


Masses (3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.-9 <sup>th</sup> Dec.) Sat. 7.30am: †For Souls in Purgatory Vigil 5pm †Augustin Lim; Sun. 8am: † Freny Billimoria; 9.30am For the Parishioners ; Mon: † ; Tue: †; Wed: Thanksgiving to the Eternal Father; Thurs:†Wilhelm & Teresa ; Fri:†Ivan Furda				<b>7. Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (Nostrae Aetate):</b> God speaks also through other religions, so we should engage in dialogue and other collaborative efforts with them. The Jews have a special relationship to the church. They cannot be blamed for the death of Jesus. (7 <sup>th</sup> doc. of 16 docs Second Vatican Council).	
With great sadness, we have learnt that Archbishop Anthony's father, Colin Fisher, after a long illness, died last Sunday at 5pm. May His Soul Rest in Peace.		<b>The Immaculate Conception of Mary</b> is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church, meaning that it is held to be a divinely revealed truth. Defined by Pope Pius IX in <i>Ineffabilis Deus</i> in 1854, it states that Mary, through God's grace, was conceived free from the stain of original sin through her role as the Mother of God: "We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful."		<b>Thanksgiving Mass for Auxiliary Bishop Terence Brady Friday 9 December 2022 7.00pm, St Mary's Cathedral</b>	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December Masses: 7.30am and 6.00pm</b>				<b>Christmas at St. Joseph's Como-Oyster Bay</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b> 5pm Christmas Dinner in the church hall. <b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b> 7pm Penitential Rite with Reconciliation <b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b> 5pm Family Mass (parents with children) 7.30pm Vigil Mass 11pm Night Christmas Mass <b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b> 8am Christmas Day Mass 9.30am Christmas Day Mass	
We acknowledge the traditional Custodians of this land.	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec. St Ambrose, Bishop 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Immaculate Conception			At the conclusion School Year, we thank God for every blessing being bestowed upon our School / Parish Community.	
<b>Daily Masses:</b> 7:30am <b>Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday</b> (Saturday: Mass, Cenacle, Confession & Benediction); <b>Tuesday</b> 5:30pm: Adoration, Novena, Confession, Benediction and 6pm Mass. <b>First Fridays</b> 5:30pm Devotions & 6pm Mass.					<b>Bethlehem Candle:</b> On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle" symbolizing Christ's manger: "This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (Lk 2:12).
<b>Weekend Mass times: Saturday:</b> Vigil 5pm <b>Sunday:</b> 8am, 9:30am and <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> of the month at 3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction and Mass. <b>Baptisms after 9:30 Mass.</b> Marriage and Baptism inquiries please contact Parish Office.		<b>St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive</b> 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.	Dear Robert Daunoras, please accept our sincere and heartfelt sympathy at the loss of Marcelle your spouse and mother of Sophia, Nicholas and Emilia. RIP.		
"Catholic SRE Learning from Home" materials: <a href="https://www.ccross.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/">https://www.ccross.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/</a>			<b>Holy Anointing of the Sick</b> will be administrated on Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December after each Mass.		<b>Christmas at the Cathedral</b> Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites all parishes and parishioners of Sydney to the launch of the Christmas at the Cathedral festival commencing Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 8 <sup>th</sup> December to 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.
St. Joseph's Como <i>cares</i> for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at (02) 9390 5810 or <a href="mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org">safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org</a> .		Pre-Christmas "Thank-you" gathering 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec. at 5pm in the Church hall. Coming to celebration please bring some traditional dish to share.		<b>Please use Christmas envelopes provided to offer Christmas gift for our Retired Pastors. God bless you.</b>	
<b>Our sick:</b> 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.		There are many things to do around the church before Christmas per se: to clean the light shades, to vacuum the carpet ... Please do not hesitate to give hand at any convenient time. Thank you.			
		Parishes hold three CWF Appeals in a single financial year. The quota for the current appeal stands at \$12,500. Up to last weekend \$ 3,715 was given to the appeal. Please consider that all your donations are 100% tax deductible.			<b>Stay Awake. "There is immense power in the sacrament of Reconciliation when we approach it with sincerity of heart and give all our sins and hurt to God". (from Advent Companion 2022 p.9)</b>
		Please scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera and follow the instructions or kindly use the link below. <a href="https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/COMOOYSTERBAYPARISH">https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/COMOOYSTERBAYPARISH</a>		26-27 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> coll. \$270.65; 2 <sup>nd</sup> coll. 182.20; P.G. \$640.00 &. CWF Appeal \$3,715 (total collected).	