the last 50 years, including the tremendous influence of the Theology of the Body on our understanding *Humanae Vitae*, and the scientific evidence of the detrimental effects of contraception on women's health and male / female relationships. In *Humanae Vitae*, Pope Paul VI warned of serious social consequences that would follow if the widespread use of contraceptives became accepted. 50 years have shown the "prophetic power" of *Humanae Vitae* to be "abundantly substantiated," with clear connections between widespread contraceptive use and the rise in unwed pregnancy, abortion, divorce, pornography....

**Safeguarding Training Update: One Session 17<sup>th</sup> September 7pm Only**  
The Safeguarding Office has advised that those who have completed the initial Safeguarding training, at this stage, do not have to attend but those who have not MUST register for our next session – it is now a requirement of the Church when involved in any Ministry. The Safeguarding Office will be going online towards the end of September and future refresher training will be, where possible, managed online. Working with Children Checks (WWCC) are now required for all those involved in any Ministry and must be verified through the Parish Office. Apply on line via the Office of the Children's Guardian [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au) and provide the Parish Office with your number once received. If you require assistance or further information contact Parish Office.

Catastrophic lack of rain created the most difficult situation for farming. To support our farmers let's make some donations. Please buy some raffle tickets. Prize - a new BBQ. Drawn on Fathers' Day 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep. before 9.30am Mass. In order to make this possible we need 3 people to volunteer to overlook this charity appeal. Funds raised will be presented to the Diocese Wilcanda – Forbes to pass on to the farmers.

Those who can't come to the church and wish that the priest visit them to assist with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Anointing or Holy Communion, please call Parish Office or Fr. Jerzy on the phone numbers shown above.

Thank you for your contribution to CWF. We have collected \$11,710. Thank you. Our quota for this first in the financial year appeal is \$ 12,560.

Please collect avocado seeds so we can plant them in the church gardens. In 6-7 years all of us will enjoy St. Joseph's avocados.

Participating at the Mass on the 15<sup>th</sup> August students and teachers from St. Patrick's College and St. Joseph's School together with the parishioners and visitors, displayed wonderful spirit to honour Our Lady's Assumption. Well done.

The project related to the new electrical board is completed with the given donation of \$1,000 to defer the expenditure of \$6,000. Thank you very much for such generosity. Now we are completely safe during the church services.

Pray to God for rain – it's time for the spring rain - to God, the rainmaker, Spring thunderstorm maker, maker of grain and barley. (Zechariah 10:1-5)

**ROSTERS: 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**  
**LINEN:** JULIE O'HARA  
**CLEANING:** 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST: ROSS WINTER 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST: VOLUNTEER PLEASE  
**READERS:** FAMILY YOUTH MASS YEAR 4;

**ROSTERS: 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**  
**LINEN:** MAGGIE CRANNEY  
**CLEANING:** 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST: RHONDA HEWITT, LEE QUAILEY  
**READERS:** ROSEMARY PLOWMAN, SARAH GREENING; GLENNIS SPENCE, GEOFF CROXSON; AGNES LIM, SANDRA MOORE  
**COMMUNION:** VOLUNTEER PLEASE, ROSE-MARIE HOEKSTRA; MICHAEL BORG, MARYANN BORG; ANNE McMASTER, VOLUNTEER PLEASE  
**HOMEBOUND:** LINDA GILLIES, MARITES BAIRSTOW, ADA BJAT, JEANETTE HICKEY  
**MILDRED SYMONS HOUSE: 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2018: ROSE-MARIE HEKSTRA**

**KATHY CATTANACH, ANTHONY REED; LINDA GILLIES, RAY WOOPY**  
**COMMUNION:** ELIZABETH PEMBERTON, GREG CONROY TONY REED, CHERYL REED; FIORELLA BOSUSTOW, JEANETTE HICKEY  
**HOMEBOUND:** MAGGIE CRANNEY, PETER MADDEN, LINDA GILLIES, ANNMARIE HOSIE  
**MILDRED SYMONS HOUSE: 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018: MARGARET DUFFEY**

**Advertising Opportunity:** Limited space will be available to Parishioners who run local businesses to advertise in the weekly Bulletin (A3 size) for \$120 per year (paid in advance). If you wish to take advantage of this offer please contact the Parish office (9528 0205 Mon PM or 8 – 3pm Thurs) providing contact information.