

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 2m apart
Our Church is currently closed until restrictions lift.
Masses can be viewed on YouTube:
Streaming: stjosephcomo

Daily Masses: 7.30am **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday** (Saturday: Holy Hour, Confession and Mass); **Tuesday** 5.30pm: Adoration, Novena, Confession, Benediction and 6pm Mass. **First Friday** of the month: 5.30pm 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.

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

Our sick: Steve Smith, Barbara Moore, Jimmy Chandra, David Low, Roger Minshull, Jim Hagley, Elizabeth Kinsela, Ida Melis, Katrina Marinilli, Rita Shah, Julia Lock, Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffey, Glennise Hall, Eliette Majdandzic; Barbara Eadie, 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.

In the Bible we have cases of God's people being forced into isolation, imprisonment, and being cut-off from community. Right from the very beginning in Genesis 3, we see sin enter into God's creation causing Adam and Eve to hide away in shame and socially distancing from God. In Genesis 7 God instructed Noah and his family to go into a 150 day lockdown, for their protection, during a global flood and we see the people of Israel in Exodus 12 being locked in their homes over night as the angel of death passes over. In 1 Samuel 17 the Israelites were stuck in their tents in the Valley of Elah as Goliath mocked them. In 2 Kings 25 Jerusalem was in a lockdown – under siege of King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian army. In Genesis 39 Joseph was incarcerated, so was Samson in Judges 16, the prophet Jeremiah was locked in a cistern, and Daniel was put in the Lions den. We also read in the New Testament of the imprisonment of John the Baptist, Peter, James, John, Silas and Paul. They all spent time in isolation, they all at some point were in lockdown, they all at some point had to live out their faith away from their church family and friends. But always, always, God used such experiences for a greater good! Each time we see a lockdown in scripture we also see "God's will be done" – through either a miraculous escape or rescue, or through the militancy and amplification of the message during the incarceration.

Mass intentions (28th Aug.-3rd Sept.)
Sat. 7.30am + Holy Souls
Vigil 5pm +Thanksgiving
Sun.8am + Lee-Chin Family
Sun. 9.30am. Gloria & Michael (50th)
Mon. +Braxton and Caleb
Tue. +Peter Drewe
Wed. +Philip Low
Thurs. + Ed & Una Laurendet
Fri. + Relief & Deliv. of Holy Souls
 6pm +Adrian Han

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 For Holy Communion please call: 0411 125 357

Church kneelers: donations \$10,500, Total cost \$13,300. Thank you for your generosity.



3rd September 9th Anniversary Episcopal Ordination of Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP.

Pope Francis: 'Liturgy needs to return to center of Christian faith'

Jesus had told His disciples that only those who "eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink."

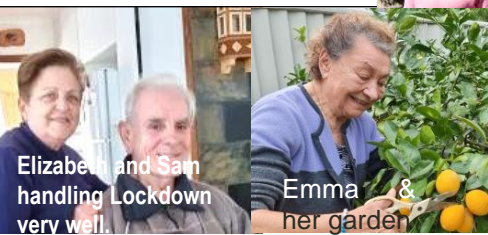
Happy Birthdays to Emilia and Lina



James and Kathy with family



Richard and Mary Clare with family



Elizabeth and Sam handling Lockdown very well.

Emma & her garden



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Lockdown - Staying home. Time together.

Dear Sean, Walter and Michael thank you for your dedication to the church.

Congratulations on 50th Anniversary of Matrimony to Gloria and Michael Alwan



May God Bestow His Blessings Upon You...



Margaret and Ian



Happy 88th Birthday Marie

"Catholic SRE <https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/> New Learning from Home lessons have been uploaded and are available for parents to access across NSW.

Thank you for remembering my birthday last week. Your prayers are so much appreciated. May God bless you all and Our Lady of God protects you all, Fr Jerzy.

1 September – 4 October is the Season of Creation. A worldwide coalition of Christian churches organises and runs this global event which calls for all to pray and act to protect our common home, or God's *Oikos*. The theme for this year is "A Home for All? Renewing the *Oikos* of God". An *Oikos* is a Greek concept of family and their place of belonging. All Christians are urged to celebrate the season and go beyond their denomination. "As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common role as caretakers of God's creation. We see that our wellbeing is interwoven with its wellbeing. We rejoice in this opportunity to care for our common home and the sisters and brothers who share it." www.seasonofcreation.org