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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 8-9.00am

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

Tuesday 6: pm – 6:20 pm

BAPTISMS: at 9.30am Mass

BAPTISM Prep Thurs. 7th Feb 2019 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANointing MASS: 5th / 6th Jan 2019

DIVINE MERCY: Tues. 6.30pm

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.

Please read Catholic Weekly, only \$2 per copy.

<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: For Souls in Purgatory; **Vigil 5pm;** Teresa & Wilhelm **Sun: 8am:+** Marie, Teresa, Mansour & Anie Hage; **9.30am:** +William & Valerie Davis; **Mon :+** Ronald; **Tues:** +For Souls in Purgatory; **Wed:** For Three Departed Loved ones; **Thurs:** For Souls in Purgatory; **Fri:** For All Friends

Christmas School Holiday is over. Welcome back to the Community at St Joseph. This year about to start will be not the same. We are prepared for any challenges of these coming days at schools and other work places. Let us entrust all our wills, expectations and plans into the hands of the Lord. Working with Him we will be able to be great achievers fulfilling our dreams of life. God Bless you all.

The Youth Festival is part of the program of activities that is taking place during World Youth Day (WYD) Panama 2019 22-27 Jan. Its purpose is to bring young people from around the World together through the sharing of their artistic and religious talents, as well as through faith and life experiences. There will be many events, including music, theatre, dance, exhibits, gatherings, and much more.



Postcard from Panama

Catechist Sunday on 3rd Feb. After each weekend Mass please join coffee and tea with our catechists in the foyer of the church. It will be an opportunity to express our appreciation for their ministry in our parish and some of us might discern a call to become catechist in our six Primary State Schools and one High School.

Cannon Law in Parish Life will run from 9.30am to 3.30pm on Fridays: 29 March, 31 May, 23 August and 18 October at Catholic Institute of Sydney in Strathfield. More info: cisinfo@cis.catholic.edu.au or 9752 9500.

First historic papal trip to the Arabian Peninsula is from 3rd to 5th February. That region is a work place for more than 100,000 Catholics from various countries.

Please continue praying for Eileen O'Connor's process of beatification and canonisation, could she become Australia's second official Saint?

Friends & Visitors get together on Monday 28
 12 Noon in the hall: music, and BYO lunch.

Chinese New Year: Year of the Pig – Spring Festival Lunar Calendar: Family is the basis of the Chinese society, which is seen through the significance placed on the New Year's Eve dinner or Reunion dinner. This feast is extremely important to the Chinese. All family members must come back. Even if they truly can't, the rest of the family will leave an empty spot and place a spare set of utensils for them. Everyone brings out their special dishes for the feast. Food is one of the things that the Chinese take the most pride in. And of course, a lot of care and thought is put into the menu for the most important traditional and cultural holiday of the year. For Chinese New Year activities and decorations, the dishes are made to give blessings for the next year and they symbolise wishes for prosperity and happiness.
Happy New Year gong xǐ fā cái)

Genesian Theatre: EM Forster's classic English novel A Room with a View from 2nd Feb until 9th March. Bookings: boxoffice@genesiantheatre.com.au



Postcard from Gold Coast

The Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir will perform works by Arvo Part in Sydney on Sunday 3 Feb. Tickets via Australian Chamber Orchestra www.aco.com.au or www.sydneyoperahouse.com

For pastoral visits to the sick and families, please call Parish Office or 0411 125 357.

Social Justice issues: 1. **Confronting Racism** "Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes*, n 29; 2. **Economic Justice** Workplace Justice, Trade Justice, World Poverty, Social security. 'Pope John Paul II, World Food Day, 16 October 2003; 3. **Environment** 'Nature thus becomes a gospel which speaks to us of God: (Wis. 13: 5).''Pope John Paul II, General Audience, 26 Jan, 2000; 4. **Justice for Indigenous** People and Reconciliation Social Justice Sunday Statement 2006; 5. **Justice, Prison** and the Death Penalty International Commission of Catholic Prison Pastoral Care (2007), Rome Congress 2007 Declaration; 6. **Peacebuilding** 'Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the World Day of Peace, 2012 (# 5); 7. **Political engagement and public life** 'Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, n. 565; 8. **Refugees and asylum seekers.** 'John Paul II, *Encyclical Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* n. 38

Readers' Rosters are ready to be collected from the table at the entrance to the House of God, Church.

The Gregorian Schola of Sydney will resume rehearsals for 2019 on Jan. 31, at 6pm at St Bede's Pyrmont. Learn to sing the music of the church with a friendly and enthusiastic group. Ring 9716 7110 or 0418 230 322.

"Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the Body of Christ. It is crime against humanity."
Pope Francis.

"Click to pray" are not words you'd expect to come out of the Pope's mouth. But that's what onlookers heard during the traditional Sunday address from Pope Francis, as he introduced **ClickToPray**, an app for communal prayer aimed at young people. "The Internet and social media are a resource of our time," the pope said. From a balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square, Francis then gestured to a tablet. "Here," Francis said, "I'll insert the intentions and the prayer requests for the mission of the Church. "He tapped the screen several times..."Did I do it?" he asked. The pope has made earnest efforts to embrace technology, tweeting frequently and calling the Web "a gift from God." Now he's given his followers a convenient way to turn on their smart devices and see what the leader of the Catholic Church is praying for at any given time. (Spirit Daily)

Upcoming events: 2nd Feb. Feast of The Presentation of the Lord (Blessing of Beeswax Candles during the Mass)
 3rd Feb. Catechist Sunday and traditional blessing of throats related to the Memorial of St. Blaise on the same day;
 5th Feb Chinese Lunar Calendar;
 8th Feb. Feast Day of St. Bakhita, Catholic Anti-Slavery Day.