

<p>We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation.</p>	<p><b>Mass Intentions (11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Dec)</b>                  Sat.7.30am+The Relief and deliverance of Holy Souls                  Vigil 5pm +Souls in Purgatory                  Sun.8am +Jaroslav Kollar                  Sun. 9.30am. Pro Populo                  Mon. +Patrick Lim Jnr                  Tue. +Dr Patrick Lim Snr                  Wed. +Deceased Members of FOSS                  Thurs. For victims of Covid-19                  Fri. In honour of the Passion of Jesus in the Garden</p>	<p><b>Friday 24/12/21 Christmas Eve: Vigil for children 4pm; Vigil 6pm; Night Mass 11pm;</b>  <b>Saturday 25/12/21 Christmas Day: 8am; 9:30am; Vigil 5pm;</b>  <b>Sunday 26/12/21 (Boxing Day) 8am; 9:30am</b></p>		<p>Please support our retired priests by placing your gifts into the provided Christmas Offering envelopes. God bless you for your kindness.</p>
<p><b>COVID-19 Safety Plan:</b> 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. 6) vaccination advisable.                   Masses can be viewed on YouTube: Streaming: stjosephcomo</p>	<p>Pre-Christmas Penitential Rite for all. There will be an opportunity for individual reconciliation.                  Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm.</p>	<p>This 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday on the month, Divine Mercy Mass at 3pm with the prayers to the Divine Mercy.</p>	<p>Lectio Divina, Tuesdays 10:30am -11am, meeting room</p>	
<p><b>Daily Masses:</b> 7:30am <b>Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday</b> (Saturday: Holy Hour, Confession and Mass); <b>Tuesday</b> 5:30pm: Adoration, Novena, Confession, Benediction and 6pm Mass. <b>First Friday</b> of the month: 5:30pm Holy Hour and 6pm Mass.   <b>Weekend Mass times: Saturday:</b> Vigil 5pm <b>Sunday:</b> 8am, 9:30am and <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> of the month at 3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction and Mass. <b>Baptisms after 9:30 Mass</b>                   Marriage and Baptism inquiries please contact Parish Office.</p>	<p>"The Lord never lets us down."                  Pope Francis.</p>		<p>Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Peace. We light it along with the Candle of Hope again as we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfil all of God's promises and brings us everlasting peace and joy.                  Today we light the Third Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us, we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth. Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle, we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.  <b>Let us pray:</b> Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.</p>	
<p>Google: <a href="#">Sydney Centre for Evangelisation</a></p>	<p>"God's Word for every day 2022" books are available in our shop for \$15 each. Good gift for Christmas.</p> <p>The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the <i>Magnificat</i> canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. See below...</p>		<p>Life is a constant Advent: we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfill... Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfillment are all part of our Advent experience. The World is not as just, not as loving, not as it should be. But the coming of Christ and his presence among us give us reason to live in hope that the light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned.</p>	
<p>"Catholic SRE Learning from Home" materials; <a href="https://www.cress.org.au/learnin-g-from-home-sre-lessons/">https://www.cress.org.au/learnin-g-from-home-sre-lessons/</a></p>	<p>17<sup>th</sup> "Come, O Wisdom of God Most High, and fill our hearts with your word of truth.                  18<sup>th</sup> "Come, O Giver of the Law, that we may be strengthened by your mighty power.                  19<sup>th</sup> "Come, O Flower of Jesse's Root, that we may be made fruitful witnesses of your love.                  20<sup>th</sup> "Come, O Key of David, to unlock the darkness of sin and free us by your grace.                  21<sup>st</sup> "Come, O Radiant Dawn, sun of justice, and fill us with Your saving light.                  22<sup>nd</sup> "Come O King of the Nations, and bind us all together in the unity and peace we seek.                  23<sup>rd</sup> "Come, O Emmanuel, presence of God among us, and fill our hearts with every good gift.  <b>Prayer: Lord Jesus, we approach that holy moment when Your coming as man is renewed in our hearts. Give us peace and allow us to celebrate Your presence with joy and peace. Amen.</b></p>		<p><b>Rejoice! Don't worry!</b>                  (St. Paul; <i>Philippians 4:4-7</i>)</p>	
<p>St. Joseph's Como is a <i>Community that cares</i> for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at (02) 9390 5810 or <a href="mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org">safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org</a>.</p>	<p>Citing Homer, Aristotle and the Hippocratic Oath, the Pope Francis stressed that participatory democracy arose in Greece. Yet we cannot avoid noting with concern how today, and not only in Europe, we are witnessing a retreat from democracy. Threats to democracy, he said, include authoritarianism, populism, distance of institutions and bureaucracy. (Athens last week).</p>	<p>Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022. Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools. Please find out more about the work catechists do, whether at primary or secondary level: <a href="https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org">https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org</a> "Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've done"</p>		
<p><b>Our sick</b> Drago Mikan.; 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, Elette Majdandzic; Dragica Furda, May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, 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>Scan the barcode on the left with your mobile phone camera and follow the instructions therein.  <a href="https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/COMOOYSTERBAYPARISH">https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/COMOOYSTERBAYPARISH</a></p>	<p>Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022. Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools. Please find out more about the work catechists do, whether at primary or secondary level: <a href="https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org">https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org</a> "Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've done"</p>		