

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** 5.00pm: 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.

Google: **Sydney Centre for Evangelisation**

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

**12 September: Safeguarding and Child Protection Sunday.**

Mass intentions (11.-17 Sept.)  
**Sat. 7.30am** + Holy Souls in Purgatory.  
**Vigil 5pm** Personal intention  
**Sun.8am** + Fr Anthony Simari  
**Sun. 9.30am.** +Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**Mon.** For the int. of Z. King  
**Tue.** For the intercession of Our Lady  
**Wed.** + Deceased from the Han Family  
**Thurs.** For the intentions of the Family  
**Fri.** + Holy Souls in Purgatory



Pope Francis praised the work of researchers and scientists in producing safe and effective Covid-19 vaccines. "Thanks to God's grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from Covid-19." He added that vaccines "bring hope to end the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we collaborate with one another." Pope Francis went on to say that getting a Covid-19 jab is an "act of love." Helping others do the same, he said, is also an act of love. "Love for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples. Love is also social and political." "Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable," he said. "No matter how small, love is always grand," he said. "Small gestures for a better future."

On 1st September began the annual Season of Creation. Pope Francis is inviting everyone to pray for "environmentally sustainable lifestyles that are simpler and more respectful of the environment."

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14th Sept.: Feast of **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. In the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem to visit the holy places. She demolished the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which was built over the Saviour's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the cross which Jesus died on was identified when a dying woman got healed by touching it.



In October 2020, Pope Francis asked to pray the Rosary and the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. Therefore, we pray to St. Michael At the conclusion of Sunday Mass to save the Church from the evil of the clerical and religious misconduct and scandals, the loss of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, the loss of practicing Catholics, the loss of faith in the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, and those who encourage euthanasia.

The Archdiocese of Sydney's Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office has released a series of resources aimed at helping children and teenagers feel safe and to strengthen their mental and spiritual wellbeing under the added pressures of the current COVID-19 lockdown. See the Archdiocese website.

Our prayers and sincere condolences to the Carpenter Family at the loss of their mother and grandmother Violette. May She Rest in Peace.

'Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.' (Rom 13.1). Democracy term originates from the Greek word (*dēmokratía*), which translates to "rule of the people". This term was used around 400 BC.

Pope Francis met with a delegation of the "Leaders Pour la Paix" (Leaders for Peace) Foundation, on Saturday, 4th Sept, 2021. The Pontiff encouraged the Paris-based group in their work of helping leaders and citizens to address critical issues and opportunities for peace and creating a more just and fraternal worldwide society.

"Catholic SRE Learning from Home" materials, : <https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

[www.no euthanasia.org.au/tell\\_gladys\\_stop\\_euthanasia](http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/tell_gladys_stop_euthanasia)

Plenary Council. Instrumentum Laboris (Working Document) of the Plenary Council due to meet in October (3-10) affirms: "We honour and acknowledge the continuing spiritual relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation. The Document provides an opportunity for the Catholic Church in Australia to make a public response to "The Statement from the Heart" and increase prospects for collaboration with local Indigenous communities around the country.

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**Online Holy Hour;** Date: Thu 30 Sept. 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
[www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)

Child Protection Week (6-12 Sept.) Safeguarding Office invited Children from the Archdiocese to submit drawings of various emoji-type faces depicting numerous emotions. From these submissions, selected winners' emojis are displayed on the Children's resources. From our Parish, **Ellie McGowan's** work was selected for an outstanding effort. Congratulations.

**Dear Catechists, a certificate of full vaccination will be required prior to entering classrooms for religious instructions.**

Catholic News "Exaudi" reports the activities of the Pope and of the Church.

Church kneelers: donations \$11,550. Total cost \$13,300. Thank you for generous support of the project.

Volunteer in Australia and Overseas - The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco. We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - [www.cagliari.org.au](http://www.cagliari.org.au)