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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.5.00pm–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. 7th Mar. 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANointing MASS: 6th / 7th April 2019

Our sick: Terry Crowe, 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, Amy Zuschmann, Steven Marinilli and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House & housebound.

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

<http://catholicfaitheducation.blogspot.com.au/> [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 All Genocides of 20th c.; **Vigil 5pm:** +Peter Kim & Okbong Choi; **Sun: 8am:** Pro Populo; **9.30am:** For the Charity in the Hospitals & Nursing Homes; **Mon:** For Living Souls; **Tues:** +Majo Mitchell; **Wed:**+Departed Loved Ones; **Thurs:** +Antonio & Angela Pandolfino; **Fri:** For Relief and Deliverance of Souls in Purgatory, FOSS.

Every Wednesday morning, Holy Communion is taken from the 9am Parish Mass to Catholic residents at the Mildred Symons Aged Care Home in Lenna Place Jannali by volunteers. This Communion to the Sick provides great comfort as well as a wonderful opportunity to pray with the residents. Please consider joining this small group of volunteers. If interested, why not accompany us on a Wednesday and see what it is all about? Or, for further information, please give the Parish office (9528 0205) your name and contact details and we'll be in touch. Thank you.

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who pray for peace and justice. It is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer. **World Day of Prayer in the Shire – 1 Acacia Road, Kirrawee, 1st March at 11.00am 9545 4799.** **The World Day of Prayer 2019 host country will be Slovenia and the theme, prepared by the women, is "Come – Everything is Ready!"**



8th March International Women's Day: We celebrate all women, in all their diversities. We embrace their facets and intersections of faith, race, ethnicity, gender or sexual identity, or disability. We celebrate those who came before us, those who stand beside us now, and those who will come after.



March Birthday Cake for the Celebrants on 10th March, Sunday at 11.45am in the hall.

In this Season of Lent, we seek to experience the mercy of God the Father, and to practice it in our daily lives. But first we must experience our need for mercy, that is, our brokenness and, indeed, our sinfulness, insofar as we have failed to love God above all, and to love our fellow men and women as ourselves. This is why the Church's Canon Law reaffirms the obligation to do penance – to interrupt the usual comforts of life, to rediscover in prayer the merciful love of God, and to practice charity and justice towards those in need. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent. In nominating special times of penance, the Church encourages and promotes in all of us the habit of penance. Furthermore, observance of these special times by all Catholics throughout the universal Church emphasizes what we call "the social dimension of sin". The sin of the individual member always in some measure infects the whole body. Therefore during Lent and on every Friday throughout the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world.

From Friday 8th of March we begin the Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm. Please join this penitential Lenten practice.

ASHES TO EASTER
Peter Kearney (songwriter, musician and composer)
Sat. 9th March
after Vigil Mass.
From 6.15 – 7.15pm



Shrove Tuesday Pancakes 5 March. 7.45 am to 8.45 am at the entrance to the church. Thank you Ann Woodhouse, Family Educator

Ash Wednesday Masses: 7am, 9am School, 6pm

LENT is upon us. DAYS OF PENANCE: **Abstinence** from meat, and fasting, must be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following: (a) **Prayer** – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary. (b) **Self-denial** – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television. (c) **Helping others** – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened. Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday (6th March) to the Mass of the Lord's supper (18th April). On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter fast is observed.

A new Parish website will be soon in operation – hosted by the Archdiocese.

Frank Tierney, parishioner of St Catherine Laboure Catholic Church Gynea recently returned from a 9 day pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Come along and hear about Frank's time at Medjugorje, and how Our Blessed Mother is working to bring us closer to her Son. Hear about his experience, surrounded by thousands of people on the 2nd of November 2018 on Apparition Hill at 8.00am with the visionary Mirjana Soldo. Benedict Hall, St. Catherine Laboure Catholic School, Gynea Saturday 2nd March 10.00am - 11.00am (Following the 9.00am Mass. Everybody welcome, Morning Tea will be provided)

Our Parish is looking for help to teach (SRE) in our State Schools. Training and Teaching resources will be provided. Contact the Parish Office on 9528 0205 or stjoscomo@bigpond.com

Sacrament of Confirmation on Sundays 19th and 26th May. Both celebrations are @ 11am. Those candidates to be admitted to the sacrament are to have fulfilled **all** the requirements related to the preparatory journey. Fr. Jerzy.

Those who (only adults) missed out on some sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation) are most welcome to contact the Parish Office or Fr. Jerzy directly. You will be assisted to make your (RCIA) journey to the full participation in the life of the Church.

For the sick and aged people who might need some support or visit from the church and receive Sacraments please call Parish Office.

Lenten black books (\$3 each).

The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass on 17 March 2019 and 18 March 2019

The Masses will take place at St Patrick's Church Hill on Sunday, 17th March 2019 commencing at 12.00pm and in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Monday, 18th March 2019 commencing at 10:30am.

Pope Francis said:

"The brutality of this worldwide phenomenon becomes all the more grave and scandalous in the church, for it is utterly incompatible with (its) moral authority and ethical credibility. Consecrated persons," he continued, "chosen by God to guide souls to salvation, let themselves be dominated by their human frailty or sickness and thus become tools of Satan."