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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 7.00am
Fri 9.00 am Sat 9.00am

**HOLY HOUR: Tues 5 pm -6pm
Saturday 8-9.00am**

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

Tuesday 5pm – 5.50 pm

BAPTISMS: at 9.30am Mass

BAPTISM Prep Thurs. 7th Feb 2019 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANOINTING MASS: 5th / 6th Jan 2019

Our sick: 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, Amy Zuschmann, Steven Marinilli and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House & house bound.

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

READING MINISTRY:

[HTTP://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG](http://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG)
<https://www.compellingtruth.org>
www.vocationcentre.org.au

<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
<https://www.cruxnow.com>
The Catholic Thing: First Things

Sat: 9am: +Antonia Ghidella; Vigil 5pm + Paul Schofield; Sun: 8am: +Scholastica & Peter; 9.30am: + Narelle Madden; Mon: +John & Praxedes; Tues: +Souls in Purgatory; Wed: +June Murray; Thurs: Recently Departed; Fri: + Joseph & Josephine



22 – 27 January



As World Youth Day Panamá is fast approaching, it is important to spiritually prepare, so that youth heart and mind will be open for God's purpose in their life during the week-long pilgrimage. Prayer is essential to the pilgrimage experience. One key reason to pray is because God has commanded us to pray. If we are obedient to His will, then prayer must be part of our lives. As St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Philippians: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God". –Philippians 4:6

"There is no one who is insignificant in the purpose of God".

"Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he takes up the isles as a very little thing." (Isaiah 40:15) God has a divine purpose for nations, as shown by the fact that there will even be "nations of them which are saved" (Revelation 21:24) in the new earth, outside the New Jerusalem. Nations were evidently first established after the dispersion at Babel when God forced the original post-Flood families to separate and to establish their own distinctive communities by confusing their languages (Genesis 11:9). It thus has been natural and useful (in God's economy) for each nation to develop a sense of national pride and patriotic loyalty. However, this has often been corrupted into militant expansionism or ethnic idolatry, and God has eventually had to put them down. Nations need to remember that they are really "a very little thing" in God's sight, as a drop in a bucket or the fine dust on a scale. He "has made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation" (Acts 17:26). Job testified back in the early days of the world's nations: "He increases the nations, and destroys them: he enlarges the nations, and straitens them again" (Job 12:23). No matter how powerful and self-reliant (or how weak and dependent) a nation may seem to be, "the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the governor among the nations" (Psalm 22:28). Therefore, if a nation desires that its "time before appointed" be long and fruitful, and "the bounds of its habitation" be the optimum for its divine mission, it must be careful to honor and serve the true God of heaven, for "the wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God," while "blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD" (Psalm 9:17; 33:12).

Chinese New Year of Pig, starting from Feb. 5, 2019

Since the launch of the Plenary Council's Open Listening and Dialogue stage at Pentecost last year, individuals and groups – large and small – have shared their stories of life and faith. By the end December more than 30,000 individuals had presented their responses. This initial level of response shows that there are many people from across the country who care deeply about the future of the Church in Australia. Now every person needs to be proactive and reach beyond our comfort zones and have conversations with those people who may need someone to let them know this is happening. The vast majority of responses had unsurprisingly come from Catholics, but noted that a number of responses have also come from other Christian communities, including the Anglican, Baptist, Uniting, Pentecostal, Lutheran and Orthodox churches. A small number of responses had come from people who self-identify as "no religion", as well as people from other faith backgrounds. Those stories will help shape this historic process by forming the agenda for the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021.

In October 1786, Arthur Phillip was appointed captain of the HMS Sirius, and assigned to transport British convicts to the continent. His mission was to establish an agricultural work camp. Captain Phillip commanded a fleet of 11 ships and 1,500 passengers, including 700 prisoners. After an 8-month journey, they reached Sydney Cove. It was 26 January 1788 when the First Fleet landed in Sydney Cove. Between 18 and 20 January, the First Fleet of 11 ships sailed into Botany Bay to set up a penal colony there but the bay proved to be unsuitable. Captain Phillip took a team north and named the area on the south shore of Port Jackson as Sydney Cove. The formal establishment of the colony occurred two weeks later on 7 February. The first colony got off to a rocky beginning as the soil was poor and the settlers didn't know how to farm. The settlement was on the verge of starvation for several years. However, under the able leadership of Captain Phillip, the people persevered.



After 8am Mass, Billy tea, bring some damper, scones and syrup to share ("cockies' joy")

By 1792, when he returned to England, the outpost was prospering. In 1818, 26 January was declared a legal holiday, marking the 30th anniversary of the British settlement in Australia. Over the next 80 years, the population steadily increased, and five additional self-governing colonies were created. On January 1, 1901, all six colonies united to form the Commonwealth of Australia.

Requiem Mass for Mr Reginald Allan Stevenson to be held at St Joseph's Como on Thursday 24th January 2019 at 1.00pm