

<p>We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation.</p>	<p>Mass Intentions (29th Jan-4th Feb.) Sat. 7.30am Dantis Vigil 5pm: Dantis Sun. 8am: +Dr Patrick Lim Snr Sun. 9.30am: +Pro Populo Mon.: +Souls in Purgatory Tue.: +Holy Souls Wed.: +Josephine & Joseph Thurs.: + Joseph R. Manezes Fri.: +Walter & Trude 6pm: +Adrain Han</p>	<p>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd Feb) is mentioned in St. Luke Gospel (2:22-40). Child Jesus was taken to the Temple for ritual of circumcision and ritual of the purification of the Virgin Mary after child birth according to the Mosaic Law. Every Jewish boy child must be circumcised and named on the eighth day after the birth. Circumcision was so holy to the Jews at that time that it must be done even on the Sabbath day. There was also a ceremony called "Redemption" of the First born (Num 18:16). Five shekels have to be paid to the priest by the parents of the boy to ceremoniously redeem back the child from God. Purification after child birth is necessary for mother. She is considered as unclean for 40 days after child birth if the child is male and unclean for 80 days if the child was female. In the purification ceremony, the mother should bring a lamb for burn offering and young pigeon for a sin offering. If she could not afford a lamb, she can bring another pigeon. If two pigeons were brought, it was considered as the offering of the poor. Mother Mary brought the offering of the poor.</p>	<p>On behalf of the St Joseph's St Vincent de Paul conference, I wanted to extend our sincere thanks to you, the parishioners and school community for, once again, generously supporting us in our mission. This year's Christmas appeal raised a total of \$6,652.53. Over the Christmas period we have spent \$4,830.00 on hampers which we delivered to 43 families bringing relief and joy while attempting to be a conduit for Christ's love. The balance of money from the Christmas appeal will be used to support all of those who call upon us in their hour of need right throughout the year. Once again thanks very much for all of your generosity. Yours in Christ. Tony Cranney, President.</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; 7) wear a mask; 6) vaccination advisable.</p> <p>Masses can be viewed on YouTube: Streaming: stjosephcomo</p>	<p>St. Blaise (3rd Feb) lived in the third century A.D. when emperor Licinius was the Byzantine emperor. Blaise was the first mentioned in the medical writings of Aetius Amidenus at the end of the fifth century. Blaise was born in the noble Christian family. One day a small boy who had a fish bone stuck in his throat, was brought to him and Blaise healed him when the boy was about to die. Blaise became a bishop of Sebastia</p>	<p>While persecutions erupted, he ran for safety to the hills. A hunter who came to the hills for hunting, captured Blaise and took him to the Governor for trial for his faith in Christ. Blaise was martyred in Cappadocia Agricola in 316 A.D. He became a patron of animals and is invoked for throat illnesses.</p>	<p>The Vatican asks Catholic bishops to invite local Orthodox and Protestant leaders to participate in the diocesan stage of the two-year process leading to the 2023 Synod on Synodality. "The dialogue between Christians of different confessions, united by one baptism, has a special place in the synodal journey," the Vatican sources explained on Jan. 17. "Indeed, both synodality and ecumenism are processes of 'walking together.'"</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>Catechist Sunday to be celebrated Sunday 6th February. Our local Catechists will speak at the weekend Masses</p>	<p>On St. Agatha's day 5th February, there is an ancient custom to have a blessing of bread to her honor. This bread is not to be eaten. Instead, it is, after tradition, to be kept in order to protect homes against the fire or other natural tragedies or situations.</p> <p>Please bring some bread for blessing.</p>	<p>Welcome back to the community. Take care of one another, as "visitor Omicron" is still among us.</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>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></p>	<p>On 2nd Feb. please bring candles for the blessing.</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></p>	<p>Pope Francis has announced that American Archbishop Charles Balvo, a veteran of the Vatican's diplomatic service for more than 30 years, will serve as the next Apostolic Nuncio to Australia.</p>  <p>Charles Daniel Balvo (born 29 June 1951) is an American archbishop.</p>	<p>Chinese New Year, Spring Festival or the Lunar New Year is the festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional Lunar Chinese calendar. In Chinese culture and East-Asian countries, the festival is commonly referred to as Spring Festival.</p> <p>新年快乐 (xīnnián kuàilè, "Happy New Year")</p> <p>On the 1st of February we welcome the Year of the Tiger.</p> <p>Dutch painter and artist, Van Gogh, once ignored in his Lutheran Church he no longer took the Bible literally, he found inspiration in Scripture's "lofty ideas." Christ-haunted, he regarded Jesus as "a greater artist than all other artists" because his medium wasn't marble, clay, or color, but "living flesh." Every corner of creation pulses with divinity. "I think sometimes I see something deeper, more infinite, more eternal than the ocean in the expression of the eyes of a little baby when it wakes in the morning," he wrote, adding, "All nature seems to speak. I do not understand why everyone does not see and feel it; nature or God does it for everyone who has eyes and ears and a heart to understand."</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p></p>	<p></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> 