

Mass Intentions (20thAug. – 26th Aug.)
Vigil 5pm: +Anthony Simari; **Sun.:** 8am: + Holy Souls; 9.30am: Pro Populo;
Mon.:+ Holy Souls ; **Tues.:** +Holy Souls ;
Wed.: + Kotowski Fm ; **Thurs.** + Muszynski Fm.; **Fri.** +Ed & Una; **Sat.:** 7.30am:+Cecilia Lim;



The National Liturgical Council and the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network are delighted to announce a combined Liturgy and Music Conference. Mystery and Mission - The Art of Liturgical Celebration. Brisbane Hilton, 28 - 30 September 2023. For more information and to register, visit <https://mysteryandmission.com.au/>

Please join us in the Hall 11:30am after Mass Sun 27th August to celebrate Fr Jerzy's birthday – bring a plate to share.

Palms Australia is offering the opportunity to undertake a Global Mission. Qualified and experienced people are requested asap.



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

On the 17th September 70 children will receive Holy Communion for the first time at 11am and 2pm Masses.
 Along with the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation, First Holy Communion is one of our three Sacraments of Initiation. It is through these Sacraments that we become full members of the Church. We receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time during the First Holy Communion. The Holy Eucharist refers to Christ's body, blood, soul, and divinity that are truly present in the consecrated host and wine (now called the Body and Blood of Christ) on the altar. For us as Catholics, there is nothing greater than to receive Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist at Mass. First Holy Communion is considered one of the holiest and most important occasions in a person's life. It is the first time that a person receives the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is the reception of consecrated bread and drinking of consecrated wine. Most Catholic children receive their First Holy Communion when they are 7 or 8 years old as this is considered the age of reason.

Sport's games have been a prominent entertainment. And yet, while sports have captured the minds and hearts of people across the globe, they have escaped the attention of theologians. The Church has struggled to rightly understand the role of games in God's greater purposes. The Apostle Paul seemed to appreciate sports, or he was at least familiar with them, using athletic metaphors such as running the race (1 Cor 9:24), fighting the good fight (1 Tim 6:12), and training in righteousness (2 Tim 3:16). In the first few centuries of the church, however, Christians were largely against the sports of the day for understandable reasons. The early Olympic games were dedicated to pagan gods like Zeus and Nike and athletes usually competed in the nude. Moreover, the most popular sporting event (the gladiator games) involved throwing Christians into the ring with wild bears and lions. Up until the late eighteenth century, sports were for the most part recreational. The industrial revolution, however, laid the railroad tracks for the professionalisation of sports, with the train pulling into the station in the latter half of the twentieth century. With the professionalisation and popularisation of sports today, Christians have jumped on board, to say the least, seeing sports as a potential classroom for morality and a platform for evangelisation.

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.

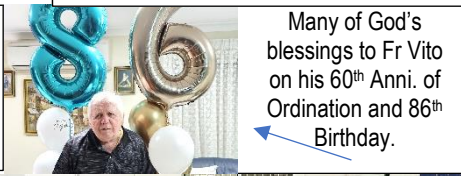
Weekend Mass times: Saturday: Vigil 5pm **Sunday:** 8am, 9:30am and 2nd **Sunday** of the month at 3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction and Mass.
Baptisms at 9:30 Mass.
 Marriage and Baptism inquiries please contact Parish Office.

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



Gennie and Patricia your work on the Piety Room is fantastic.

Thank you Maggie, Walter and Tony, for looking after Sunday morning tea.



Many of God's blessings to Fr Vito on his 60th Anni. of Ordination and 86th Birthday.

"I am going home today (last Tuesday). Thank you for everything over the past month. God bless you." Glenn Horton



Our sick: Glenn Horton, Steven Leeke, Helen Cramer, Max McLeod, Philip Andrew Romanow, Sam Mercieca, Richard Davis, Michele McQuillan, Joan & 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, Urszula Kaminska, Josephine and Steven Marinilli, Nicholas Mircevski and all Dear Friends from **Mildred Symons House:**
Next Catholic Mass on 6th Sep. at 10.45am.



National Catholic Reporter News



Every Sunday after 8am Mass there is cuppa in the lobby of the hall.

Dear Pilgrims, welcome back from World Youth Day.



Vinnies Festival Mass at Saint Joseph's Church Oatley. Cnr. Frederick and Rose St. Wednesday 27th September at 7pm.

Meditation Teaching on line

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 2nd coll. \$151.20
 P. Giv. \$375
 CWF coll. \$1620

CROSS MEDIA PROJECT SHOP, 31 Jamieson St. Granville, ph. 98975791, Christian Devotion Shop. Open Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat. 9.30am-4pm.



Divine Renovation.

Free plant vouchers from Sutherland Council would be greatly appreciated to help enhance the Church gardens. Drop into mailbox at any time or to the Parish office during office hours. 🌱 🌱

Youtube-daily Mass: stjosephcomo
 catholicweekly.com.au; facebook.com/TheCatholicWeekly; To write to the Editor of The C.W. cweditor@catholicweekly.com.au

The Plenary Council: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au
CWF: We are invited to participate in Church charities appeal (please use envelopes). Our quote is \$10,400 (100% deductible). It is the first appeal in this financial year.