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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 Prayers, 6pm Mass

CONFESSION: 10 mins prior Mass
Saturdays 8 – 8.55am
Tuesday 5.15pm – 5:55pm

BAPTISMS: 9.30am Sun. Mass

BAPTISM Prep.: April 2nd 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

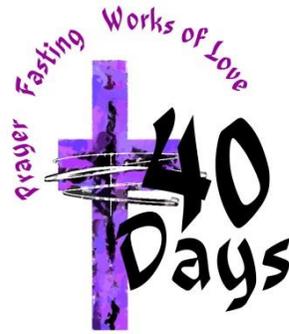
ANOINTING MASS: 4th / 5th April
PRAYERS TO ST. JOSEPH: Mon. Tues.
Thurs. 5 mins before Mass
Mildred Symons House Mass 3rd
Wednesday of month at 11.00am
Stations of the Cross, Lent, Fri. 6pm

We will rise from the bushfire's ashes, floods and disease.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to all peoples who lived in the past time and today on this land.

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, 5 April,
3am clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to 2am

Sat.: 9am: For the Relief and Deliverance of the Most Holy Souls in Purgatory, **Sat.5pm;** +Teresa and Wilhelm; **Sun.: 8am** +Katherine O'Connor; **9.30am** +Pro Populo.; **Tues.:**+Patricks Snr. & Jnr.; **Wed.:**+ Marie & Vincent Hage; **Thur.** For the Most Holy Souls in Purgatory; **Fri.:** +Dr Tan:



Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday 6th April,
Tuesday 7th April,
Wed. 8th April
from 4pm to 6pm
with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Week: 5th April Palm Sunday (blessing of palm branches and reading of the Passion of the Lord Mt26:14-27:66); Mon., Tues., Wed. As per usual; **TRIDUUM:** **Holy Thursday:** NO morning Mass, only morning Mass of Holy Oils in the Cathedral at 10am; 7pm Last Supper and Washing of feet; adoration until 9pm at the St. Peter's chapel. **Good Friday:** 9am morning prayers, 10am Stations of the Cross; 3pm Good Friday Ceremonies, 6pm Stations of the Cross; **Easter Saturday:** 9am morning prayers, 10am Blessing of food for the Easter table, **6pm** Easter Vigil Liturgies (Blessing of fire, Liturgy of Light – Exultet, Liturgy of the Word, Baptismal Liturgy and Eucharist). **Easter Sunday:** as per usual. All liturgical celebrations from Holy Thursday to Easter Vigil are as one Liturgy called Triduum which means three days of celebration of our Salvation. All are encouraged to participate in Triduum from the first day to the last. 19th April Divine Mercy Sunday: (3pm Devotions & Mass).

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Lk 6:38. While we await the return of the bridegroom, our Lord Jesus Christ, fasting exemplifies our attitude of spiritual hunger -- the promise is that we will be satisfied. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" (Mt 5:6)

What kind of measures should we take to avoid the spread of the virus in the church? Not to use Blessed Water fonts at the entrance to the church. To stop communion by the chalice. The sacraments are very, very important during difficult times of crisis. The sacraments can be delivered safely. **The host can be provided to a person without skin to skin contact by placing it in the hand.** This is a good time to avoid the handshake of peace. **We can all greet each other with a big smile but don't need to shake hands.** We should make sure our smiles are twice as big.

Lenten Reflections
Wed. at 7pm, Sat. at
9.45 - 10.45 am in the
Church Hall.



Sunday 22nd March double celebration of St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Feast Days with BBQ at 11am and pancakes. Coming to this event BYO of good wine, beer, international cuisine delights to share. Coffee and tea provided. Concludes at 1pm.

"Of all the people I have known with a true devotion and particular veneration for St. Joseph, not one has failed to advance in virtue; he helps those who turn to him to make real progress. For several years now, I believe, I have always made some request to him on his feast day, and it was always been granted; and when my request is not quite what it ought to be, he puts it right for my greater benefit." – St. Teresa of Avila.

2020 is the "Year of St. Joseph" to commemorate the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being solemnly declared Patron of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius IX in his decree *Quemadmodum Deus*. Throughout the year we shall honor St. Joseph as the guardian and protector of the Church and her faithful with heartfelt prayer and devotion, encouraging all to take his virtuous life as our model for fulfilling our personal vocation to holiness. Let us ask St. Joseph to intercede for us, to obtain God's blessing on us as we make our way in life this year.

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.

St. Patrick's Feast Day 17th March. Some symbols associated with the Saint. **Shamrock:** It was also called the "seamroy" by the Celts, was a sacred plant in ancient Ireland because it symbolized the rebirth of spring. By the seventeenth century, the shamrock had become a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism. As the English began to seize Irish land and make laws against the use of the Irish language and the practice of Catholicism, many Irish began to wear the shamrock as a symbol of their pride in their heritage and their displeasure with English rule. **Snakes:** It has long been recounted that, during his mission in Ireland, St. Patrick once stood on a hilltop (which is now called Croagh Patrick), and with only a wooden staff by his side, banished all the snakes from Ireland. In fact, the island nation was never home to any snakes. The "banishing of the snakes" was really a metaphor for the eradication of pagan ideology from Ireland and the triumph of Christianity. Within 200 years of Patrick's arrival, Ireland was completely Christianized. **Leprechauns:** The original Irish name for these figures of folklore is "lobaircin," meaning "small-bodied fellow." Belief in leprechauns probably stems from Celtic belief in fairies, tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil. In Celtic folktales, leprechauns were cranky souls, responsible for mending the shoes of the other fairies. Though, only minor figures in Celtic folklore, leprechauns were known for their trickery, which they often used to protect their much-fabled treasure.

Our sick: Julia Lock, Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffey, Glennise Hall, Eliette Majdandzic; 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 Busuttill, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Joan Hagley, Steven Marinilli and all homebound and dear friends from Mildred Symons House.