





<p>Mass Intentions (31st Dec.- 6th Jan.) Vigil 5pm: + Lesley & May Ellesmore. Sun.: 8am: Pro Populo; 9.30am: +Maria & Franz; Mon:+Franz, Anelise & Claudia; Tues. ; Wed.: +Holy Souls; Thurs. +Mulhally Fm; Fri. +Adrian Han; Sat .+Norma Cook.</p>		<p>The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas (31st Dec.2023). This feast developed at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada and then spread to the entire Church in 1920. At first, it was celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany. It is a Feast that seeks to portray the Holy Family of Nazareth as the “true model of life” from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort.</p>	<p>The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is celebrated on 1st January every year. The feast is also known as the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. The celebration of Mary as the Mother of God dates back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. The feast was originally celebrated in the East and throughout much of the West on January 1st, the octave (eighth day) of Christmas. However, it was eventually replaced by the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ. With the revision of the liturgical calendar at the time of the introduction of the Novus Ordo, the ancient practice of dedicating January 1 to the Mother of God was revived this time, as a universal feast day.</p>	<p>The World Day of Peace is an annual celebration by the Catholic Church, dedicated to universal peace, held on 1 January, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Pope Paul VI established it in 1967, being inspired by the encyclical <i>Pacem in Terris</i> of Pope John XXIII and with reference to his own encyclical <i>Populorum Progressio</i>. The day was first observed on 1 January 1968. World Day of Peace often has been an occasion on which the Popes made magisterial declarations of social doctrine. Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II made important declarations on the Day in each year of their pontificates regarding the United Nations, human rights, women's rights, labour unions, economic development, the right to life, international diplomacy, peace in the Holy Land (Israel), globalization, and terrorism.</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. 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 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Marriage and Baptism inquiries please contact Parish Office.</p>	<p>“Lord, may our families grow in your Love.”</p>	<p>We are all called by God to be a family while living in this world as a stepping stone to our divine family in heaven.</p>	<p>SVdP Christmas Appeal will be taken up on the weekend of the 6th & 7th January 2024. Your generosity will be much appreciated.</p>	<p>We acknowledge the Gweagal People, the traditional Custodians past and present of this land.</p> <p>Safeguarding, Child Protection and Ministerial Integrity. For more information, please scan QR code.</p> 
<p>St. Joseph's Como <i>cares</i> for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.</p>			<p>To live the gospel of the family is not easy today. Those who want to defend life from the moment of conception are criticized or attacked. Yet in the Gospel we find the way to live a beautiful life on the personal and familial level, a way that is certainly challenging, but attractive and all-embracing. It is a way that still deserves to be trusted and undertaken after the example and through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth itself. There are happy and sad, serene and difficult moments in every family. This is life. To live the “gospel of the family” does not exempt us from experiencing difficulties and tensions, of encountering moments of pleasant fortitude and painful weakness. Families who are wounded and marked by weakness, failure, difficulty...can rise again if they learn how to draw from the font of the Gospel. There, they can rediscover new possibilities of starting over.</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 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:7th Feb. 10.45am</p>	<p>Christmas Offering. Please use Christmas envelopes provided with the intention to offer a Christmas gift of appreciation for a pastoral ministry of our Retired Priests.</p>	<p>Home blessing at Christmas season. Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen. House can be blessed with the Holy Water and the front door can be marked with the letters C+M+B 2024 The initials, C, M, B, are interpreted as the Latin phrase “Christus mansionem benedicat” (<i>May Christ bless this home</i>).</p>		
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