

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 Minshall, 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.

**Mass Intentions (22nd– 28th Jan.)**

Sat. 7.30am Dantis  
Vigil 5pm: For all Priests  
Sun. 8am: +Thanksgiving  
Sun. 9.30am: +Pro Populo  
Mon.: +Souls in Purgatory  
Tue.: +Holy Souls  
Wed.: +John & Praxeda  
Thurs.: +Teresa & Wilhelm  
Fri.: +Souls in Purgatory



God bless Australia

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 R SJ Plenary Council/Synod Liaison Support Officer at [jo.brady@sdneycatholic.org](mailto:jo.brady@sdneycatholic.org)



Photos from 2017/ 2018

**On Australia Day** 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.



“We are one, but we are many and from all the lands on earth we come. We share a dream and sing with one voice: I am, you are, we are Australian.”



“Once upon a time there was a tavern Where we used to raise a glass or two Remember how we laughed away the hours And dreamed of all the great things we would do Those were the days my friend We thought they'd never end We'd sing and dance forever and a day We'd live the life we choose We'd fight and never lose For we were young and sure to have our way. ..” (Mary Hopkin – 1968)



St. Thomas Aquinas (28<sup>th</sup> Jan) (c. 1225 - 1274) was an Italian philosopher and theologian of the Medieval period. He was the foremost classical proponent of natural theology at the peak of Scholasticism in Europe, and the founder of the Thomistic School of philosophy and theology.

**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.**

The religious discrimination bill differs from similar existing laws despite advocates of the bill claiming otherwise. The federal parliamentary committee on human rights began its third hearing on a religious discrimination bill controversially introduced to parliament in the final sitting weeks of 2021. Introducing the bill in November, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said it would fix a weakness in Australia's discrimination laws. He compared the bill to existing sex, racial, disability, and age discrimination laws.



*Reclaiming Evangelisation* 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](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au)

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul (25<sup>th</sup> Jan) inspired St Vincent de Paul to establish the Congregation of the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers in 1625. From the Weekly reflection of St. Vincent de Paul: “On the day of the conversion of St. Paul, which is the 25<sup>th</sup>, this lady asked me” —said Father Vincent— “to have a sermon in the church of Folleville to exhort its inhabitants to the general confession. So, I did. I preached them on its importance and usefulness, and then I taught them how to do it properly. And God had so much appreciation of the confidence and good faith of that lady (for the great number and enormity of my sins would have prevented the fruit of that action), that He blessed my words and all those people were so touched by God that they went to make their general confession”.

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