

**Mass Intentions (24<sup>th</sup> Sept.-30<sup>th</sup> Sept.) Sat. 7.30am: †; Vigil 5pm † Ed and Una; Sun. 8am: † Souls in Purgatory; 9.30am:Pro Populo: Mon: †Holy Souls: Tue: † Paul Lim: Wed: †Marita Waugh: Thurs: Thanksgiving. Fri: †Catherine Tan**

**OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**



**Blessing of the Animals on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9am in anticipation of St Francis' Day 4<sup>th</sup> October. Genesis 2:18-25 'God creates the animals and birds from the same ground that the first human is created. Animals and humans are kin and partners. Like children, the first human names the animals as part of a living family.**

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



“Blessed Michael, Archangel, defend us in the hour of conflict. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil may God restrain him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust Satan down to hell and with him those other wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.”

27<sup>th</sup> Sept. St Vincent de Paul  
29<sup>th</sup> Sept. Sts Archangels  
30<sup>th</sup> St Jerome

Please nominate someone(s) from our Parish for the 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 liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael ('Who is like God?') was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels. He is our protector against the devil. Gabriel ('Strength of God') announced to Zachariah the coming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. Raphael ('Medicine of God') is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey. Every person on his pilgrimage through this life also has a guardian angel with a mission similar to that of Raphael.



Pope Francis visited Kazakhstan for two reasons. Firstly, to attend the Seventh **Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions**. The Congress aimed to strengthen inter-religious ties, has been held at three-year intervals since 2003. Francis will be the first pope to attend the gathering, which this year hosted around 100 participants from 50 countries. Secondly, to meet c.250.000 Catholics in Kazakhstan.

**James Dempsey** and John Butler arrived to Sydney in October 1802. He was a stonemason and soon began working on government projects. Dempsey's Kent Street house became a 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 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. James Dempsey was spiritually strong and a humble Catholic man playing a leading role in the construction of St Mary's Cathedral. James Dempsey died in 1838.

**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.

**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.

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

St. Joseph's Como is a *Community that cares* for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

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



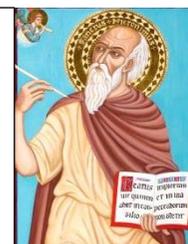
**St. Vincent de Paul**, (b. April 24, 1581, France, d. Sept. 27, 1660, Paris; canonized 1737; feast day Sept. 27). The patron saint of charitable societies, St. Vincent de Paul is known for his charity and compassion for the poor and for his reform of the clergy. He placed himself under the spiritual guidance of Cardinal Pierre de Bérulle, who entrusted him with the parish of Clichy. After founding the Congregation of the Mission in 1625, Vincent de Paul established in and around Paris the Confraternities of Charity, associations of laywomen who visited, fed, and nursed the sick poor. The wealth of these noble women aided him in establishing hospitals. With St. Louise de Marillac he cofounded the Daughters of Charity in 1633. Based on the spirituality of the Saint, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic charitable organisation, dedicated to the service of the poor, was founded by Blessed Antoine Frédéric Ozanam in 1833.

Donations of \$1,640 towards our new church visual system are valued. Full cost of the project stands at \$ 7,200. Contributions are appreciated.

**Daylight saving**



St. Jerome was commissioned by Pope Damasus I in 382 to gather and examine all Holy Scriptures, Old and New, and translate them into Latin for the good of the Catholic Church. The Pope and St. Jerome knew that Latin was the most common language of the Roman Empire. They also wanted to correct errors that had crept into some translations or hand written transcripts of the Bible. St. Jerome also wanted to make the Bible understandable for the bishops and priests who only spoke Latin. He wanted them to preach the “Word of God” in their sermons.



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