

<p>We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation.</p>	<p>Mass Intentions (1st – 7th Jan.)</p> <p>Sat. .7.30am For Holy Souls Vigil 5pm +Souls in Purgatory Sun. .8am Prop Populo Sun. 9.30am. + FOSS Mon. + Pearl & Laurie Sherwood Tue. Dantis Wed. +Deceased Mems of FOSS Thurs. +Souls in Purgatory Fri. 7.30am Dantis 6 pm + Adrain Han</p>		<p>1st January, Feast of the Mother of God.</p> <p>The Virgin Mary is the Theotokos, the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son and Word of God. She conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. She was cared for by her betrothed husband, Joseph, who took the child and his mother into his home as his own. One very strong tradition in the Orthodox Church holds that the birth of Jesus was also miraculous and left Mary's virginity intact as a sign; it is also the tradition of the Church that Joseph and Mary did not have relations after the birth of Jesus. She is also called Panagia, the "All-Holy," indicating her closeness to God in her obedience. The title <i>Theotokos</i> is a Greek word that means "God-bearer" or "Birth-giver to God."</p>	
<p>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) wear a face mask 7) vaccination advisable.</p> <p>Masses can be viewed on YouTube: Streamina: stiosephcomo</p>		<p>The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 528) says, The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. Epiphany is a Feast Day within the Church's liturgical celebration of Christmas. In the current Western tradition, we associate it with the "Visit of the Magi," or visitors from the East recounted in Matthew's Gospel (Mt 2:1-12). Epiphany takes its name from the Greek <i>epiphania</i>, a manifestation. Jesus, born quietly in Bethlehem's stable, is revealed, or made manifest, as the Son of God. In the recognition of Him by the Magi, the Christ, He is revealed to the "nations" (Is 42:6; Is 60: 1-6; Psalm 72:11). The Feast Day is associated with three events in the life of Christ when His divinity shines through His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan (Mt 3); and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, (Jn 2). The latter two of these were designated as Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002. In these "Mysteries of Light," we meditate on the revelation of Jesus as the Divine Son of the Father.</p>	<p>Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal is conducted today, on Epiphany Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.</p>	
<p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Marriage and Baptism inquiries please contact Parish Office.</p>	<p>The three Gifts of the Magi have great spiritual meanings: the gold was a symbol of kingship on earth, the frankincense (a type of incense) symbolised the Godhead, and the myrrh (used as an embalming oil) was a symbol of death — foretelling the death of Christ.</p>	<p>Have a good rest.</p>	<p>One tradition on Epiphany involves blessed chalk that is used to mark the doorways of our homes with the year (2022) and the initials of the traditional names of the Three Kings: Caspar Melchior and Balthasar. The chalk is blessed by a priest. Families can take the blessed chalk home and the "head of the house," marks the frame with the date and initials: 20 + C + M + B + 22. The practice invokes a blessing on those who live in this house, and in remembrance of the Magi, all visitors to the home.</p>	<p>House Blessing Prayer: <i>"Bless this house, O Lord, and all who dwell here. May we be blessed with good health, righteousness of heart, humility and obedience to Your commandments. Fill us with the Light of Christ, so that our charity may extend to all who enter here. Amen"</i></p> <p>For the blessing of the dwelling place please use Blessed Water.</p>
<p>Google: Sydney Centre for Evangelisation</p> <p>"Catholic SRE Learning from Home" materials; https://www.cress.org.au/learnin-g-from-home-sre-lessons/</p>	<p>Happy and Blessed New Year 2022</p>	<p>The Roman Janus was a god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways and endings. He was usually depicted as having two faces: one looking backwards, the other forward. The month of January is named after him. Janus also symbolised changes and transitions such as the progress of past to future, from one condition to another, from one vision to another, and young people's growth to adulthood.</p>	<p>Have a good rest.</p>	<p>"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die life is a broken-winged bird, that cannot fly". — Langston Hughes</p> <p>Comet Leonard, which last passed by earth 80,000 years ago, has been dazzling the night sky before Christmas, and there's only a few days left to see the celestial object before it disappears forever.</p>
<p>St. Joseph's Como is a <i>Community that cares for safeguarding children</i>. Safeguarding Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.</p>				<p>Pope Francis prayed last Saturday for an end to the coronavirus pandemic, using his Christmas Day address to urge health care for all, vaccines for the poor and for dialogue to prevail in resolving the world's conflicts.</p>
<p>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.</p>				<p>Scan the barcode on the left with your mobile phone camera and follow the instructions therein. https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/COMOOYSTERBAYPARISH</p>