

**Mass Intentions** (3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.-9th Dec.)  
**Vigil** 5pm: +Lee-Chin Fm. **Sun.**; 8am Pro Populo; 9.30am:+Mary Frances Zerafa; **Mon:** For Souls healing and mind.; **Tues.** +Adrain Han; **Wed.:** + For the Deceased Priests.; **Thurs.** For Grace of healing for Parents **Fri.** +Wilhem & Teresa.; **Sat .**+Terry Killalea

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.

St. Joseph's Como cares for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Mercica, 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023.**

**Advent is a season** (Sun, 3 Dec 2023 – Sun, 24 Dec 2023) observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. Advent is the beginning of the Liturgical Year.

**The Advent wreath** is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. During this Season one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday until all of the candles are lit. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.



**1st Candle of Hope**  
 We have hope because God is faithful. Our hope comes from God. "And again, Isaiah says, 'The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:12-13)



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Young Adults Summer Events "18+ Event" YA Festival 2023 "Emanuel Community"

Parish Notices Arch. of Sydney. QR code to scan.



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. \$694 2nd Coll: \$150 P.G. \$440; CWF \$250; Piety Shop \$20

The Catholic Church has four dogmas that describe Mary's personal relationship with God and her role in human salvation. These dogmas are: **Divine Motherhood:** Mary's divine motherhood was proclaimed at the Council of Ephesus in 431. Mary is called "Mother of God" which translates the more accurately stated Greek term "Theotokos" or "Birthgiver of God". **Perpetual Virginity:** The Catholic Church holds as dogma that Mary was and is Virgin before, in and after Christ's birth. **Immaculate Conception (8<sup>th</sup> December):** The dogma of the Immaculate Conception states that Mary was conceived without original sin. **Assumption:** The dogma of the Assumption of Mary states that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven.

Praying for the Eternal Rest of Mary Frances Zerafa's soul. We are grateful for Mary's donation of \$1,000 from her Estate. May She Rest in Peace.

**Christmas at the Cathedral.**  
 Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment. The event will begin on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December and end on 25<sup>th</sup> December. From 8:30pm to 10:30pm.

The Catholic Women's League retreat is on the 9th of December from 10am – 4:30pm, St Catherine Labouré Gynea, with a special guest speaker Karen Doyle founder of the Genius project. This retreat is open to all women and it is not a silent retreat. More info. can be found on the displayed poster in the church.

**Christmas at St Joseph's Como.**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Vigil 6:00pm**  
**Christmas Carols 10:30pm**  
**Night Mass of the Nativity 11:00pm**  
**Christmas Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Masses at 8:00 am and 9:30am.**  
**Penitential Rite with Confession**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6:30pm.**  
**Piety Store 25% Off Sale 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> December.**



Thank you Maggie and Tony for being Good Samaritans



On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. Tony and Maggie were presented with The Hughes Community Award in recognition of their contribution to the welfare of the people in need.

"...I was hesitant to accept a community award but did so on behalf of the team that supports Maggie and me. The Graham Evo Memorial Team Mission we collect good quality furniture and deliver it to the less fortunate in the community, we serve the poor because we love Christ, thanks to you and all the parish for your encouragement and support. Regards Tony & Maggie Cranney."



Church community pre-Christmas gathering last Sunday

"Creativity is the ability to see that which is waiting to exist."