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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIME:

Mon. 7am, Tues 6pm,

Wed.9am, Thurs 7am

Fri 9am Sat 9am.

HOLY HOUR: Tues.5pm–6pm

Saturday 8am – 9am Exposition

1st Friday: 5.30pm H .Hour 6pm Mass

CONFESSION: 10 mins prior Mass

Saturdays 8 – 8.55am

Tuesday 5.15pm – 5:45pm

BAPTISMS: 9.30am Sun. Mass

BAPTISM Prep.: Feb 6th 2020 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANOINTING MASS: 4th / 5th Jan 2020

PRAYERS TO ST. JOSEPH: Mon. Tues.

Thurs. 5 mins before Mass

Mildred Symons House Mass 3rd

Wednesday of month at 11.00 am

Child sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Or contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

Our sick: Julia Lock Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffy, Glennise Hall, Eliette Majdandzic; Patrick Lim Jnr., Barbara Eadie, Helen McGuirk, Amy Zuschmann, Dragica Furda, May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, Jan Gurba, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Lonza Busuttil, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Joan Hagley, Steven Marinilli and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to traditional custodians, past and present, of this land of the Gweagal people of the Dharawal Nation.

Country Spirit will rise from the bushfire's ashes

Sat. 9am +For Faye **Sat.5pm** + Deceased Members of FOSS; **Sun. 8am**+Anthon Demol; **9am**+ Anna Gurba and Czeslaw Niemen; Mon. For Relief & deliverance of Souls in Purgatory; **Tues.:**+Filippe Comcom; **Wed.:** Living Souls; **Thur.:** +David Ho Ming; **Fri.:**+ Frs. Hannon & Stenhouse

Dear Lord, Thank you for the surgeons, doctors and nurses who have cared for our Patrick. Bless the work of their hands and lead them as they give out to those in need. Lord, you have been beside Patrick each step of the way. You watched over him through this surgery, your Angels stood guard when he needed protection. We ask that your blessing will be upon him. May it heal, protect and breathe life into his body. Please give him rest and peace each moment of the day as he dwells in your love and truth. As he trusts in you give Patrick a complete recovery. Heavenly Father we thank you for your love of Patrick and his Family. Also we believe that the soul of Patrick's heart donor is now in your loving hands and so his Family will be comforted in their sorrow and loss. Amen.



Our appreciation and gratitude to St. Vincent's Hospital Medical Staff for successful heart surgery on Boxing Day.

Prayer and Blessing of Family Home at Epiphany:

Lord God of heaven and earth you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R/. Amen.** May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. **R/. Amen.** Meaning Of The Blessing 20 + C + M + B + 20. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also represent the Latin words "*Christus mansionem benedicat*" which means "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs symbolize the cross and the 20 and the 20 represent the year.



Courtesy of MrsTheresa Demol

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal today

Legion of Mary was founded 98 years ago involving lay men and women of the parishes. The Legion is a prayer group in action through personal union with and devotion to Our Lady Mary, praying and working for the Church in family homes, hospitals institutions and jails by means of visitation, catechising, consoling. Our Oyster Bay Legion meets at St Joseph's Church hall each Friday after the 9.00am Mass from 10.00am to 11.00am. New members, men, women and children, are welcome to join.

Feast of the Epiphany, Theophany, or Three Kings' Day, (from Greek *epiphaneia*, "manifestation"), Christian holiday commemorating the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, and the manifestation of his divinity, as it occurred at his baptism in the Jordan River and at his first miracle, at Cana in Galilee. Epiphany is one of the three principal and oldest festival days of the Christian church (the other two are Easter and Christmas). Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, and other Western churches observe the feast on January 6, while some Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate Epiphany on January 19, since their Christmas Eve falls on January 6. The festival originated in the Eastern church, where it at first included a commemoration of Christ's birth. In Rome, by 354 Christ's birth was being celebrated on December 25, and later in the 4th century the church in Rome began celebrating Epiphany on January 6. In the Western church the festival primarily commemorates the visit by the Magi to the infant Jesus, which is seen as evidence that Christ, the Jewish Messiah, came also for the salvation of Gentiles. In the East it primarily commemorates the baptism of Jesus and celebrates the revelation that the incarnate Christ was both fully God and fully man. In the West the evening preceding Epiphany is called Twelfth Night. The time between December 25 and January 6 is known as the Twelve Days of Christmas. Epiphany is celebrated with special pastries in many countries, and children often receive small gifts in their shoes in honour of the Magi's gifts to the infant Jesus. The holiday also has a number of traditions involving water as a reflection of Jesus' baptism, including the blessing of houses with holy water.