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Mass Intentions (1st April -7th April):

Sat.: 7.30am: +Vonnie Meyer; Vigil 5pm: Lee-Chin Family: Sun.: 8am:+ Michael Han : 9.30am :+Stanislaw Suszycki; Mon.: +For Peace in the World: Tue:+Peter Drewe: Wed.:+Holy Souls: Thurs: ; For the living and deceased Parishioners.: Fri No Mass

Catholic news: The Catholic Thing, The Pillar; National Catholic Reporter; Spirit Daily; EWTN; Crux, L'Osservatore Romano Vatican News. Pope Francis@Pontifex

We acknowledge the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation 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 at 9:30 Mass.

Marriage and Baptism inquiries please contact Parish Office.

"Catholic SRE Learning from Home" materials:https://www.ccress.org.au/learningfrom-home-sre-lessons/

St. Joseph's Como cares for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

Our sick: Sam Mercieca, 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 Maidandzic: Dragica Furda, 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.

Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, He brings light, hope and Salvation as well as eternal life to the world.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, in partnership with the Theology of the Body Institute, is bringing online opportunities to learn Theology of the Body. Dr Christopher West will be delivering the 'Theology of the Body: Head & Heart Immersion' online from 17.04 to 28 04. www.sydneycatholic.org/tobi

Q & A in the Crypt, St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks on 7th May, 2023, 1.30pm-3.00pm with Bishop Michael Morrissey.

"SmartLoving" is a Catholic marriage apostolate and is calling for married couples to explore ministering together. Please join us online for a no obligation, "come and see" webinar to learn more. Wednesday May 3 -OR- Tuesday June 6 (2023) 8pm AEST | 7.30pm ACST | 6pm AWST (1 hour) www.smartloving.org/webinars

RCIA Certification Course! The course begins on 3rd May, for six Wednesday sessions over twelve weeks, ending on 12th July. More information: 0427 536 356. simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org

26/03/23: 1st coll. \$385; 2nd coll. \$182; P.G. \$575;



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Palms were symbols of life among the nomadic tribes, who, when crossing the desert, rejoiced at seeing the palm tree as it indicated an oasis with life-giving water was near. Palms have long been a sign of victory, success and glory. Victorious armies or leaders returning from the battlefield or a long military campaign were welcomed by the populace jubilantly waving palm branches. Despite Jesus' peaceful manner, when the Jews waved the palms at Him and spread their clothing over which He rode, they were affording Him the honors of a conquering hero and simultaneously defying the Roman occupiers. On Palm Sunday, we still go out to meet Him, carry the blessed palms, joyfully sing out our hosanna and join in His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. The palms we take home and put in a special place serve to remind of Christ's victory.



Our School Teachers (L-R: Melanie Stock. Nicole Mathers, Marie Cole and Joe Dwyer) selected for WYD in Portugal August 2023.

On 22 June 2019, Pope Francis announced that the theme of the WYD 2023 will be "Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39). This verse also takes into account of her visitation of her cousin Elizabeth. The pope also called on Catholics to prepare for the 2023 World Youth Day by meditating on two scriptural passages: Luke 7:14, "Young man, I say to you, Arise!"; and a re-working of Acts 26:16, "Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen".

At the time of Jesus' last days and death, Jerusalem was full of pilgrims, celebrating the festival of the Passover. It was also a time of political unrest, with Jerusalem and Judea under the Roman Empire.

Holy Week and Easter at St. Joseph's

2nd April Palm Sunday:

Please bring palm branches for the blessing before Masses.

3rd April Monday: preparations of the church for Holy Week and Easter. Holy Hour (silence), Reconciliation time, Vespers (Evening Prayer) Benediction from 6:30pm - 7:30 pm.

4th April Tuesday: church cleaning, homebound visitation, and in the evening Mass at 5:30pm followed by the Novena. Reconciliation (in English, Polish, Italian, Spanish, French...) time (6:30pm-7:30pm) with some visiting priests. Vespers (Evening Prayer) Benediction.

5th April Wednesday: tiding up surrounding Church grounds. Holy Hour (silence), Reconciliation time. Vespers (Evening Prayer) Benediction from 6:30pm - 7:30 pm.

6th April Holy Thursday: No morning Mass. Chrism Mass in the Cathedral at 10.30am. At St Joseph's: "Last Supper" Celebration at **6pm**. Adoration and prayers until 8:30pm.

7th April Good Friday: 6:00am Early Morning prayer "Tenebrae" (is a church service observed during the final part of Holy Week commemorating the sufferings and death of Christ).

10:00am Stations of the Cross.

3:00pm Liturgy of Good Friday

8th April Easter Saturday: 10am Blessing of Easter Food. **6:00pm** Easter Vigil (four liturgies)

9th April Easter Sunday Masses: 8:00am and 9:30am. Holy Anointing for the Sick after each Mass. 16th April Divine Mercy Sunday: 8 & 9:30am,

3:00pm Mass, Divine Chaplet and Benediction.

Pope Francis, 21st January 2016, issued a decree changing how the Holy Thursday foot-washing ceremony will be celebrated around the world. The decree states that those chosen to have their feet washed by the priest or bishop performing the ceremony must include women. The custom has long been for the subjects to be 12 men. With his decree, Francis has said they should be representatives of the community: meaning men and women, young and old, healthy and sick, clergy and laity.

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