

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation.

COVID-19 Safety Plan: 1) those with flu symptoms must not enter the church; 2) register via QR code on entry or sign in; 3) sanitise hands on entry; 4) sanitise seats after each service; 5) social distancing 1.5m apart
(Capacity 180 seats).

Daily Masses: 7.30am **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday** (Saturday: Holy Hour, Confession and Mass); **Tuesday** 5.00pm: Adoration, Novena, Confession, Benediction and 6pm Mass. **First Friday** of the month: 5pm Holy Hour and 6pm Mass
Weekend Mass times: Saturday: Vigil 5pm **Sunday:** 8am, 9:30am and **2nd Sunday** of the month at 3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction and Mass. **Baptisms after 9:30 Mass**
Marriage and Baptism inquiries please contact Parish Office.

Mass and Holy Hour via You Tube: [stjosephcomo](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstjosephcomo)

St. Joseph's Como is a Community that cares for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

Our sick: Jim Hagley, Elizabeth Kinsela, Ida Melis, Katrina Marinilli, Rita Shah, Julia Lock, Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffey, Glennise Hall, Eliette Majdandzic; Barbara Eadie, Helen McGuiirk, 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.



The coming of the Holy Spirit dramatically changed the lives of these early Christians. The book of Acts is filled with accounts of the early Church's remarkable spiritual impact on the surrounding society. A transformation was so evident that nonbelievers accused the Christians of "turning the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). Such was the dynamic, miraculous power of the Holy Spirit. To fully grasp how God's Spirit can work in our lives, we must comprehend what the Holy Spirit is. It is *not* a person who, along with God the Father and Christ the Son, forms a "Holy Trinity." In Scripture the Holy Spirit is described as the *power* of God at work in our lives (Acts 1:8; Romans 15:13, Romans 15:19), the same power that was at work in the ministry of Jesus Christ (Luke 4:14; Acts 10:38).

Sealed with the Holy Spirit, A seal is an identifying mark often placed on a letter, contract, or another document. It showed that what was in the letter came from the person whose seal was on the outside. In the ancient world, cattle and even slaves were branded with a seal to show whom they belonged. This mark would deter people from stealing them because they had the seal upon them. The Bible uses this term in a few different ways, and when considered together, they help provide a full picture of what Paul is referring to here in Ephesians. In the Old Testament, God set a sign on his chosen ones to mark them out or set them apart as his possession and to keep them from destruction (Ezek. 9:4–6). We read in Rev. 7:3 that God places a seal on his people to identify them and protect them from wrath. We also see that the guards put a large stone over the tomb of Jesus to seal it (Matt. 27:66) and of John being told to seal up the words of the prophecy (Rev. 22:10). This communicates security. We also read of God authenticating the relationship with his seal (John 6:27). This is similar to the concept of Abraham's circumcision serving as a sign and a seal of his righteousness (Rom. 4:11). If we put this together, we see that in the Scriptures, a seal communicates ownership, protection, and a validation of the relationship. But what is the seal in Ephesians 1? The seal is not a "what" but a "who" — take another look at v.13, "you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit is the Christian's seal. He seals his people.



Many thanks to our Catechists for their dedication in teaching religion in the States Schools. Last Tuesday 18th May, Scarlett and her brother Atticus were received to the Catholic Faith.

Mass intentions:
Sun. 8am Souls in Purgatory
Sun. 9.30am For the Parishioners
Mon. Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Deceased Mothers Spiritual or Natural
Wed. +Teresa & Wilhelm
Thurs. Souls in Purgatory
Fri. Souls in Purgatory
Sat. 7.30am Souls in Purgatory
Vigil 5pm: +Dr Patrick Lim Snr and + Patrick Lim Jn

On Tuesday 25th May our Community will be blessed by hosting the Statue of Our Lady to mark Centenary of the foundation of the Legion of Mary. Reception, Acceptance and Enthronement of the Centenary Statue of the Legion of Mary will proceed at 5pm. Please join this special and unique celebration.

Thank you for your prompt response to the call for the working bee this weekend.

At the end of this Financial Year our School Building loan will be fully repaid (\$225K). In order to continue tax-deductible offerings, the Archdiocese encourages parishioners to accept a new Fund known as "Charitable Works Fund Trust" with 30% tax-deductibility. Please note that this is a different fund from the CWF which is still offering tax deduction of 100%. Thank you for your generous support.

Procession to honour Our Lady Help of Christians will begin at 3pm from St. Peter's Surry Hills and proceeds to St. Mary's Cathedral. Please join the procession and prayers at St. Mary's.

Kindergarten candidates' parents meeting with the parish priest at 7 pm in the church hall on: Friday 21st May; final day Friday 28th May.

Art and Craft can be a way to communicate with other people. Explore and identify your talents and take part in the Art and Craft Show from Friday 22nd to Saturday 23rd October in the Church hall. Anyone can participate and there is no age limit. You can sell your art works. More details will be available in following weeks.

Dear Robyn and Terry

May God continue His blessing upon you celebrating 53rd Wedding Anniversary on 6th June. Plurimos Annos.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 30th May at 11am and 2pm and Sunday 13th June at 11am.



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>

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. We are all invited to be mindful that the members (formerly called delegates) will be commissioned and participate in formation sessions in preparation to fulfil their role as members.