

<p>Mass Intentions (11th-17th Feb.): Sat.: 7.30am: †Catherine Tan; Vigil 5pm: +Dr Patrick Lim Snr Sun. 8am: † Christine Taylor; 9.30am Pro Populo; Mon: +Josephine & Joseph; Tue: †Schola & Peter; Wed: †Ed & Una Deceased from Boland Family; Thurs: +Barry Dunn; Fri: +Fr Tim O'Carroll</p>	<p>"Do not be afraid" was Cardinal George's motto. These words are mentioned in the Bible 365 times. They are powerful words, and need to be remembered by us as we continue the daily journey of struggles. (from David Pell's eulogy).</p>	
<p>Searching for news please go to: The Pillar; National Catholic Reporter; Spirit Daily; EWTN; Crux, L'Osservatore Romano Vatican News. Pope Francis@Pontifex</p>	<p>Lenten Season begins on 22nd February. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It is a holy day of prayer and fasting in many denominations. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and falls on the first day of Lent (the six weeks of penitence before Easter). On this day many churchgoers receive ash on their foreheads. which is accompanied by the words, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or the dictum "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. "The ashes are prepared by burning palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations.</p>	
<p>We acknowledge the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation the traditional Custodians of this land .</p>	<p>Project Compassion. In 2023, Project Compassion focuses on the theme <i>For All Future Generations</i>. Caritas Australia is working together with vulnerable people worldwide, empowering them to develop their strengths and create change in their own community. This is all made possible thanks to our wonderful Project Compassion supporters.</p>	
<p>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 at 9:30 Mass. Marriage and Baptism inquiries please contact Parish Office.</p>	<p>A National Liturgy & Music Conference celebrating sixty years since Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, presented jointly by the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network & the National Liturgical Council of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference. Brisbane 28-30 Sept. 2023 More information and registration: https://mysteryandmission.com.au For all enquiries contact liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au</p>	
<p>"Catholic SRE Learning from Home" materials: https://www.ccross.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/</p>	<p>"Spirit and Truth. Lenten Companion 2023" has been distributed for our spiritual journey. We are invited to form Lenten groups. There will be an opportunity to attend one in the parish hall at 11am on Fridays throughout Lent, beginning on 24th February.</p>	
<p>St. Joseph's Como <i>cares</i> for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.</p>	<p>"Clean Up Australia Day" is an event observed on the first Sunday of March as an effort to conserve the environment, and this year, it falls on March 5. Please express your interest in the event by placing your name on the list provided at the entrance door. Then, having the list of volunteers we will be able to register our church community to the Clean Up Australia Day.</p>	
<p>Our sick: Richard Davis, Victoria Stojanovic, Michele McQuillan, 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.</p>	<p>15(16).Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions ("Nostra Aetate"), Oct. 28, 1965. It said the Catholic Church rejects nothing that is true and holy in non-Christian religions, called for an end to anti-Semitism and said any discrimination based on race, colour, religion or condition of life is foreign to the mind of Christ.</p>	
	<p>Please scan the QR-code with your mobile phone camera and follow the instructions or use the link below. https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/COMOOYSTERBAYPARISH</p>	<p>4th - 5th February 2023 1st coll. \$304,15; 2nd coll.\$214,85; P.G. \$655</p>
	<p>Rosary is a powerful weapon for peace. <i>A prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, by Pope John Paul II (Dec. 8, 2001): "We ask you to present our prayer to the Heavenly Father who clothed you with grace, withdrawing you from every shadow of sin. Dark clouds are gathering on the horizon of the world. The human race who greeted the dawn of the third millennium with hope, now feels overwhelmed by the threat of new and disconcerting conflicts. Peace in the world is endangered. This is why we come to you, Immaculate Virgin, to ask you to obtain, as our understanding and strong Mother, that souls freed from the smoke of hatred may be open to mutual pardon, to constructive solidarity and to peace."</i></p>	
	<p>We are grateful to Peter Madden and Natalie Weissel for many years of visiting with Holy Communion to our homebound. Natalie and Peter have now retired from Homebound Ministry.</p>	
	<p>Healing Reconciliation. Fr Rey Sentillas, 11 March 2023. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz St, Rockdale, NSW (Parking Entry at Parker St.) Booking: https://www.trybooking.com/CFURP Helen – 0433 455 114 Ida – 0424 267 500</p>	
	<p>The Eastern Europe owns its cultural and religious shape to the two missionary brothers, Saint Cyril (827-869 AD) and Saint Methodius (826-884 AD). These two brothers were sent as missionaries by the Byzantine Emperor to the Slavic speaking peoples of the Moravia region. In doing so, they invented the precursor to the Cyrillic alphabet and laid the foundations for the liturgy used in the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, the Serbian Orthodox Church, and the Russian Orthodox Church, among other churches in eastern and Slavic-speaking Europe. The ramifications of their mission are highlighted by centuries conflicts between Western and Eastern Christianity influence on the region.</p>	