

Mass Intentions (17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.) **Sat. 7.30am: †Ed and Una; Vigil 5pm †Dantis; Sun. 8am: † Souls in Purgatory; 9.30am: Pro Populo; Mon: Thanksgiving to Eternal Father ; Tue:+Holy Souls; Wed: †Catherine Tan; Thurs: †Rosario Rodrigues. Fri: Thanksgiving**

20<sup>th</sup> St Andrew Kim Taegon,  
21<sup>st</sup> St Matthew Apostle  
23<sup>rd</sup> St Pius (Padre Pio)

**James Dempsey** was at the center of Catholic life from 1810-1820. He and fellow layman John Butler arrived in Sydney aboard the ship Atlas as prisoners in October 1802. Both men were stonemasons and soon began working on government projects. James Dempsey's Kent Street house became a social and religious centre where the Rosary was said on weekdays and Vespers recited on Sundays. In 1817 Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn arrived in the colony, only to be deported by Governor Macquarie six months later. He left the Blessed Sacrament at Dempsey's House which was turned into a chapel with a small confraternity of men watching over the Blessed Sacrament. The first official Catholic chaplains arrived in 1820 and soon after the first St Mary's Cathedral plans were prepared. James Dempsey became the superintendent of construction and also serving as one of the chief fundraisers for the building. Some of Dempsey's letters of the time have survived, revealing him as a spiritually strong and humble Catholic man who was seen as having played a leading role in the building of Sydney's original St Mary's Cathedral. James Dempsey died in 1838.

We acknowledge the traditional Custodians of this land of the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation.



**Birthdays celebration.**

Pope Francis while in Kazakhstan took part in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, which was held in Nur-Sultan on 13-15 September.

We are invited to consider nominating someone(s) from within our Parish for the possible award of a **Dempsey Medal** in 2023. Nominations **will close on 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Please submit your responses to the Parish Office.

**COVID-19 Safety Plan:** 1) sanitise hands; 2) sanitise seats after each service; YouTube: Streaming Masses: stjosephcomo

"...The world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."  
1 John 2:15-17



**"Don't just have faith, grow and share it"**  
Under this motto Maggie and Tony, you chose to avail yourselves to touch those unfortunate and wounded by circumstances of present time. Your selflessness and unconditional care for the disadvantaged, exudes the *Misericordiae Vultus* meaning *The Face of Mercy of God*.

**Daily Masses:** 7:30am **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday** (Saturday: Mass, Cenacle, Confession & Benediction); **Tuesday** 5:30pm: Adoration, Novena, Confession, Benediction and 6pm Mass. **First Fridays** 5:30pm Devotions & 6pm Mass.

The purpose of RCIA is that a seeker finds Jesus Christ by being guided in order to discover Him in the Scriptures and community of Faith. The crowning of this journey is reception of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation). This journey is marked by various questions, which in turn, lead to a deeper quest for "the desire for the Infinite, which abides in every human heart" Pope Francis (*Joy of the Gospel*, 165).

Dear Maggie and Tony, thank you for sharing with us the latest changes in your ministry to charity works. I strongly uphold my account of your dedication to the needs of our community and beyond, as activities of the living Saints and Angels among us. Thank you for ensuring your continuous commitments in our church. May God's blessing be upon you, your family and guard you in His loving hands. Yours in Christ, Fr Jerzy

**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.



Dear Rosa and Stephen, Happy Coral (35) Wedding Anniversary. May God bless you and your family. You are very much appreciated by our community.  
*Ad maiorem Dei gloriam.  
Ad Multos Annos*

"Catholic SRE Learning from Home" materials: <https://www.ccross.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

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There is not enough words to express our appreciation to you Dear Hospitality Team on the days of the First Holy Communion Celebrations and our Teachers and Catechists thank you for your tremendous dedication.

**Our sick:** Richard Davis, Margherita Di Meglio, Drago Mikan, Therese Dorff, Steve Smith, Barbara Moore, Jimmy Chandra, David Low, Jim Hagley, Elizabeth Kinsela, Ida Melis, Katrina Marinilli, Rita Shah, Julia Lock, Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffey, Eliette Majdandzic; Dragica Furda, Carmen Camilleri, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Josephine Marinilli, Steven Marinilli, Nicholas Mircevski and all homebound and dear friends from Mildred Symons House.

Sydney Catholic Youth Ignite Conference (29 September – 2 October 2022). More info via <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>. Organisers offer discounted tickets to the first 100 that register. **Go Here: <https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC22SYD> Ticket Name: CAS Young Adults - Ignite Adult Coupon Code to reveal ticket: CASYA Cost at checkout: \$175 (\$100 invoiced to Archdiocese). To access tickets, enter the appropriate code (CASYA) into the coupon code box at the top of the ticket options **FIRST**. This will reveal the ticket. Once you have clicked 'Order Now', complete the order details as usual.**

St. John Paul II said in 1999 that parable which is usually called "the prodigal son," **should be called "the merciful father"** (Lk 15:11-32).



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**First Holy Communion Celebration**

