

November Mass Intentions (26th Nov.-2nd Dec.) Sat. 7.30am: † Vigil 5pm †; Sun. 8am: † 9.30am†; Mon: † Marie Hage ; Tue: †; Wed: †; Thurs: **Galina Kollar; Fri:+George Melis; 6pm +Adrain Han**

6 (16) Declaration on Religious Freedom (Dignitatis Humanae): No one is to be forced in any way to embrace the Christian or the Catholic faith. This principle is rooted in human dignity and the freedom of the act of faith.

MARANATHA

Come Lord Jesus

We acknowledge the traditional Custodians of this land. 30th Nov St Andrew, Apostle
3rd Dec. St Francis Xavier

With the letter (11th Feb. 2022) to the President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pope Francis announced 2025 as the Holy Year (Jubilee Year). The Jubilee has always been an event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church. Ever since 1300, when Boniface VIII instituted the first Holy Year, God's holy and faithful people has experienced this celebration as a special gift of grace characterized by the forgiveness of sins and in particular by the indulgence, which is a full expression of the mercy of God. It will be important to foster a renewed awareness of the demands of the universal call to responsible participation by enhancing the charisms and ministries that the Holy Spirit never ceases to bestow for the building up of the one Church. In this perspective, the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council and the magisterium of the Church remain central in order to continue proclaiming the Gospel.

Advent is a grace-filled time in our Church's calendar; a time where we can boldly proclaim the coming of Jesus our Saviour, as the world prepares to celebrate His birth. Join us online as we explore and discuss some practical ideas that parishes can engage with around this special time, so that others may come to share in our joy and hope that only Jesus can give. Join the following session:
Tuesday 29 November | 10am – 11am
Register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/ Advent Companion available for free download at www.gomakedisciples.org.au



Our lives are like rushing water. From the very beginning we seem to be in a search for something - happiness, contentment, fulfillment, peace. We seek rest from the searching, yet our natural state, like the water running downhill, is to seek and search. Jewish and Christian scriptures offer us something called the "story of salvation". Advent is particularly rich in telling of the story of our relationship with God and the part God plays in our human journey. Through the course of this season we encounter a series of persons that play a significant role in our faith story. They are our faith heritage like Isaiah, John the Baptist, Virgin Mary.

Toddler Tales. From 2:35 pm-3:05pm in our Parish Hall. Next: Mon. 28th November. melanie.stock@syd.catholic.edu.au

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 **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.

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

St. Joseph's Como *cares* for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive
Box for donations of non-perishable, in date, food items will be located at the front of the Church. Please donate generously for those in need.



"Do not forget to show hospitality to *visitors*, for, by so doing, some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it" (**Hebrews 13:2**). Thank you, Tony and Maggie, for assisting Teresa in securing a new place to stay.

Pre-Christmas "Thank-you" gathering 18th Dec. at 5pm in the Church hall. Coming to celebration please bring some traditional dish to share.

It is a requirement that Youth Ministry Leaders need to complete Youth Ministry Induction Training and Level 1 Youth Ministry Safeguarding Training. More information: Email safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

The evergreen Advent Wreath symbolises the Eternity of God and green colour represents hope and new life. Each of the four candles represent one thousand years, to add up to 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of Jesus Christ. The first candle is called Hope, the second Love, the third pink/rose Joy and fourth Peace. The extra one white candle signifies Jesus Christ.

There are many things to do around the church before Christmas. Do not hesitate to give hand at any convenient time. Thank you.



Another majestic, c. 30-year-old, and to some degree damaged, gum tree we lost last Saturday. Safety of the people had taken priority.

Christmas at the Cathedral!

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites all parishes and parishioners of Sydney to the launch of the Christmas at the Cathedral festival commencing Thursday 8th December, where His Grace will officially launch the 2022 Christmas display. The evening will commence with Mass at 5:30pm at St Mary's Cathedral, followed by festivities commencing at 7pm including live entertainment, food stalls, pop up shops and activities for the kids. The Christmas display will run nightly from 8th December to 25th December 2022.

Pope Francis, "Laudate Si", ch.VI, par.2; "Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us, such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices. All of these reflect a generous and worthy creativity which brings out the best in human beings."

Parishes hold three CWF Appeals in a single financial year. The quota for the current appeal stands at \$12,500. Up to last weekend \$ 3,230 was given to the appeal. Please consider that all your donations are 100% tax deductible.



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19-20th Nov. 1st coll. \$285.55; 2nd coll. \$171.30; P.G. \$281 & monthly credit c. \$1,720. CWF Appeal \$3,230 (total).

Our sick: Michele McQuillan, Vince Fernandez, Mary Zarafa, Drago Mikan, Therese Dorff, Steve Smith, Barbara Moore, 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.