

Mass Intentions (26th Nov.-2nd Dec.)

Vigil 5pm: +For Parents' good health.; **Sun.:** 8am + Leslie Gallagher; 9.30am: Nov. Masses; **Mon:** For Souls healing and mind.; **Tues.** +Nov. Masses; **Wed.:** +; Nov. Mass Int.; **Thurs.** Nov. Masses; **Fri.** +Holy Souls; 6pm +Laurendet Fm. **Sat.**+ Terry Killalea.

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 safeguardingenquiries@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: Elizabeth Mercieca, 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, Elette 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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Jesus Christ is called the King of kings because the word "king" is used symbolically in the Bible to signify someone who possesses supreme power. Jesus came as the promised Jewish Messiah and as a true king to lead his people. His reign as king was not temporary, but eternal, and his kingdom is not of this earth, but everlasting. Jesus' perfect, sinless life in the flesh was a demonstration of His suitability to assume the role of King over all humanity. Jesus never claimed an earthly kingship, but spoke of himself frequently as one who was announcing a new kind of reign, the kingdom of God.

Michael Borg received award for 30 years of being a catechist in the States schools.



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...

Christmas at Como. Sunday 24th December. Christmas Vigil at 6pm, 10.30pm Christmas Carols Night Mass of the Nativity at 11pm;
Monday Christmas Day 25th December Christmas Day Masses at 8am and 9.30am.
Penitential Rite with Confession on **Friday 22nd December** at 6.30pm.



Last Sunday. The Awards given to the catechists ministering long years (20, 30, 40 and 50) in the States schools.



Safeguarding, Child Protection and Ministerial Integrity Office established in 2015 to raise awareness regarding our responsibility to protect children. Please scan QR for more information.

1st Coll. \$394 2nd Coll: \$266 P.G.\$450; CWF \$15,090 Piety Shop \$334

"God help me to rise to my feet. A fall is what I can do myself."

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Christmas at the Cathedral. Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment. The event will be launched by Archbishop Anthony Fisher on Thursday 14 December, where he will address all present in the forecourt of the Cathedral, followed by festivities! 14 - 25 December. From 5:30 10:30pm christmasatthecathedral.org.au.

"Walking Together in Communion, Participation and Mission." Reflections on the Synod on Synodality, October 2023 Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP



The liturgical year celebrates the paschal mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection. This Mystery of Jesus Christ unfolds throughout the liturgical seasons. **Liturgical Seasons: Advent** – is the season of 'devout and joyful expectation', preparing for Christmas; **Christmas** – celebrates the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. **Lent** – is preparation for the celebration of Easter. The season calls the faith community to conversion of heart through reflecting on the Word of God from the Sunday Scriptures, to prayer and to almsgiving. **The Easter Triduum** – is the celebration of the 'passion and resurrection of Christ' ending with Easter Vigil followed by Easter Sunday and Easter Season is the 'great fifty days of joyful exultation'. The period of fifty days ends on Pentecost Sunday. **Ordinary Time** – celebrates the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. It is made up of two periods: the first is the time between Christmas season and the beginning of Lent and the second begins after the Easter season and concludes at the beginning of Advent. The focus for this season comes from the gospels – in Year A, the gospel of Matthew, Year B, the gospel of Mark, and Year C, the gospel of Luke; John 6 (Jesus as the Bread of Life) is read in the middle of Year B, because Mark's gospel is much shorter than the other gospels.