

Mass Intentions (15th Oct –21st Oct.)
Vigil 5pm: +Paul & Augustine Lim; **Sun.:** 8am: 9.30am: +Stefania and Jan Gurba;
Mon: + Holy Souls; **Tues.** +Michael Han;
Wed.: The Mulhelly Family; **Thurs** Holy Souls.; **Fri.** + Deceased Priests & Faithful
Sat.: 7.30am +Alexandra & Julian

Catholic news: [The Catholic Thing](#), [National Catholic Reporter](#); [EWTN](#); [Crux](#), [L'Osservatore Romano](#) [Vatican News](#). [Pope Francis@Pontifex](mailto:PopeFrancis@Pontifex)

On Sundays after 8am Mass there is cuppa.

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 9390 5810 or safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

Our sick: Nerida Tullio, Steven Leeke, Helen Cramer, Max McLeod, Philip Andrew Romanow, Richard Davis, Michele McQuillan, Joan & Vince Fernandez, Drago Mikan, Therese Dorff, Steve Smith, Barbara Moore, Albert McMaster, 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 Mass 10.45am, 1st Nov. 2023.

[HTTPS://WWW.BPOINT.COM.AU/PAY/COMOOYSTER-BAYPARISH](https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/comooyster-bayparish)

The Holy Rosary has been drawing people to Jesus' side for more than 800 years. Its significance to the life of the Church is difficult to overstate. October 7, the commemoration of the victorious battle at Lepanto 7th October 1571, marks the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The beads had ancestors in other forms like psalters but the rosary, as we know it today, arrived in the hands of the faithful in the 13th Century thanks to the Dominican Order. The Order of Preachers formalised the long-standing Christian tradition of using prayer beads alongside the Hail Mary. This basis flourished into the Mysteries of the Rosary, which cover the life and death of Jesus. The joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries tell the story of Jesus from the Annunciation through to the Crowning of Mary in Heaven. The rosary epitomises the rightful exaltation of Mary. Perhaps then, it should be no surprise that it holds such a special place amongst Catholics.

From today we can contribute to non-perishable goods / food for **Christmas Hampers** Appeal. A collection box will be placed at the church entrance. Thank you so much for your generosity. **Tax-deductible financial Christmas Season Appeal will be on 6 / 7th January.**

"Without faith, we are as stained – glass windows in the dark."



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 Mission: \$50

Pray the rosary, Pope Francis urges as the world looks on in horror at violence in Israel and Palestine.



Pope Francis has issued a new apostolic exhortation, titled *Laudate Deum* ("Praise to God"), on 4th October, the feast of his namesake, St Francis of Assisi. The exhortation deals with the climate crisis and actions that can be taken to reduce fossil fuel emissions. This is slightly different to his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si* which dealt with humans' relationship to the environment more generally, and about the connection between environmental destruction and the suffering of the poor. In *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis provides an update on the situation eight years on from '*Laudato Si*' and the news is not good. The world is already in the early stages of climate catastrophe and the leading fossil fuel consuming countries are not doing nearly enough to tackle the problem.

Next CWF Appeal on 4 / 5 November. We are invited to collect \$10,200 for charities.

The leader of the Church in Jerusalem, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, has called for a day of fasting, abstinence and prayer. In a statement Cardinal said that "...Once again we find ourselves in the midst of a political and military crisis." He called all Catholics to organise a day of prayer, fasting, abstinence, Eucharistic adoration and rosaries.



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

ON 4 OCTOBER, Pope Francis opened the Synod in the Vatican. The first phase is titled 'Synod on Synodality' is taking place until 29 October. The second phase will be held a year later, in October 2024. The word "synod" means "assembly" but Pope Francis describes it as "journeying together" and listening to one another to discern the best path forward for the Church. The Canon Law of the Catholic Church, which sets out how the Church is governed and organised, describes the Synod of Bishops as a body that assists the Pope with their counsel and "consider questions pertaining to the activity of the Church in the world".

The Propagation of the Faith was founded in France, in 1822 by a young woman, Pauline Jaricot, who was inspired to help support the Church's missionary work around the world. Please support as you can the Mission Appeal this weekend. Our donations are 100% tax-deductible. Thank you for your help.

YouTube: https://youtu.be/zdj_sq-lyIw
Sisters of the Immaculata
www.immaculata.org.au

A Statement from the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP The outcome of the referendum has understandably left many people wondering 'what now' for relations with Indigenous Australians. My sincere hope is that the defeat of this particular proposal – a constitutionally enshrined voice to parliament – is not understood as a rejection of the ongoing process of reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Whatever your vote, we must avoid the temptations of both triumphalism and defeatism and recognise that the task of ensuring better outcomes for Indigenous people can only be advanced if we come together as Australians in genuine charity and recommit ourselves to closing the gap of disadvantage that Indigenous Australians face. The obligation on us all, and particularly Catholics informed by the Gospel and the social teaching of the Church, is to affirm and uphold the dignity of every human person; to seek unity and reconciliation in circumstances where division and conflict are present; and to work together for the flourishing of all people regardless of race, belief or background.