

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 **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](#)

"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 (4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Dec)  
Sat. 7.30am: +The Relief and deliverance of Holy Souls  
Vigil 5pm: +Souls in Purgatory  
Sun. 8am: +Holy Souls  
Sun. 9.30am: Pro Populo  
Mon.: +Dantis  
Tue. Angie & Terence newly wedded  
Wed. +Deceased Members of FOSS  
6pm: +Jose Chueng Sik Sang  
Thurs.: For victims of Covid-19  
Fri.: In honour of the Passion of Jesus in the Garden

O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to You.



Revelation of the Miraculous Medal by the Virgin Mary to St. Catherine Labouré in Paris, 1830, preceded the dogma on Immaculate Conception of BVM.



The Peace and Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with You Bob on this Blessed Day. Wishing you Happy Birthday, we pray that you can continue, at any time and circumstances to serve others in His name. Plurimos Annos...Many Happy Returns.

**Advent** encourages us to take a break from the noise and seek a lasting sense of peace and wholeness in our hearts.



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: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/> "Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've done".



Scan the barcode on the left with your mobile phone camera and follow the instructions therein.  
<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/COMOOYSTERBAYPARISH>

During this Advent we are invited to support our retired priests by placing our gifts into the provided Christmas Offering envelopes. God bless, for your kindness.



On 8<sup>th</sup> December, at 7:00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, the Elect Bishop Daniel Meagher will be ordained a bishop for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Let us pray for the future ministry of the Elect Bishop Daniel.

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec Masses: 7:30am and 6:00pm.**

**On December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is a feast celebrating Mary's conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St Anne. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that, "from the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of mankind, kept free from all stain of original sin." The observance of this feast began with a Papal encyclical by Pope Pius IX, when he formally defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, Ineffabilis Deus, on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1854.

**Pre-Christmas Penitential Rite for all, including an opportunity for individual reconciliation. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm.**

**Lectio Divina, Tuesdays 10:30am -11 am, meeting room, library.**

The iWitness Conference was the response of the young people to World Youth Day being held here in Sydney in 2008. iWitness now has a reputation for being a much-loved annual Conference for young Catholics. It is run entirely by young adult volunteers and the costs are covered through ticket sales and sponsorship from generous donors and various Church organisations. The target audience is 18-35 year old Catholics from the Sydney region, and most attendees come from the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Diocese of Parramatta, Broken Bay, and Wollongong. The theme is "Launch out into the deep", taken from the Gospel of Luke. iWitness is a jam-packed, Spirit-filled conference with inspiring talks, beautiful liturgy, perpetual adoration, food, awesome games and recreation, and opportunities for friendship and fellowship with other young Catholics aged 18-35ish from around Sydney and beyond. Come along and set aside some time from your busy schedule and nourish your faith.

**When:** 10th-12th December 2021  
**Where:** The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops  
**Who:** young adults aged 18-39  
**Cost:** \$240  
For more information: [www.iwitnessconference.com](http://www.iwitnessconference.com)  
More information can be found at our website and our Facebook event:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/896032817478035/>

**Second week of Advent:** Preparing for Peace: "A voice cries out in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

**Leader:** Our response is "O God, give us your peace".  
**(L)** Restore us O God of our Salvation **(R)** "O God, give us your peace". **(L):** In anticipation we prepare for your coming; **Breathe life into us that we may rejoice in you. (R)** "O God, give us your peace". **(L):** Amidst rising hopes we turn to you, O God; **Show us your steadfast love. (R)** "O God, give us your peace" **(L):** Lord, let us hear your Words in our time and place; **Speak to your people. (R)** "O God, give us your peace".

*(Light two purple candles on Advent Wreath.)*

**Prayer:** Faithful God, help us prepare our heart and home for the birth of the Savior. Show us how to make the path of our lives and our world peace-filled, so that we can joyfully receive the Messiah. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.