

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. 6) vaccination advisable.

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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#)

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

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** 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, Eliette 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.

**Mass Intentions (25th Dec – 31st Dec.)**

Sat. 7.30am For Holy Souls  
Vigil 5pm +Souls in Purgatory  
Sun. 8am +Paul Lim  
Sun. 9.30am. Piort Wladek Juran  
Mon. +Holy Souls  
Tue. +Souls in Purgatory  
Wed. +Deceased Members of FOSS  
Thurs. +Souls in Purgatory  
Fri. December Birthdays



Although little is known about the lives of the Holy Family from canonical sources, it has been a source of great interest among Christians for hundreds of years. During the 1490s, veneration of the Holy Family gained in popularity and it became a central focus for many works of art of the time. Since 1921, the Feast of the Holy Family has been a liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church—ever since it was added into the liturgical calendar by Pope Benedict

XV. Ever since 1969, the Feast Of The Holy Family has been celebrated in the General Roman Calendar and during the season of Christmastide. During the 15th and 16th centuries, artists became fascinated by the Holy Family as a subject. This was especially true in Italian Renaissance painting and through Flemish Renaissance and Dutch paintings. This coincided with an increased interest in Joseph during this time and resulted in an uptick of devotion to Jesus' foster-father as well. This was most likely due to a correction of the Medieval view of Joseph as being somewhat of a comic figure.



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*Dear Parishioners.*  
*At this sacred time of the year, I wish to extend to you and your loved ones Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year. While we might recall difficult times and frustrations in 2021, we continue with faith, love, joy and hope, in 2022. The generosity of your gifts given to the Lord, are modeled upon what the Three Kings presented to the newborn King. The times spent on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Cenacle, the Daily Masses and Rosary prayers, devotions to the Divine Mercy, our Lady of Perpetual Help, First Fridays of the month and on many other occasions given time by you to the Lord, are much inspiring. The talents you share from ministering at Masses to making others feel Christ's compassion, and love by visiting the home-bound, bringing a meal or just a smile to many, is remarkable. All you offer in support and sustenance of our Parish, as well as shaping its future, is indeed a blessing to all. At "this most wonderful time of the year" may you and your loved ones find joy and fulfillment as surely did Mary and Joseph. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill. God Bless you all.*  
*Fr Jerzy*

**Thank you for your support with Christmas donations given to our Retired Pastors.**

I can't think of anything much sadder than a child missing out on a Christmas present, if there is, it's a mum or dad not being able to provide one or a special meal to share on Christmas Day. Well thanks to the generosity of the Oyster Bay parishioners, the school and wider community, the St Vincent de Paul members were able to deliver hampers to 43 families in our local area doing it tough.



The hampers included everything from ham, tinned and fresh food to toys and gift cards to ensure no one in need went without, already we have witnessed tears of joy and gratitude. Our members did much more than that, we brought with us the true message of Christmas.... the message of hope and love. I would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our mission. Merry Christmas. God bless. Regards. Tony Cranney

**Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will be conducted on the Epiphany Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> January). Thank you for your generosity.**

*Many people often think that a new pet will make the perfect Christmas gift, but these animals are often surrendered or simply abandoned after the festive season. Some of the most common reasons given to the RSPCA by those surrendering animals are that they don't have time to look after them, or that they were given to them as a gift and they don't want to keep them.*

We can acknowledge the idea that "family" doesn't always refer to people who are related by blood or genes or shared residency. We can embrace the idea that family is about love, which doesn't have to be limited to a rare few but can be extended broadly to many. (Christmas thought)