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WEEKEND MASSES:

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIME:
Mon. 7am, Tues 6pm,
Wed.9am, Thurs 7am
Fri 9am Sat 9am.

HOLY HOUR: Tues.5pm–6pm
Saturday 8am – 9am Exposition

1st Friday: 5.30pm Devotions, 6pm Mass

CONFESSION: 10 mins prior Mass
Saturdays 8 – 8.55am
Tuesday 5.15pm – 5:45pm

BAPTISMS: 9.30am Sun. Mass

BAPTISM Prep.: Feb 6th 2020 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANOINTING MASS: 4th / 5th April 2020

PRAYERS TO ST. JOSEPH: Mon. Tues. Thurs. 5 mins before Mass
Mildred Symons House Mass 3rd Wednesday of month at 11.00am

Child sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Or contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

Our sick: Julia Lock Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffy, Glennise Hall, Eliette Majdandzic; Patrick Lim Jnr., Barbara Eadie, Helen McGuirk, Amy Zuschmann, Dragica Furda, May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, Jan Gurba, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Lonza Busuttil, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Joan Hagley, Steven Marinilli and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House.

Nation will rise from the bushfire's ashes

We acknowledge and pay our respects to all peoples who lived in the past time and today on this land.

Sat.: 9am Susan Smith, **Sat.5pm** Faye; **Sun.: 8am +**Jaroslav Kollar; **9.30am:** +Pro Populo; **Mon**.:+FOSS; **Tues.:**+ For the Relief and Deliverance of the Most Holy Souls in Purgatory; **Wed.:** Faye **Thur.:** For the Relief and Deliverance of the Most Holy Souls in Purgatory…; **Fri.:+** Frs Hannon & Stenhouse

January 26, 1788 is the birth of our modern nation and, like any birth, it can be both a traumatic and a joyful event. But it was just that, a birth. It does not define us as a nation any more than our own birth defines us as an adult.
It is the starting point of a long journey, especially when you are talking about nations have become symbols of unity, not division. It is celebration of national pride, citizenship, community, and shared values.

We have fulfilled our Christian duty of praying for Eternal Rest of our Patrick Lim Jnr. Those who wish to express sincere sympathy, love and condolences to Agnes and Children pls see this link bit.ly/celebratingPatrick. If you have some memories/anecdotes/photos related to Patrick bit.ly/celebratingPatrickUpload. Certainly the Family will be grateful for your support in such difficult time of mourning. May He Rest in Peace.

On St. Agatha's day 5th February, there is an ancient custom to have bread blessed in her honor. This bread is not to be eaten. Instead, it becomes a sacramental in order to protect the home against the fire or other tragedies. (Pls bring bread for blessing)

Oh, St Agatha, who withstood the unwelcome advances from unwanted suitors, and suffered pain and torture for her devotion to Our Lord, we celebrate your faith, dignity and martyrdom. Protect us against rape, sexual abuse and other violations. Guard us against breast cancer and other afflictions of women, and inspire us to overcome adversity. Oh, St. Agatha, virgin and martyr, mercifully grand that we who venerate your sacrifice, may receive your intercession. Amen.

The Benedict XVI Retreat Centre now offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any group retreat. Contact Reception on (02) 4572 2899/email bxvi@sydneycatholic.org to find out more or visit www.benedictxvicentre.org.au.

Archbishop's call for Bushfire Appeal from the steps of the St. Mary's

Thank you to all for taking part in the Chinese New Year and Australia Day celebrations last weekend.

On the new book by Cardinal Sarah: To reject priestly celibacy is to reject Catholicism's supernatural sense… The book reminds us that the celibate priesthood in the Latin Church is not a merely contingent choice made in a less enlightened period, nor a convenient managerial strategy for avoiding inheritance disputes and reducing clergy costs. Celibacy is a radical call to those who would represent Christ to his people *in persona Christi capitis*, in the person of Christ the head of His Mystical Body, to embrace wholly Christ's entire way of life. To discard this requirement would be to deprive God's people of shepherds after the heart of Christ, the chief shepherd, who laid down His life for His sheep not simply at the crucifixion but at every moment. Celibate priests bring Christ to the world in a way that powerfully proclaims that He is worth the total gift of one's life.

Plenary Council: Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese to participate in the plenary council general assembly held in Adelaide in October? If so, speak with your Parish Priest or Barbara Perry (Sydney Plenary Council Working Group) on 0438 012964,barbara.perry@sydneycatholic.org for more details. All applicants must fill in and submit an application form found here: https://sydneycatholic.org/plenary-council.pdf.

To our Catechists: Welcome to a new school year with the assurance of our continued support. Thank you for sharing the hope and joy that Jesus brings with our parish children in public schools. I wish to bring to your attention that this year is the Jubilee year for the CCD. In 1960, the CCD started offering training courses for catechists to go into public schools. We thank God for the good and faithful service of all who are catechists of our Parish, gathering the children together in Jesus' name. God bless you as you are sent forth from Sunday Mass to our Parish children in public schools.

Vocation Discernment Weekend Run by the Capuchin Friars 15-16th February 2020. Come away for a couple of days to consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life.. The cost is only $50. Registrations required by 6th February. Please contact Father Thomas: 0432 362 052 vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au https://www.capuchin.org.au

The 11th Annual Youth Retreat 21 – 23 February 2020 by Croatian Catholic Youth. Inviting all Aussie – Croats to spend a weekend away uniting in the spirit of faith, culture and friendship. Meet new people, discuss hot topics and learn more about your faith. Reg. by 5th Feb. https://www.trybooking.com/BGNHK Cost is $250 includes 2 night accommodation & meals Location: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. Arrival & check in on Friday 21st Feb 10am -12pm Start time 12pm | Retreat ends Sunday 3pm. crocatholicretreat@gmail.com Anita on 0411 285 308 or Antonia 0432 660 855.