

Mass Intentions (24th -30th June)

Sat.: 7.30am:+Hunter Valley road accident Victims; Vigil 5pm: + Dantis; **Sun.:** 8am +John Buckham; 9.30am: Pro Populo; **Mon.:**+Antonio & Angelina ; **Tue.:**+Julia Han; **Wed.:** +Julia Han; **Thurs.:**+Deceased from Timoteo & Smith Families
Fri.: +Teresa & Wilhelm



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, 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.

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

Our sick: Tony Arnold, 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, Urszula Kaminska, Josephine and Steven Marinilli, Nicholas Mircevski and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House.

Next Catholic Mass on 12th July at 10.45am.

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A book and sword are the common attributes of Saint Paul. The book carried by Saint Paul represents his epistles in the New Testament of the Bible. The sword is a reminder of the means of his martyrdom – he was beheaded in Rome in 67 AD. The Keys of Heaven, also called Saint Peter's keys, refers to the metaphorical keys of the office of Saint Peter, the keys of the kingdom of Heaven.

The Southern Area
Catechist Mass is a tradition for those involved with Special Religious Education in State Schools. This year the Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda, on **Tuesday 11th July at 10.30 am.** We are encouraging as many catechists as possible to participate in these celebrations.



'Sacramental Coordinator Training Day' on **Saturday, the 15th of July, at St Joachim Parish in Lidcombe.** RSVP by the 7th of July via the following online form: <https://forms.gle/hxSfNneiiYRdx7ka8>



The Plenary Council of Australia on: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Each year we are blessed with candidates to the Sacraments of Christians Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation). Nearly every weekend we baptise one or two. A few weeks ago, 75 received Sacrament of Confirmation. In September c. 80 will receive First Holy Communion.
Praise the Lord.



1st coll. \$ 287
2nd coll.\$ 409
P.G. \$ 485
CWF \$3586 cash
cc. \$ 7655



29 June is the day set apart for the celebration of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Like all saints, Peter and Paul did not come with sanctity ready-made from heaven. We respect them because in them the grace of God achieved its purpose. Such grace works in different ways. Sometimes God's grace, like the prophet Jeremiah, has to 'destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant' (Jeremiah 1:10). Paul and Peter offer us instances of each of these dynamics.

Baptism did not begin with Christians. For years before Christ, the Jews had used baptism in ritual cleansing ceremonies of Gentile proselytes. John the Baptist took baptism and applied it to the Jews themselves—it wasn't just the Gentiles who needed cleansing. Many believed John's message and were baptised by him ([Matthew 3:5–6](#)). The baptisms John performed had a specific purpose. In [Matthew 3:11](#), John the Baptist mentions the purpose of his baptisms: "I baptise you with water for repentance.



The annual Holy Father's Appeal is on next weekend. The appeal highlights the global charitable causes spearheaded by Pope Francis, and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, refugee crises, and poverty. It is an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we humbly ask you to give what you can. Give today at www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal, phone 1800 753 959 or through our parish collection.

To learn more about Our Catholic Faith, please scan this QR code.

The imperative for engaging the natural world is found in Scripture. The creation stories, God's provision for all creatures, and thanksgiving for that provision, are at the heart of the Biblical narrative. In Scripture, we discover the significant role that water plays in spirituality. We experience the connections between what the Bible says about compassion, death, and grief and the wisdom that nature offers. We also experience firsthand how resurrection and renewal are at the heart of natural systems and how they invite us to connect and respond. (More in Laudato Si , Pope Francis)

Please consider to be on the board of the **Parish Council and Finance Committee.** Duration of meetings 1.5 hours and occurrence 4 times per year. More information at the Parish Office.

Planned Giving Envelopes for **2023 / 2024** are available now. Thank you.

A volunteer with comprehensive / fluent computer skills is needed in our Parish Office.

