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WEEKEND MASSES:

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIME:

Mon. 7.00am Tues 6.00pm
Wed. 9.00am Thurs
Fri 9.00 am Sat 9.00am

HOLY HOUR: Tues.5.00pm–6.00pm

Saturday 8.00am – 9.00am

CONFESSION: 10 mins before Mass and Saturdays 8.00 – 8.55am

Tuesday 5.15pm – 5:45pm

BAPTISMS: at 9.30am Sunday Mass

BAPTISM Prep: Thurs. 6th June 7pm

By Appointment only

WEDDINGS: By appointment only.

ANointing MASS: 6th / 7th July 2019

Our sick: Amy Zuschmann, Dragica Furda, Ron Payne, May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, Jan Gurba, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Lonza Busuttill, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Joan Hagley, Edward Leighton, Steven Marinilli Emilia Huntley and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House & housebound.

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Catholic News Service,
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<https://www.cruxnow.com>
The Catholic Thing: First Things
Home Care Services 131819
CatholicCare.org
connect@catholiccare.org

Sat: 9am: +Mrs Bradley & Daughter; **Vigil 5pm:** +For the int. Mulhally Family; **Sun: 8am** +Holy Souls in Purgatory; **9.30am:** Pro Populo: **Mon:** +Dr. Tan; **Tues:** +Daniel Andreallo; **Wed:** +For Relief and Deliverance of Souls in Purgatory, FOSS; **Thurs:** +Daniel Andreallo; **Fri:** +For the Deceased loved ones

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated today and 26th May, both at 11am. Please pray for the candidates about to receive this Sacrament of Christian maturity. On the first day Fr. John Greig, the dean, will be the celebrant and on the second occasion Bp. Richard Umbers. May God bless them all.

Receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Pope Francis has invited young economists and entrepreneurs around the world to help create a “new and courageous culture” that finds new ways to do business, promote human dignity and protect the environment. “We need to correct models of growth incapable of guaranteeing respect for the environment, openness to life, concern for the family, social equality, the dignity of workers and the rights of future generations,” the pope said in a letter inviting young people to take part in a new initiative. The initiative, to be launched at an event in Assisi March 26-28, 2020, invites young men and women studying or working in the field of economics or business to join the pope and “enter into a ‘covenant’ to change today’s economy and to give a soul to the economy of tomorrow.”



Holy Places offerings: \$1,087.20;
Easter Offerings: \$ 2,233.85.
CWF: \$5,020.30 (quota \$12,750)
Project Compassion: \$2,064.35
Thank you for your generosity.

Prepare to reach beyond: Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years. Do you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills? You can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family! Come to Discover Global Mission: Sunday May 26th @ 10:30am Aquinas Academy 141 Harrington Street, The Rocks, SYDNEY. *But if you can't make it, simply call Palms now on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au*

In order to give extra opportunities to support the parish in cashless ways some “tap and go” units will be installed in our church. Archdiocese encourages us to follow the trend of cashless transactions the World has embraced long ago.

After nearly two years of studying the pastoral status of Medjugorje, where the Virgin Mary has allegedly been appearing since 1981, the Vatican announced Sunday that Pope Francis has given the green light for priests to lead pilgrimages there but expressed no opinion on the authenticity of the “noted happenings.”

We are seeking 3 new members to join each of the Parish Finance Committee and Parish Council, commencing July, for a 2 year commitment. We have 4 evening meetings per year, in a relaxed atmosphere, for about 1-2 hours. And there is the occasional consultation in between times. Parents from St. Joseph's and States Schools are encouraged to consider the above invitation. It is a good opportunity to be involved in Parish matters. Please contact Parish Office on 9528 0205, Fr. Jerzy 0411 125 357 or Bob Harrison 9528 9089 (ah).

One may wonder about the lives of Catholics who do not go to Mass on Sunday. They miss out on the Word of God; they never hear either the choir's pitch-perfect hymns or occasional off-notes. Perhaps some of them surface on Christmas and Easter. As the years have gone by, it is noticed more and more missing from even these Holy days. In most cases, they leave quietly. One Sunday, they just decide to stay home. There are a variety of reasons. Some of them are personal, some are related to the pastor, liturgies, and recently, the horrible sexual abuse scandals have certainly had an impact. Having said all this, there is a hope that the Holy Spirit moving among us can change these earthly realities. After all, Jesus told us, “I am with you always, until the end of the age.” We must admit and recognise that there are places where parishes are vibrant – particularly in those that have well-integrated new immigrants. But, for the Church, a case should be made to Catholics who have stopped practicing their faith. Regular Mass-goers need to tell their family members and friends about the power of prayer and the sacraments. Church leaders need to regain the credibility that has been lost.

A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Once again we express our gratitude to the students of St. Joseph' School for their wonderful work in the Church garden.
For Greater Glory of God.

Why do we give so much attention to Mary? Mother Saint Teresa of Kolkata is credited with a simple response to this question: “No Mary, no Jesus.” This reply gets to the heart of the matter. St. Paul writes in Galatians that, “when the fullness of time had come, God sent his son, born of woman, born under the law” (4:4). This means that a woman named Mary — the mother of the Incarnate Word of God — is at the very center of salvation history. St. Thomas Aquinas taught that God, in his omnipotent power, could have restored human nature in many different ways, but he chose to redeem us by becoming incarnate of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If God freely chose to redeem us by “being born of a woman,” then it necessarily follows that this woman, Mary, is central to his salvific plan. Pope Saint Paul VI, in his homily of April 24, 1970, at the Marian shrine of Our Lady of Bonaria in Cagliari, Sardinia, put it beautifully: “If we want to be Christian, we must also be Marian — that is, we must recognize the essential, vital, providential bond which unites Our Lady to Jesus and which opens to us the way that leads us to him.” Down through the centuries, there have been numerous reports of appearances or apparitions of Mary. Some of these apparitions have been accepted as worthy of belief by Church authority, most especially the apparitions of Guadalupe (in 1531), Lourdes (1858) and Fatima (1917).

