

Mass Intentions (19th Nov.-25th Nov.)
Vigil 5pm: +Mary Coulter.; **Sun.:** 8am: Nov. Mass Int. 9.30am: Pro Populo; **Mon:** +Nov. Mass Int.; **Tues.** +Lim Family; **Wed.:** +Brian Johnson; Nov. Mass Int.; **Fri.** +Leslie Gallagher. **Sat.:** 7.30am +Nov. Mass Int.

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

On Sundays after 8am Mass there is cuppa.

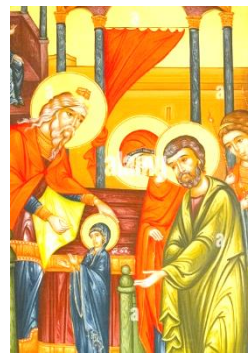
We acknowledge the Gweagal People, the traditional Custodians of this land.

St. Joseph's Como cares for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at 9390 5810 or safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

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.

Our sick: Nerida Tullio, Steven Leeke, Helen Cramer, Max McLeod, Richard Davis, Michele McQuillan, Joan & Vince Fernandez, Drago Mikan, Therese Dorff, Steve Smith, Barbara Moore, Albert McMaster, Elizabeth Kinsela, 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, 6th Dec. 2023.

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Each year on 21st Nov., both Catholic and Orthodox churches celebrate the Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple. While originally this day marked the dedication of a basilica in Jerusalem, it quickly became associated with this extra-biblical event, not found in the New Testament. The feast is based on an ancient text from the year 145, called *The Protoevangelium of James*, a text that was revered by early Christians. In it, we find the Virgin Mary's parents entrusting her to the Jewish Temple at an early age. This was a custom of some Jewish parents at the time. Religious parents never fail by devout prayer to consecrate their children to the divine service and love, both before and after their birth. Some amongst the Jews, not content with this general consecration of their children, offered them to God in their infancy, by the hands of the priests in the temple, to be lodged in apartments belonging to the temple, and brought up in attending the priests and Levites in the sacred ministry. While the historicity of the document has been questioned, the event has always been a day for religious men and women to consecrate themselves to God, in imitation of the Virgin Mary.

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Please contribute to non-perishable goods / food for **Christmas Hampers** Appeal. A collection box is placed at the church entrance. Thank you so much for your generosity.

The Liturgy Office has prepared a policy for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Archdiocese of Sydney. It can be found on CAS web-page at <https://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/EMHC-in-Sydney-final-and-approved-5-Oct-2023.pdf>.

Parish Renewal Team News QR code for more information and registration to the workshops.



Collection of the used stamps for Mary Mackillop Today (MMT) to raise needed funds to contest poverty. Please trim stamps off leaving a generous margin of envelope all around stamp. A box is provided in the church for this purpose. John Altham, m: 0455 205 804

November Mass Intentions envelopes are available in the church. Please return them and place in the collection box at the altar. Next month we will offer our prayers exclusively for our Faithful **De-parted.**

1st Coll. \$404 2nd Coll: \$309 CWF \$1050

Please scan QR code for a full information related to the formation seminars, possibly conducted in our Parish. They will be offered next year for new candidates and those already involved in ministries. Please contact Parish office.



"Success is not measured so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." (Booker T. Washington)

26th November, Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. On this, last Sunday of the Liturgical Year (A) we are all invited to join Volunteers of various Ministries in particular our Catechists at 11am for lunch in the parish hall. Please bring a savoury plate to share with one another. There will be a lot of fun and certainly we all will have an opportunity to chat and socialise with one another. A lot of lucky-door prizes, guessing competition and much more...

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15 hidden gems in the Synod on Synodality. The report, titled "A synodal church in mission," follows an intense month of debates at the Vatican among some 450 participants over a range of big issues: **1.** a new stress on lay involvement; **2.** "Conversation in the Spirit." The term refers to a practice that "enables authentic listening in order to discern what the Spirit is saying to the Churches"; **3.** the report acknowledges disagreements and uncertainties. **4.** the report addresses the concerns of women. **5.** it did not forget the poor; **6.** it charges the church with combating racism and xenophobia; **7.** abuse in the church must be dealt with; **8.** the synod participants called for reforming priestly formation. **9.** the synod called for a regular review of how bishops, priests and deacons carry out their ministry in their diocese; **10.** the report took on liturgical language, saying the texts used in Catholic rites should be "more accessible to the faithful and more embodied in the diversity of cultures." **11.** it raised the possibility of offering Communion to non-Catholics, or what it called "Eucharistic hospitality (Communicatio in sacris). **12.** the report took aim at what it means to be a deacon in the church. As it is, the diaconate is largely seen as a steppingstone to priesthood; **13.** reform of the Roman Curia must continue; **14.** the report said canon law needs updating.; **15.** the synod wants to promote small Christian communities, "who live the closeness of the day-to-day, around the Word of God and the Eucharist".

Advent always starts four Sundays before Christmas. This year, in 2023, Advent starts on Sunday, 3rd Dec. and ends each year on Christmas Eve, 24th Dec. The coming Liturgical Sunday Masses readings will be taken from Cycle B. Daily Masses will follow readings of Cycle 2.

21st of November The parish of St John Bosco in Engadine invites all young adults in the area to "All About Love", a collaboration with Sydney Catholic Youth for young people to get to know one another and to engage in their faith together. The evening will include a talk and discussion groups, as well as music and prayer with dinner provided. For more information and to register: youthmatters.org.au