

<p>We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation.</p>	<p>Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples describes the catechist as a person specially appointed by the Church to make Christ known, loved and followed by those who do not yet know Him. The vocation of the catechist comes from Christ Himself and confirmed by the Church. Catechists play an indispensable role in the evangelization of the Church. In places with acute shortage of priests, catechists work hard to sustain the faith and the growth of the Church. The role of the catechist remains as important as ever. Hence the vocation of the catechist should be acknowledged, respected and encouraged in the Christian community. Let's pray for more candidates to this ministry and mission of the Church particularly in our Community.</p>	 <p>Celebrity Baby: Happy First Birthday to Heidi</p> <p>LENT, spiritual journey to Easter.</p>	<p>In an address in 2014, Pope Francis said: "Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity." The Holy Father instituted the annual day of prayer in 2015 which falls on the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947), patron saint of human trafficking survivors, on Feb. 8. This year's theme of the virtual prayer marathon is "An Economy without Human Trafficking." An economy without human trafficking is an "economy of care," said the pontiff in a video message for the International Day of Prayer and Reflection against Trafficking in Persons. A marathon prayer ceremony was organized by the International Committee of the World Day, coordinated by Talitha Kum, a network of consecrated life against trafficking in persons of the International Union of Superiors General. To end this grave violation of human rights, the Church has sent its women religious as crusaders who are involved in the prevention, rescue, rehabilitation, reintegration and raising awareness, according to Cardinal Michael Czerny, undersecretary of the migrants and refugees section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.</p>
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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 120 seats); 7) No gatherings after the Mass in the foyer or outside the door of the church.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to the candidates on Sun. 30th May (at 11am and 2pm) and on Sun. 13th June (11am).



Three Pillars of Lent:

- prayer**, intimate communication with the Lord 24/7
- fasting** gets its meaning if we fast from sin.
- almsgiving**, bird cannot fly with heavy golden wings
St. Benedict said: Ora et labora. (pray and work).

Stations of the Cross, Lenten group and supper (BYO) on Fridays at 6.30pm

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
First Fridays: 5pm Holy Hour and 6pm Mass
Weekend Mass times: Saturday: Vigil 5pm Sunday: 8am, 9.30am and 3pm (2nd Sun only): Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction and Mass. Baptisms after 9.30 Mass (by apt only)
You Tube: stjosephcomo



St. Joseph's School: The major long time awaited reconstruction and refurbishment are well on the way. Significant works will be in place from the second term.

Sharing Word of God and praying in the Holy Spirit (Stanwell Tops, last Sunday afternoon).

In October 2021, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Assembly of the Plenary Council to be held since the second Vatican Council. In 2018, when the decision to hold a Plenary Council was announced, the entire People of God in Australia began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another's stories of faith. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the first Assembly will be a mix of in-person and online delivery. As we make the journey in these months towards the first Assembly, we are all invited to be mindful that the delegates will be commissioned and participate in formation sessions in preparation to fulfil their role as delegates. At the same time, we are all called to continue our own journey of prayer and discernment as we look forward in hope to the renewal of the Catholic Church.

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.

Dad and Dave from Snake Gully was an Australian radio drama series (1950s). The theme tune was "The Road to Gundagai Bob and Mary Harrison on a discovery tour in Gundagai last week.



Go Make Disciples is a call to transform the culture of our communities by faithfulness to Jesus' command to "go, make disciples" so that our parishes become outposts of the Great Commission, making disciples who bear fruit for God (Romans 7:4). A disciple is one who has encountered Jesus personally in the midst of the Church, who has surrendered his or her life to His way, and has made the decision to live by His teaching in all aspects of life. A disciple is intentional and active, committed to the lifelong process of learning from Jesus and, inflamed by this encounter, to sharing His way, truth and life with others for the sake of the world.

Our sick: Elizabeth Kinsela 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 (1st Wed. 10.30 mass).

Mass intentions displayed on the board.



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Parish History Page: Thirty years ago in 1991, after thirty eight years of being a place of worship, the church of St. Peter at Taplan St, Como was decommissioned. From that year parishioners started to get familiar with the newly erected Church of St. Joseph at Oyster Bay Rd. though some moved to the neighbouring parishes. St. Peter's was a place from which Fr George Solomon, Fr Peter Brown and FR James Gallen exercised their pastoral care with the support of the Presentation Sisters. Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam. Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of our Parish and School is approaching. In 2023 we will count all the blessings of God that have been bestowed upon our Community. Please share memories of these 70 years in order to create some historical record of our Community. Volunteers are most welcome.