

**Mass Intentions** (6<sup>th</sup> May-12<sup>th</sup> May) :  
**Sat.:** 7.30am:+Peter Drewe; Vigil 5pm:+Julian & Alexandra; **Sun.:** 8am:Dantis; 9.30am :Pro Populo;  
**Mon.:** +Norma Cook; **Tue.:**+George Hogan ;  
**Wed.:**+ Scholastica & Peter; **Thurs.:**+Praxedis & John; **Fri** +Elizabeth, Josephine & Joseph;

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

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

**Our sick:** Geoff Huntley, 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, Elette Majdanzic; 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.

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**Sacrament of Confirmation on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11am and 2pm.**

Confirmation was the sacrament of the fullness of the Spirit with his seven gifts. When in the Middle Ages it became a custom to confirm young adults instead little children, theologians began to teach that Confirmation is the sacrament of maturity. Those who received it were regarded as old enough and ready to live active, responsible Christian lives. The notion of the sacrament making a person a soldier of Christ prevailed. The sign of peace in the rite was even replaced by a gentle slap on the face to indicate readiness for life's battles. Nowadays, this sacrament does not imply that the candidate is completely mature in the faith. Nor does the signing with chrism instantaneously produce maturity in the candidate. Conversion to Christ is a gradual process to which Confirmation gives extra strength. Through it the confirmed person is strengthened for this lifelong journey. Contemporary thinking of Confirmation has been given direction by recent Church documents that see Confirmation as integrally related to Baptism and Eucharist. Together these sacraments constitute a process by which the Spirit brings the believer to full union with the community. Confirmation does not complete Baptism in the sense that Baptism left something incomplete. Rather, the two sacraments are united in the initiation process.

Walk with Christ will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 2:30pm from the corner pf Pitt Street and Martin Place then will end at St. Mary's Cathedral.

**Are you called to be a Sponsor Couple?** 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) Find out more and register: [www.smartloving.org/webinars](http://www.smartloving.org/webinars)

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults. The actual reason is the fact that this month in the northern hemisphere is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. The most common devotion suggested is praying the Holy Rosary.



1<sup>st</sup> coll. \$367.75  
 2<sup>nd</sup> coll. \$259.95  
 P.G.\$460

**RCIA Certification Course!** The course begins on **3<sup>rd</sup> May**, for six Wednesday sessions over twelve weeks, ending on **12<sup>th</sup> July**. More info.: 0427 536 356.

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On **8 May 2023** (10-11:30am AEST) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Dr Lizette Larson-Miller who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled "**I am what I ritualise: identity, theology, and liturgy in a secular context**". For more information and to register, please go to [www.acu.edu.au/News\\_CentreforLiturgy](http://www.acu.edu.au/News_CentreforLiturgy).



Once a year (this year 14<sup>th</sup> May), people around the world celebrate **Mother's Day** – a **day** dedicated to all **mothers**, so that we can show our appreciation.



**"Ignite" Youth Conference**  
 23: Brisbane 21-24 Sept.  
 Sydney 28 Sept.-1 Oct.  
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**CWF Appeal this weekend**

**Donate to the CWF May 2023 Appeal our parish appeal. Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you**

**"Charisms: The Power of the Holy Spirit Unleashed."** There will be events dedicated to exploring the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives and renewing the Church for mission. Endowed with spiritual gifts, each of us is chosen by God in a special way to witness to Christ in the world and to build His Kingdom here on earth. Monday 22 May 2023 | 6 – 9pm | Liverpool Catholic Club and Wednesday 24 May 2023 | 6 – 9pm | Australian Catholic University Strathfield. Cost: \$30 plus booking fees. Refreshments served from 6:00 – 6:45pm. Talk commences at 7:00pm. Register via our Parish web.