

Mass Intentions (4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March):  
Sat.: 7.30am: Cathy Norris; Vigil 5pm: +.Sime Vlakic; 8am: †Michael Han; 9.30am: Pro Populo;  
Mon: +Ivan Furda; Tue: †Recently deceased parishioners; Wed: + Manuel & Maria Alves; Thurs: +Carmen; Fri: + Holy Souls;

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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.ccross.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

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

**Our sick:** Sam Mercica, 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, 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.

## 8<sup>th</sup> March, International Women's Day.

In 2021 Pope Francis made small but significant steps towards greater inclusion of women in decision making and leadership. He amended Canon Law so that women may be officially recognised as exercising the ministries of Lector and Acolyte. And he has appointed a woman as Under-Secretary to the Synod of Bishops – with the right to vote. Pope Francis is an active promotor of gender equality: "within the Vatican walls there have been a number of initiatives and relevant appointments that promote gender equality in the workplace" and that highlights the important role that women are playing in the Holy See, in the Vatican, and in the Church at large.

Sam thanks for the prayers



Stations of the Cross on Fridays through Lent at 6pm.

Thank you to Francisca for sending BOBB&CO to clean our church and offices.



### Communion and Liberation: Sydney Catch Up

Everyone is welcome at this family event on **Saturday 18 March**. We will explore some of the deepest questions of life: "How am I?" "What is worth living for?" "Why is there suffering and death?" The day will feature a meet and greet, group discussions, a book presentation and conclude with Holy Mass at 5pm. Kids entertainment and a food truck will be on site throughout the day. Location: St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 3 Thomas St, Lewisham, 10am-5pm. For more information, contact Filippo Begnini on 0481 355 692 or email: [cl.australia.newzealand@gmail.com](mailto:cl.australia.newzealand@gmail.com)



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**Upcoming Events** The next online event 'Clothed with Power' with Dr Mary Healy, Fr. Alex Colautti, Sarah Kaczmarek, and Fr. John Adams will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7am. If you're unable to make it for the live event, once you register, you will receive a link to the recording. For registration, please contact our Parish Office. **Run Alpha Coaching:** Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 8:00pm. 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 8:00pm. To register to the above events please contact our Parish Office.



Students from our School, their families together with teachers and parishioners, after the Vigil Mass shared a meal in the garden in the front of the church under beautiful evening sky last Saturday.

**Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference.** The conference will be held at The Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops 17-19th March. [www.sisterhood.org.au](http://www.sisterhood.org.au) email [info@sisterhood.org.au](mailto:info@sisterhood.org.au)

This is the link to the **Metropolitan Vinnies Schools and Youth Newsletter Term 1 2023:** <https://bit.ly/Term-1-Vinnies-Metro-Schools-News>. The 2023 edition of the **Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP)** for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

We traditionally do our Lenten inner work through a discipline of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Turns out, the discipline of fasting is now actually a "thing" for no-churchgoers. Meditation and prayer are go-to practices by many who seek a calm-fix, or something more lasting, in the midst of hectic lives. Giving to worthy causes is something we do when called to respond, be it for an animal shelter down the street or for earthquake victims in Syria or Turkey. So, what's left for the Catholic in Lent? Perhaps the answer lies at the heart of our Gospel. Maybe this Lent the Beatitudes would be a starting point.



Lenten Group at 11am in the church library on Fridays throughout Lent.



**"Clean Up Australia Day"** On the 5<sup>th</sup> March we will go along Oyster Bay Rd to collect items left on the road which should be placed in the garbage bins. Certainly, it will be very special time for all of us, taking care for our Common Home. **Meet at the Church at 11am to collect Clean – up kit.**

25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
1<sup>st</sup> coll. \$506.20;  
2<sup>nd</sup> coll. \$380.70  
P.G. \$355.00

**Consecrated Life Weekend: Discernment Retreat, 25-26 March 2023**  
An opportunity for single women aged 16-35 to come and listen for the voice of Jesus, ask questions and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and times of sharing to help you discern your vocation. Registrations: [mglsisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mglsisters.sydney@gmail.com)