

<p>Mass Intentions (17th Dec.-23rd Dec.) Vigil 5pm: + Lesley & May Ellesmore. Sun.: 8am Pro Populo; 9.30am+:; Mon.:+Dr Patrick Lim; Tues. +Adrain Han; Wed.: +Holy Souls; Thurs. +Joseph & Josephine; Fri. +Parishioners passed away this year; Sat .+Norma Cook</p>		<p>The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. It is celebrated on the second-final Sunday before Christmas Day. The term “Gaudete” comes from the Latin word for “rejoice” and is derived from the entry antiphon of the day’s Mass. The rose-colored candle in the Advent wreath is lit on this day. The day is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the truth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent. The readings for Gaudete Sunday deal with rejoicing in the Lord and Christian joy.</p>	<p>Christmas at St Joseph’s Sunday 24th December Christmas Vigil 6:00pm Christmas Carols 10:30pm Night Mass of the Nativity 11:00pm Christmas Day Monday 25th December Masses at 8:00 am and 9:30am.</p>	
<p>On Sundays after 8am Mass there is cuppa.</p>	<p><i>We offer our sincere condolences to Kathy Cattanach and family at the loss of her husband Duncan last weekend. Farewell prayers will be conducted on Tuesday 19th Dec. in the South Chapel Woronora Cemetery. May He Rest in Peace.</i></p>	<p>"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world."- Pope Francis</p>	<p>Holy Anointing for the people with health conditions will be administered at all Masses on the 16th / 17th December. Please help those who don't have transportation to come to the church this weekend.</p>	
<p>We acknowledge the Gweagal People, the traditional Custodians of this land.</p>	<p>The Christmas Novena below uses the biblical titles of Jesus that correspond with the O Antiphons that appear in the Liturgy of the Hours at Vespers (evening prayer) on the final eight days before Christmas. 16th Dec.: O Shepherd that rules Israel... 17th : O Wisdom that comes out of the mouth of the Most High... 18th : O Adonai, and Ruler of the house of Israel... 19th: O Root of Jesse, which stands for an ensign of the people... 20th : O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel... 21st: O Day-spring, Brightness of the everlasting light, Son of justice... 22nd: O King of the Gentiles, yea, and desire thereof... 23rd: O Emmanuel, our King and our Law-giver, Longing of the Gentiles ... 24th: O Thou that sittest upon the cherubim, God of hosts...<i>Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory be.</i></p>	<p>PARISH ROLES THAT DO REQUIRE A WWCC if children form part of the ministry work • Parish Secretaries • Youth Ministers, Workers or Leaders • Pastoral Associates • Sacramental Coordinators • Sacramental Group Leaders • Catechists in State Schools • Children’s Liturgy Coordinators • Children’s Choir Ministry Leaders • Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers • Eucharistic Ministers.</p>	<p>PARISH ROLES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A WWCC: Cleaners • Gardener • Choir members • Musicians • Finance Committee • Parish Pastoral Council • Counters • Audio Visual Coordinators • Piety Stall • Flower Arranger • Offertory • Hospitality Workers • Ministers of the Homebound • Welcoming/greeting Ministry • Ministers of the Word/Readers/Lectors • Parish Collectors (AKA Wardens)</p>	
<p>St. Joseph’s Como <i>cares</i> for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.</p>		<p>Safeguarding, Child Protection and Ministerial Integrity. For more information, please scan QR code.</p>	<p>Christmas at the Cathedral. The light with religious images on the façade of St Mary’s Cathedral will be projected from 8:30pm to 10:30pm until 25th December.</p>	<p>Penitential Rite with Confessions Friday 22nd December at 6:30pm.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>1st Coll. \$478 2nd Coll: \$221; P.G. \$460; CWF \$120 ; Piety Shop \$43; Christmas Don. \$30</p>	<p>Peace comes in knowing we are doing our best with what God has given us to use.</p>	<p>We are invited to help our retired priests with our Christmas Offerings. Please use provided envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.</p>	<p>Young Adults Summer Events “18+ Event” YA Festival 2023 “Emanuel Community”</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>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, Eliette Majdanzic; 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, 7th Feb. 2024.</p>	<p><i>“Worshipping is stripping ourselves of our idols, even the most hidden ones, and choosing the Lord as the centre, as the highway of our lives.” Pope Francis</i></p>			