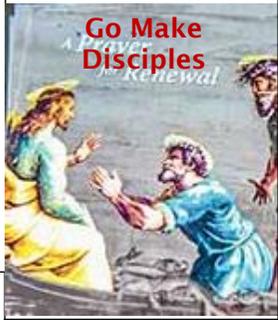


<p>We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation.</p>	<p>As the fifth anniversary of his apostolic exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" (Joy of Love, 19th March 2016) approaches, Pope Francis announced that the Catholic Church will dedicate more than a year to focusing on the family and conjugal love. During his Sunday Angelus address Dec. 27, the pope commemorated the feast of the Holy Family and said that it served as a reminder "of the example of evangelizing with the family" as highlighted in his exhortation.</p>	<p>A prayer for Renewal Blessed are you, Father, who, in your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities. May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney. Our Lady, Help of Christians. Pray for us! Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation. Pray for us! St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Pray for us !</p>	<p>26th January Australia Day. One Nation One Country One Spirit</p>
<p>Our COVID-19 Safety Plan : 1) Those with flu symptoms must not enter the church; 2) Sanitising hands and registration are strict requirements in order to come inside the church; 3) Congregational singing prohibited; 4) Required sanitisation of the seats before and after each service; 5) Social distancing 1.5m apart (only 90 seats); 7) No gatherings after the Mass in the foyer or outside the door of the church.</p>		<p>Sydney parishes and other Eucharistic communities are being invited to participate in a prayer campaign with a new prayer card. The campaign comes ahead of the launch of Sydney's new Archdiocesan Mission Plan, Go Make Disciples, to be launched by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 12 December. With efforts from the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, 'Go Make Disciples' seeks renewal of all of Sydney's parishes as places of encounter with the living Christ – especially in the Eucharist. Over 40,000 prayer cards were distributed this week, inviting all to pray for the success of the Mission Plan.</p>	<p>In a New Year as we look back at the trends in 2020 we find reasons for hope that 2021 will be a golden opportunity to build a new world of justice and peace. As human resilience triumphs over the nightmares of 2020, we can begin a new era of economic and environmental justice for humanity, with peace, health and wealth for all, especially the poor and marginalized. May this new year come as a blessing to all. The birth of the New Year is also the birth of hope. Looking back at the year 2020, we notice the pain and wounds of the Covid-19 pandemic have threatened human survival and livelihoods. Nearly 122 million people in the world are facing starvation. Despite all this, 2020 is the story of human resilience, noting that scientists have come up with the vaccine with astonishing speed, kindling hope that the pandemic will end. That the year has also been one of compassion when the people generously shared their food and giving support to those threatened by chronic starvation. Compassion has become the common religion. This is a golden opportunity to build a new world of justice and peace.</p>
<p>Daily Masses: 7.30am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (Holy Hour, Confession and Mass); Tuesday 5.00pm: Adoration, Novena, Confession, Benediction and 6pm Mass Weekend Mass times: Saturday: Vigil 5pm Sunday: 8am, 9.30am, 3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction and Mass. First Fridays: Holy Hour and Mass 5pm You Tube: stjosephcomo</p>		<p>Catechist Sunday, 7th February. Catechist Sunday is traditionally celebrated on the first Sunday of February. It is an opportunity to recognised all volunteer Catechists</p>	<p>The word "ecology" which derives from the Greek root "oikos", meaning "home", and which can be applied not only to the natural world, but also to our homes and to the Church. Both these "homes" have been disrupted last year by the COVID-19 pandemic. Home life has been tested, and financial worries burden many. Separation from loved ones has been painful and many have lost loved ones in death, with little chance to grieve them fully. This is why the Prayers of the Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family, asking for God's blessings on our homes so that they may be "places of kindness and joy", are particularly meaningful this year. St Paul's Letter to the Colossians reminds that these words mean "compassion, gentleness, patience and forgiveness" and, most of all, love, and that the Apostle applied them in the first place to the Church, that is "to us, chosen by God to be a witness in the world to God's love and compassion".</p>
<p>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.</p>		<p>3 ways to donate to the parish: 1) Scan the bar code on ← the left with your mobile phone camera and follow the instructions therein. 2) Visit our website: https://www.stjosephscomo.org.au/ and click on the "DONATE NOW" button. 3) Copy following link to your web browser: https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/COMOOYSTERBAYPARISH</p>	<p>Plenary Council 2021. The listening process preparing for the Plenary Council revealed demand for greater lay participation in the Church. A number of the submissions insisted that lay people be able to assume roles that have traditionally been the domain of priests and deacons. The expectation that lay people should be given a greater role in the life and ministry of the Church is considered to be a fulfilment of the teachings of the Second Vatican Council.</p>
<p>Our sick: Ida Melis, Katrina Marinilli, Rita Shah, Julia Lock, Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffey, Glennise Hall, Eliette Majdandzic; Barbara Eadie, Helen McGuirk, Dragica Furda, May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, Jan Gurba, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Steven Marinilli and all homebound and dear friends from Mildred Symons House.</p>			<p>Dear Catechist Coordinator. The 2021 Start of Year Coordinator Meeting provides the opportunity for updates, forthcoming events and SRE requirements of the Department of Education. For your convenience, you are most welcome to attend at either Miranda or Brighton-Le-Sands. Please note, due to Covid restrictions we will not be offering a shared lunch; instead, we will provide tea/coffee/biscuits in wrappers. Details for the 2021 Start of Year Coordinator Meeting are as follows: Miranda Date: Thursday, 21 January 2021 Venue: Miranda CCD Centre, 50 Kiara Rd, Miranda Time: 10am-12.00noon Transport: Parking is available in the school grounds. CCD Miranda is a short walk from the station. Brighton-Le-Sands Date: Friday, 29 January 2021 Venue: St Thomas More, Parish Hall 298 Bay Street, Brighton-Le-Sands Time: 10.00am-12.00noon Denise.Humphreys@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au Josie@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au RSVP: Please advise your attendance for either Miranda or Brighton-Le-Sands by Thursday, 14 January 2021 to Denise or Josie as indicated above.</p>