

Mass Intentions (14th Jan -20th Jan.): Sat. 7.30am: †Kevin Seggie; Vigil 5pm †For our Volunteers ; Sun. 8am: †George Flynn; 9.30am: †Christine Taylor; Mon: †Ivan Furda Tue: †Peace in the World; Wed: †Norma Cook; Thurs: †Augustine Lim; Fri: †Mary Croft

Donations towards providing relief and recovery to the victims of the NSW flood disaster can be made online here:
<https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/flood-appeal/>



We acknowledge and respect the traditional Custodians of this land.

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.ccross.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.

Our sick: Victoria Stojanovic, Michele McQuillan, John Hackett, Vince Fernandez, Drago Mikan, Therese Dorff, Steve Smith, Barbara Moore, Elizabeth Kinsela, Ida Melis, Katrina Marinilli, Rita Shah, Julia Lock, Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffey, Eliette Majdandzic; Dragica Furda, Carmen Camilleri, Mary Carmen Borg, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Josephine and Steven Marinilli, Nicholas Mircevski and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House.

Vale George Cardinal Pell

Sincere condolences to Cardinal Pell's family on his sudden death. RIP Cardinal Pell. Services will be held at St Mary's Cathedral when his body is returned and he will be buried in the crypt at St Mary's Cathedral.

In 1908, there was the Octave of Christian Unity which focused on praying for church unity, beginning on the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter on 18 January, concluding with the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul on 25 January. Pope Pius X approved the concept and Benedict XV encouraged its observance throughout the Roman Catholic Church. In the 1920s, the Protestants proposed their own octave of prayer for unity to occur during the week of Pentecost every year. In 1941, the Faith and Order Conference changed the date to the one observed by Catholics, from 18 to 25 January. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity gained worldwide recognition among churches when the World Council of Churches was established in 1948. In 1968, churches used notes and texts created through the joint effort of the Faith and Order Commission and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity officially for the first time. The cooperation between these two organizations has grown since, resulting in joint publications in the same format, said to represent the entire Catholic Church.

Divine Renovation Conference 10th -12th February 2023 Sydney. This is a not-to-be missed event, and we encourage clergy and their parishioners to come together to this unique and inspiring experience to help lead parishes from maintenance to mission. This is also an opportunity to connect with other parish leaders and to hear inspiring stories of parishes that have seen transformation by prioritising mission. **Learn more and register today on:**

<https://divinerenovation.org/events/>



Join the Australian tour of *Made for More*, featuring best-selling author and speaker, Christopher West as he presents the vision of the Gospel through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body. This event will be hosted on Friday 20th January 2023 at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall and on Saturday 21st January at All Saints Liverpool Parish Hall. *Made for More* weaves dynamic presentations with live music, media and sacred art bringing an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. An event for all ages and which should not be missed! For tickets and more information, go to www.sydneycatholic.org/TOB

Thank you for the working bee just before Christmas.

At the beginning of this new year, it is an opportunity to meditate on the “gift of time”. We seem to have so very little of it that it has become a rare commodity. Think about how little time we set aside for relatives and friends. We're so caught up in work or computers or television that we can't seem to spare a moment. Everyone is suddenly so “busy”. There is no time for what one used to call “smelling the roses.” We rush from one day and week and month to another. In the age of technology, things move faster and life becomes almost breathless. It's important to find balance in our lives. And time is one of the best things we can give someone: setting aside moments to talk with others, to visit, to help. It's one of the best gifts for others — and also one of the best things we can give ourselves.

Prayer. Lord, bless us with wisdom and time management. May we make the most of each and every day. Lord, we do not know what tomorrow will bring. For we are just a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. But in this short time may we use the days well to glorify your name. Guide us from this day forward. May your Holy Spirit fill us with divine wisdom and direct our days. Amen!

We **reflect** on our nation's past, which began more than 65,000 years ago, and the influence of European settlement. Our national day is a time, above all, for inclusion and respect. It enables us to pause, listen and gain a greater understanding of one another. We aim to **respect** the contributions of all citizens, and we celebrate our achievements by coming together and connecting with family, friends and the community. **Australia Day** is also an opportunity to **celebrate** our cultural diversity and rich migrant heritage which is very much part of our unique Australian identity. **Let's celebrate our National Day on 26th January.**

The “Chronophage” – from the Greek “chronos” (meaning “time”) and “phage” (meaning “eater”) is a clock which portrays a mythical, insect-like creature which controls it. The time we have spent cannot be regained – almost as if it has been eaten up by this relentless, ominous creature.

10.(16) Decree on Eastern Catholic Churches. The Eastern Catholic, or “Uniate,” they can be a bridge to the Orthodox East.



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7th – 8th Jan 2023:

1st coll. \$395.95
2nd coll. \$162.40 P.G. \$400.00.

