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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 6.45pm – 7.25pm

BAPTISMS: at 9.30am Mass

BAPTISM Prep Thurs. 6th September 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANOINTING MASS: next: 6th / 7th Oct.

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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

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

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:** Dantis

100 native plants will be given by the Shire Council to be planted in our garden. [Thank you.](#)

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 the Spirit is saying.” (Rev. 2:7)

Safeguarding Training Update: One Session 17th September 7pm

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. 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 and provide the Parish Office with your number once received. If you require assistance or further information contact Parish Office.



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 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 Ministers on Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.00pm

Those who can’t come to the church and wish to be assisted with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Anointing or Holy Communion, please call Parish Office or Fr. Jerzy.

To support our farmers let’s make some donations. Please buy some raffle tickets. Prize - a new BBQ. Drawn on the Fathers’ Day 2nd 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 Wilcania – Forbes and passed on to the farmers.

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

Please do not forget to say a prayer for the candidates to the First Communion this year on 2nd and 3rd Sundays of September at 11am.

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.

Participating at the Mass on the 15th August students and teachers from S. 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.

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.

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.

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!) We can also help you choose suitable books for various ages. **When:** Friday 31st August **Where:** St Joseph’s Primary School Library **Time:** 9-15-10.30am

Working Bee: Saturday 25 August, Volunteers (from church and school) are most 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