

<p>Mass Intentions (4th – 10th Feb.): Sat.: 7.30am: †Jose Cheung Sik Sang; Vigil 5pm: +Eileen Low (4th ann.); Sun. 8am: †George Flynn; 9.30am; †Bill & Val Davis Mon: +Anneliese Nekrep; Tue: †; Wed: †Marie Pereghy; Thurs: +Lee-Chin Family; Fri: +For the Souls in Purgatory;</p>	<p>Divine Renovation Conference 10-12 February 2023 Sydney. Learn more on: https://divinerenovation.org/events/</p>		<p>Lent is the six-week season that leads up to Easter. The Lenten season is one of the most significant times of the year for many Christians around the world. From its start date on Ash Wednesday until its conclusion on Easter Sunday, Lent has been a customary time for fasting, giving something up, or abstinence. Just as we thoughtfully prepare for events in our individual lives, participating in Lent invites us to prepare our minds and hearts for glorifying Jesus' life, death, and bodily resurrection. This year Lent begins on Ash Wednesday of 22nd February.</p>	<p>On 8th February we celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita which has been designated by Pope Francis as a day of prayer and action to end the injustice of human trafficking in the world.</p>
<p>Searching for news please go to: The Pillar; National Catholic Reporter; Spirit Daily; EWTN; Crux ...</p>	<p>Donations towards relief and recovery to the victims of the NSW flood disaster can be made online here: https://www.ourfaithhourworks.org/flood-appeal/</p>			 <p>St Josephine, the patron saint for victims of slavery, was born in Sudan in 1869 and as young girl was kidnapped for slavery in both Sudan and Italy. Following her delivery from slavery Josephine joined the Canossian Sisters in Italy and dedicated her life to sharing her story and to supporting the poor and suffering. She died on 8th February 1947 and was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 2000. These days there are around 50 million people who live in slavery like conditions. Her life inspires not passive acceptance but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence, and to return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights. (Spirit daily)</p>
<p>We acknowledge the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation the traditional Custodians of this land .</p>	<p>World Interfaith Harmony Week is an annual event observed during the first week of February, after UN General Assembly named in 2010. The General Assembly pointed out that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace. Recognizing the need for dialogue among different faiths and religions to enhance mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among people, the General Assembly encourages all States to spread the message of interfaith harmony in the world's churches, mosques, synagogues and temples https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/pec-events/world-interfaith</p>		<p>“Spirit and Truth. Lenten Companion 2023” has been distributed for our spiritual journey.</p>	 <p>On 31 January, Pope Francis departed from Rome to central Africa, to visit the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan. Pope's visit to Africa comes at a defining moment for his papacy and for the Catholic church worldwide. His pastoral visit was to bring peace to that part of African continent.</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>Pat Watkins, RIP, who moved from Como to the Gold Coast in 2018, passed away on 27th of January, at the age of 96. Funeral will take place at Woronora Cemetery on Thursday the 9th of February 2.30pm graveside at the Banksia Lawn.</p>	<p>Those who pray and work together, stay together.</p>	<p>The New School Year begins. Our teachers, catechists and students are back in the classrooms. Welcome.</p>	<p>Pope Francis criticized laws that criminalize homosexuality as “unjust,” saying God loves all his children just as they are and called on Catholic bishops who support the laws to welcome LGBTQ people into the church. “It’s not a crime. Yes, but it’s a sin,” he said. “Fine, but first let’s distinguish between a sin and a crime.” “Being homosexual isn’t a crime,” Francis said. (National Catholic Reporter)</p>
<p>“Catholic SRE Learning from Home” materials:https://www.ccross.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/</p>	<p>“Clean Up Australia Day” is an annual event observed on the first Sunday of March as part of Australia’s efforts 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><i>A priest, a minister and a rabbi are discussing when life begins. The priest says, “It begins at conception”. The minister says, “Life begins at 24 weeks pregnancy”. The rabbi says, “You are both wrong, Life begins when the kids move out of the house.</i></p>	 <p>“Yahweh our Lord, how majestic your name throughout the world! Ps 8,9</p>
<p>St. Joseph's Como <i>cares</i> for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.</p>	<p>14(16). Decree on the Appropriate Renewal of the Religious Life (Perfectae Caritatis) II Vatican Council: The renewal of religious life (a life lived according to the evangelical call of poverty, chastity, and obedience) must be based on the Gospel, the original purposes of the community, and the changed conditions of the times.</p>		<p>28th – 29th Jan 2023 1st \$285.25; coll. \$ 174.30; 2nd coll. \$ 174.30; P.G. \$ 380</p>	
<p>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.</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>			