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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8am, 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIME:

Mon. 7.00am Tues 7.30pm
Wed. 9.00am Thurs 7.00am
Fri 9.00 am Sat 9.00am

HOLY HOUR: Saturday 8-9.00am

CONFESSION: 10 mins before Mass
and **Saturdays** 8.00 – 8.55am

Tuesday 6.45pm – 7.25pm

BAPTISMS: at 9.30am Mass

BAPTISM Prep Thurs. 7th Feb 2019 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANointing MASS: 5th / 6th Jan 2019

DIVINE MERCY: Tues. 6.30pm

Our sick: May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, Jan Gurba, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Ida Dimeglio, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Lonza Busuttill, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Joan Hagley, Amy Zuschmann, Steven Marinilli and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House & house bound.

Please read Catholic Weekly, only \$2 per copy.

<http://catholicfaitheducation.blogspot.com.au/>

READING MINISTRY:

[HTTP://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG](http://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG)
<https://www.compellingtruth.org>
www.vocationcentre.org.au

<http://www.ibtministries.org>
EWTN-Kids (catechism for Kids)

Catholic News Service,
Catholica; Zenith News; **Fish Eaters**
<http://www.liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/>
www.catalystforrenewal.org.au
<https://www.cruxnow.com>
The Catholic Thing: First Things

Sat: 9am:+Marie Hage; Vigil 5pm: +Joan Atkins; Sun: 8am Pro Populo; 9.30am: +Marie Hage; Mon: Souls in Purgatory; Tues: +Ivan Furda; Wed:+Giuseppe Pasqua; Thurs: +Natale & Caterina Costa: Fri: For Souls in Purgatory

Christmas at St. Joseph's: Vigil Family Mass 24th Dec at 6pm; Caroling at 10 pm till 11 pm. Night Mass at 11pm. 25th Dec. Masses: 8am and 9.30am.

Vincentian Christmas Season Appeal will be held on 6th January. Envelopes will be provided on last weekend of this month. Be generous as you can.

On Christmas Day those who wish to spend time with other members of the parish are most welcome to the church hall from 12 noon to 2pm. Please let know Fr Jerzy about your attendance.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Your kind gifts will go to the Central Fund that attends to the needs of the priests and bishops of the Archdiocese. We are grateful for your generosity.

New Year's Eve: Mon.31st Dec. 5pm: Holy Hour 6pm: Thanksgiving Mass
New Year's Day / Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God: Tues 1st January Mass: 7:00 am
Evening devotions: 6.30pm and Mass at 7pm.

Catechist Meeting for Term One 2019 – Thursday 24th January 2019 at 11.00am followed by a light lunch for those who can stay. If you can, please bring something to share.

(From Archbishop's letter of announcement) "I am delighted to announce the appointment of **Mr. Tony Farley** as the next Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools. Tony will succeed Dr. Dan White who is retiring at Easter 2019 after 10 years of faithful service. Tony comes to the position with a deep knowledge and understanding of the Church and our school systems which he has gained through his current role as Executive Director of the Catholic Commission for Employment Relations (CCER). Furthermore, for a number of years Tony was a member of the SACS Board, which was the predecessor to the SCS Trustee Board...."



Dear Readers please collect your Roster from the table in the church. Your ministry is much appreciated.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses children attending them are invited to come dressed up as shepherds, Angels, kings, Mary and Joseph...

St. Boniface travelled from England to Hesse (central Germany) in 721 and "with his tireless activity, achieved great success, including the conversion of the twin chieftains Dettic and Deorulf. Boniface also established Benedictine including the great monastery of Fulda in 744. News of his great achievements reached Rome, where he was recalled by Pope Gregory to provide a status report. Impressed and pleased with Boniface's efforts, Gregory consecrated him archbishop for all Germany east of the Rhine. Imbued with this new authority and pontifical mandate, Boniface returned to Germany in 723. Boniface spent the rest of his life evangelizing the areas of modern Germany and parts of the Netherlands. He also became a friend of the Frankish court and helped reform and reorganized the Church in that area. From his missionary travels, Boniface knew that in winter the inhabitants of the village of Geismar gathered around a huge old oak dedicated to the god Thor. This annual event of worship centered on sacrificing a human, usually a small child, to the pagan god. Boniface desired to convert the village by destroying the Thunder Oak, which the pagans had previously boasted the God of Boniface could not destroy, so he gathered a few companions and journeyed to Geismar. His fellow missionaries were scared and fearful that the Germans might kill them, so they balked when they reached the outskirts of the village on Christmas Eve. Boniface steadied the nerves of his friends and as they approached the pagan gathering he said, "Here is the Thunder Oak; and here the cross of Christ shall break the hammer of the false god Thor. Boniface and his friends arrived at the time of the sacrifice, which was interrupted by their presence. In a show of great trust in God and born from a desire to enkindle the fire of Christ in the German pagans, Boniface grabbed an axe and chopped down the Thunder Oak of mighty Thor. The Germans were astounded. The holy bishop preached the Gospel to the people and used a little fir tree that was behind the now felled oak tree as a tool of evangelization. Pointing to it he said, "This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace... It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points upward to heaven. Let this be called the tree of the Christ-child; gather about it, not in the wild wood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness."