

<p>We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation.</p>	<p>Mass Intentions (30th April – 6th May) Sat. 7.30am †Jaro Kollar; Vigil 5pm †Holy Souls; Sun. 8am †O'Connor Family; 9.30am: Pro Populo Mon: †For Recently Deceased Priests; Tue: Holy Souls; Wed: †Holy Souls.; Thurs: †Dr Tan; Fri: To Eternal Father; 6pm † Adrain Han (5th anniversary)</p>	<p>Become a Catechist. Resources and training are provided by our CCD Faith Education. 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>Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked Catholics to support an e-petition launched by Upper House MLC Greg Donnelly opposing proposed euthanasia laws in NSW. A parliamentary committee has recommended that the Legislative Council proceed with consideration of the bill. The unwillingness of the Committee to take a position on the bill means we need to fight even harder.</p>	 <p>Happy Birthday to Michael Borg (6th April) and Tony Cranney (25th April) who celebrated their birthdays in April. Thank you both for all you do in our Parish.</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>Please pray for our 83 candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.</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.</p> <p>Baptisms after 9:30 Mass. Marriage and Baptism inquiries please contact Parish Office.</p>	<p>Baptism gives new life, Eucharist nourishes life, and Reconciliation restores life when it is broken and Confirmation strengthens that life by the gifts of the Holy Spirit (cf. CCC 1285). It is about strengthening what God has given, and continues to give, to his sons and daughters (cf. CCC 1302-1303). The Sacrament of Confirmation is not the Catholic equivalent to the Jewish bar mitzvah. Confirmation is not a “coming of age” celebration. Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation does not mark the end of formal religious education. We never outgrow a need for a deeper knowledge and appreciation of our faith.</p> <p>Confirmation is not a rite of passage, nor a graduation from religion class, nor a ratification of a personal faith choice. Rather, it’s all about what God is doing, strengthening the divine life which he gave at Baptism, nourishing us in the Eucharist, and reconciling with us in Penance. Why? So that the individual can better defend and witness to the faith through the gifts and workings of the Holy Spirit.</p>		<p>If you attended an Easter Vigil Mass this year, then you participated in what St. Augustine called the “mother of all holy Vigils” (Sermon 219)—the day the Church receives many new Catholics through the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. The newly baptized, or “neophytes,” “new plant” begin a fourth and final period of formation called <i>mystagogy</i>, which lasts the Easter Season until Pentecost. If you haven’t personally participated in the formal process of becoming Catholic as an adult (RCIA), chances are you haven’t heard this word recently... or maybe ever. What is Mystagogy? Our faith needs mystagogy first and foremost because of one simple reason: we celebrate and proclaim a <i>mystery</i>. <i>Mystagogy</i> comes from the Greek word meaning, to lead through the mysteries.” The Catechism describes mystagogy as a “liturgical catechesis that aims to initiate people into the mystery of Christ” (CCC 1075). Mystagogy leads us from the external signs and rituals of the liturgy to the inner, spiritual meaning of the divine life they signify. Mystagogy is the form of catechesis that helps us unpack and explore the spiritual treasures contained in the sacraments by continuously reflecting on their meaning and significance in our personal lives of faith. Mystagogy was the way the early Church Fathers embraced and trained new Christians in the practices and beliefs of the faith. Perhaps the most well-known teacher of <i>mystagogy</i> was St. Cyril of Jerusalem (315-386 CE), who delivered a famous series of sermons, known as “mystagogic catecheses,” during the time of Lent through the Easter Octave. After the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church revitalized this ancient practice, especially in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.</p>		<p>The movement to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide—the so-called “right to die” movement is raging around the nations. Every battle plan in every war throughout history has been based, at least in part, upon what is known about the enemy—past performance, tactics, strengths, weaknesses, and long-range objectives. We are waging war against a Culture of Death. We need to know our adversary! Debates about the ethics of euthanasia and physician assisted suicide date from ancient Greece and Rome. In the 4th Century BC, the Hippocratic Oath was written by Hippocrates, the father of medicine. In part, the Oath states: “<i>To please no one will I prescribe a deadly drug nor give advice which may cause his death. Nor will I give a woman a pessary [device] to procure abortion</i>”. For 2400 years, physicians made these solemn promises. Until very recently (the last 30 years or so) the Hippocratic Oath was taken by all new physicians. It was a rite of passage.</p>
<p>Google: Sydney Centre for Evangelisation</p>		<p>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT MASSES AT 11 AM AND 2 PM ON 15TH MAY. CELEBRANT: BISHOP RICHARD UMBERS</p>			
<p>“Catholic SRE Learning from Home” materials: https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/</p>		<p>Chrism is known as Myrrh, Myron, or consecrated oil. The Oil of Chrism is used in Baptism, Confirmation and in Holy Orders (ordination to priesthood). This Sacred Oil will never run dry.</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>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>Fr Mike Schmitz to Address the Archdiocese of Sydney Live Online Saturday 28 May 2022 10 – 11:30 AM. Fr Mike Schmitz, presenter of the ‘Bible in a Year’ podcast, will address the faithful of Sydney on the topic, ‘Why make disciples? What our Tradition tells us about calling and forming disciples.’ In this fourth part of the <i>Reclaiming Evangelisation</i> series, Fr Mike will examine the great adventure of calling and forming disciples which saints and sinners have been living from the apostles until the present day. Please register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events. Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org</p>				