

<p>We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation.</p>	<p>Mass Intentions (16th April – 22nd April) Sat. 7.30am No Mass; Vigil 5pm †Holy Souls; Sun. 8am †Muszynski & Kotowski Families: 9.30am: Pro Populo Mon: †For Deceased Priests; Tue: Holy Souls FOSS Wed: †Holy Souls.; Thurs: O'Connor Family'; Fri: †Souls in Purgatory</p>	<p>Become a Catechist or a Helper. Resources and training are provided by our CCD Faith Education officers. https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org "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) sanitise hands on entry; 3) sanitise seats after each service; 4) social distancing 1.5m apart; 5) masks optional; 6) vaccination advisable.</p> <p>Masses can be viewed on YouTube: Streaming: stjosephcomo</p>	<p><i>On right.</i> Resurrection. Germain Pilon. 1537-1590. marble. Louvre Paris.</p>	<div data-bbox="1048 284 1258 710" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Christians originally celebrated the Resurrection of Christ every Sunday, with observances such as Scripture readings, psalms and the Eucharist. In the first two centuries, however, it became customary to celebrate the Resurrection specially on one day each year. Many of the religious observances of this celebration were taken from the Jewish Passover. The specific day on which the Resurrection should be celebrated became a major point of contention within the Church. First, should it be on Jewish Passover no matter on what day that falls, or should it always fall on a Sunday? It seems Christians in Asia took the former position, while those everywhere else insisted on the latter. The eminent church fathers Irenaeus (125-202) and Polycarp (80- 167) were among the Asiatic Christians, and they claimed the authority of St. John the Apostle for their position. Nevertheless, the church majority officially decided that Easter should always be celebrated on a Sunday (Eusebius of Caesarea 260-341 AC).</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><i>This Easter we remember all those who sacrifice themselves to serve others, SES volunteers, the doctors and nurses, teachers and farmers all others who never count the costs of blessing others. Let us prayer for them.</i></p> <p><i>May Easter make us truly thankful to God for the freedom He has given us. Christ set us free from all bondage and sin and from the torments of the devil. Rejoice and be glad, and sing praises to God Halleluiah! Rejoice in the radiance that Easter brings the triumph of good over evil, the triumph of inner light over spiritual darkness, the triumph of hope over despair, the triumph of love over fear. Happy Easter!!!</i></p>	<p>Easter's date changes from year to year. Determining the date is a little like working out an Easter riddle: On the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or just after the spring equinox is Easter. Based on the cycles of the moon, the holiday might occur any day from March 22 to April 25.</p>
<p>Google: Sydney Centre for Evangelisation</p>	<p>Easter Offerings– our donations go to the Central Fund that attends to the needs of the priests of the Archdiocese.</p>	<p>Novena to Divine Mercy begins on Friday 15th April and ends on 23rd April before Feast Day on Sunday, April 24, 2022. In the Diary of St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy, known today as Divine Mercy Sunday, be preceded by a Novena to The Divine Mercy. A Novena is nine days of prayer in preparation for a feast. In the case of the Novena to The Divine Mercy, we pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy each day for a specific intention. Our Lord told St. Faustina, "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209).</p>
<p>"Catholic SRE Learning from Home" materials:https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/</p>	<p>Thank you so much for giving a hand in preparations for Holy Week and Easter celebration.</p>	<p>Coming together on 1st May at 11am (BYO lunch and music will be provided in the hall).</p>
<p>St. Joseph's Como is a Community that cares for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.</p>	<p>Please return all Project Compassion boxes/envelopes as soon as possible. Thank you for your substantial, generous contributions to Charities across the world.</p>	<p>Synod Sunday will be held on 1 May 2022. A video will be provided for screening at Masses and for parish websites highlighting the significance of the Synod of Bishops and asking the faithful to continue to pray for the fruitful outcome of the Synod.</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>Family Spirit seeks all types of carers, from long term or short-term to part-time/ weekend respite carers. Becoming a Family Spirit foster carer can make a significant and positive difference in a child's life. For more information, please call our team on 13 18 19 or visit familyspirit.org Jason Oldridge CEO, Family Spirit CatholicCare Sydney, 2c West St LEWISHAM, NSW 2049</p>	<p>Family Spirit seeks all types of carers, from long term or short-term to part-time/ weekend respite carers. Becoming a Family Spirit foster carer can make a significant and positive difference in a child's life. For more information, please call our team on 13 18 19 or visit familyspirit.org Jason Oldridge CEO, Family Spirit CatholicCare Sydney, 2c West St LEWISHAM, NSW 2049</p>