

<p>We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation.</p>	<p>Mass Intentions (15th – 21st Jan.) Sat. 7.30am Jan. Birthday Celebrants Vigil 5pm: For all Priests Sun. 8am: +Thanksgiving Sun. 9.30am: +Pro Populo Mon.: +Souls in Purgatory Tue.: +Holy Souls Wed.: +Julian & Alexandra Thurs.: +Grant & Toni Madden Fri.: +Souls in Purgatory</p>	<p>Pope Francis said "Caring for our brothers and sisters means caring for the home we share. This responsibility is essential to a life of virtue" (LS 217). The Dicastery (Office) for Promoting Integral Human Development's Laudato Si' for our institutions, communities, and families to learn and grow together as we all journey towards full sustainability in the holistic spirit of integral ecology. You are warmly invited to join this community. Your unique "culture, experience, involvements, and talents" are needed on our journey towards greater love for our Creator, each other, and the home we share. (LS 14) https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/</p>	<p><i>Reclaiming Evangelisation</i> Series Continues with Dr Mary Healy Live Online, Saturday 12 February 2022, 10 – 11:30am. You are invited to attend Dr Mary Healy's live online address to the faithful of Sydney on the topic 'Why Make Disciples? What Scripture tells us about calling and forming disciples.' Dr Mary Healy is a professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, as well as an accomplished author and international speaker. Registrations essential via www.gomakedisciples.org.au</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) vaccination advisable.</p> <p>Masses can be viewed on YouTube: Streaming: stjosephcomo</p>	<p>Faith, Hope and Love</p>	<p>The Synod of Bishops consultation has now commenced and parishioners are invited to gather in small groups to discuss one or more of the topics for the Synod. This is a low-key discussion with responses invited to the National Team by February 27. If you require more information, can you please contact Sr. Jo Brady RSJ Plenary Council/Synod Liaison Support Officer at jo.brady@sdneycatholic.org</p> <p>Historically, many sports developed as part of religious festivals; Sport is often used as a metaphor for religious striving; Sporting events evoke passionate commitment similar to that of religious festivals; ... Both religion and sport convey their message by means of powerful symbols. (1Tim 4:8; 2 Tim 2:5; 1Cor 10:31; 1Cor 9:25; MT 23:12)</p>	<p>St. Agnes of Rome was born in 291 AD and raised in a Christian family. Agnes was very beautiful and belonged to a wealthy family. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high-ranking men. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Whenever a man wished to marry Agnes, she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse. According to legend, the young men she turned away became so angry and insulted by her devotion to God and purity that they began to submit her name to authorities as a Christian follower. In one incident, Prokop, the Governor's son, became very angry when she refused him. He tried to win her for his wife with rich gifts and promise. Without success, Prokop accused her of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny God, but Agnes refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains, but her lovely face shone with joy. The stories go on to explain that another man presided over Agnes' trial after Sempronius excused himself. The new man sentenced Agnes to death. At first, Agnes was tied to a stake, but either the wood would not burn or the flames parted away from her. This prompted an officer to draw his sword and behead the girl. It is believed that her blood, which poured out to the stadium, was soaked up with cloths by Christians. She died a virgin-martyr at the age of 12 or 13 on 21 January 304. Her feast day is celebrated on January 21. On her feast day, it is customary for two lambs to be brought in to be blessed by the pope. On Holy Thursday the lambs' wool is removed and woven into the pallium the pope gives to a newly consecrated archbishop as a sign of his power and union with the pope.</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>On Australia Day (26th Jan.) we remember the arrival of the first fleet to Australia and the subsequent occupation of the land by the settlers. It is an opportunity to celebrate the courage, energy, generosity and wisdom shown in the development of Australia. It is also an occasion to remember the loss suffered by the first owners of the land, the brutality of their dispossession, and their bravery, endurance and persistence in the face of disadvantage. Those two conflicting aspects of our founding story mean that Australia Day can never be an occasion of completely joyful celebration. It is a time for reflection on who we are as Nation and what matters to us.</p>	<p>We are grateful for all the ways that God has blessed us during this past year. Let us pray that we will experience His love and care in the coming year.</p>
<p>Google: Sydney Centre for Evangelisation</p> <p>"Catholic SRE Learning from Home" materials; https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/</p>	<p>Thank you, Lord, for this holiday time.</p>	<p>Recently, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to pray for those facing religious discrimination and persecution. The Pope called religious persecution "inhuman" and "insane."</p>	<p>We are grateful for all the ways that God has blessed us during this past year. Let us pray that we will experience His love and care in the coming year.</p>
<p>St. Joseph's Como is a <i>Community that cares for safeguarding children</i>. Safeguarding Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@syneycatholic.org.</p>	<p>Dear Lord, may all be well.</p>	<p>Commemoration of Saint Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking, on Tuesday 8 February 2022, the Catholic Anti-Slavery Day.</p>	<p>Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day. World Day of the Sick was first observed on February 11, 1993.</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, Josephine Marinilli, Steven Marinilli and all homebound and dear friends from Mildred Symons House.</p>	<p>Commemoration of Saint Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking, on Tuesday 8 February 2022, the Catholic Anti-Slavery Day.</p>	<p>Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day. World Day of the Sick was first observed on February 11, 1993.</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>