

<p>We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation.</p>	<p>Mass Intentions (19th -25th Feb.) Sat. 7.30am Holy Souls; Vigil 5pm: Holy Souls; Sun. 8am: + Holy Souls in Purgatory; Sun. 9.30am: +Pro Populo; Mon.: +Souls in Purgatory; Tue.: +Cecilia Han Wed.: +Vincent Hage; Thurs.: +Souls in Purgatory Fri.: +Michael Han</p>	<p>Lent begins each year on Ash Wednesday, 46 days before Easter Sunday. This year Lent will start on March 2, 2022; and will end on Holy Saturday, April 16th, 2022. The season of Lent provides an opportunity for us to strengthen spiritual discipline together. Rather than engaging in the distraction of the baskets and egg hunts, Lent can help us focus on the real meaning of Easter and what Jesus' sacrifice means for our salvation.</p>	<p>Become a Catechist or a Helper. Many Catholic children are in public primary and high schools. Please share with them the hope and joy that Jesus brings and become a catechist or helper. Resources and training are provided by our CCD Faith Education officers. Find out more about the work catechists do here, https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org You can also talk to Fr. Jerzy or our parish secretary Anne on 9528 0205. "Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've ever done. I feel overjoyed when the children's faces light up as I walk into the classroom." Tony.</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. Masses can be viewed on YouTube: Streaming: stjosephcomo</p>	<p>Confirmation Masses on Sunday 15th May at 11.00am and 2.00pm. There will be a general Group Information session held this year for Confirmation via zoom on Thursday 10th March at 6:30pm. Log-in details will be sent closer to the date so please mark the date in your calendar.</p>	<p>Lent Dates for 2022 Ash Wednesday: March 2 Palm Sunday: April10 Holy Monday: April 11 Holy Tuesday: April 12 Holy Wednesday: April 13 Maudy Thursday: April 14 Good Friday: April 15 Holy Saturday: April 16 Easter Sunday: April 17</p>	<p>Lent is a shortened version of the Old English word 'lencten', a word which simply means spring (in relation to the season). It is thought to have Germanic roots and seems likely to have been used to describe the season when the days began to lengthen, signifying new life and renewal. Over time, the word Lent came to be linked specifically to the Christian tradition of fasting before Easter, which always coincided with the spring."</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. 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.</p>	<p>Marriage Preparation Course: Engaged Encounter. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit our website: www.engagedencounter.org.au Choose any of the coming Weekends: Feb 19-20, Apr 30 - May 01, Aug 06-07, Nov 12-13 If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.</p>	 <p>Michele and Sean are grateful for the Lord's blessings on 58th Anniversary of Marriage. 22nd Feb.</p>	<p>Sacrament of Confession. At the heart of the mystery of the Sacrament of Confession is a question: "Where are you?" (Gen 3:9). This is the first question that God asks Adam after the first sin. It is also the first question that God asks in the Bible. It is not as though God did not actually know where Adam was hiding. His question was an opportunity: an opportunity to confess. Adam, like many of us when we sin, responds by pointing the finger: "It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it" (Gen 3:12). Eve also points the finger: "The serpent tempted me and I ate" (Gen 3:13). Imagine God asking you the same question as you begin this Lenten Season: "Where are you?"</p>
<p>Google: Sydney Centre for Evangelisation</p>	 <p>Brendan & Maddison with their parents, after the Nuptial Mass last Saturday.</p>	<p>The first remark of a 40-day period of fasting in preparation for Easter is seen in the Canons of Nicaea (AD 325). It is considered that the custom may have arisen from the early church tradition of baptismal aspirants enduring a 40-day period of fasting in preparation for their baptism at Easter. Through the early centuries of Christianity, the Lenten fast was very stringent but loosened over time.</p>	<p>Prayer For example, attending weekday Mass; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary. Conversion in relation to oneself. Fasting For example, not eating meat, sweets or dessert; giving up social media or limiting time spent on smart phones or technology. Conversion in relation to others Almsgiving For example, giving to or helping someone in need – the poor, sick, elderly or someone who is struggling.</p>
<p>"Catholic SRE Learning from Home" materials.: https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/</p>	 <p>Safeguarding Refresher Training Safeguarding Refresher Training (required by the Archdiocese) is now due for all volunteers in our Parish. Refresher Training will be held, in a COVID safe manner, on Saturday 19th March 2022 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in the Church Hall. Registration via the Parish Office.</p>	<p>The Liturgy Office is planning to resume formation courses for Readers, Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Our church needs more participants in the above ministries. Please contact parish office as soon as possible for more details and registration.</p>	<p>The Lenten Companion. Printed booklets are available. The book contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday. www.gomakedisciples.org.au. Collect your copy from the Office.</p>
<p>St. Joseph's Como is a <i>Community that cares</i> for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.</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>			