

Mass Intentions (7th Jan.-13th Jan).

Vigil 5pm: +Dantis; **Sun.:** 8am Pro Populo;
 9.30am: +; **Mon.:**+Dantis; **Tues.** +Dantis; **Wed.:**
 +Christine Taylor; **Thurs.;** **Fri.** +Dantis;
Sat .+Dantis

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 in the foyer of the hall.

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(1st & 3rd Sunday)
 Other 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, 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.



House Blessing:
Leader: Let us pray.
Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed. The initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house".) Example:
20 + C + M + B + 24

Please take some Holy Water and Blessed chalk for the blessing of your house.



Safeguarding, Child Protection and Ministerial Integrity. For more information, please scan QR code.

We are all familiar with the three gifts of the Magi: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Some say that they are symbols of who Jesus is: the **gold** acknowledges his royal dignity as the King of the Universe, **frankincense** proclaims his divinity and **myrrh** is the foretaste of His redeeming death and burial. However, what do the gifts mean for us today? St Gregory the Great was Pope in the late 500's and early 600's and offers us another way to view the gifts. Gregory challenges us to see that these are the gifts we expect from us every day of our life's "Jesus wants us to give him "gold" by "shining in his sight with the light of wisdom". This gift of the Holy Spirit is the gift to understand life and creation as God does. When we strive to see the world as God does, we are able to make decisions based on the values of the Gospel. We offer God the gold of our lives by serving him with every moment of our lives. All our actions, all our decisions, our views, everything is for the honour and glory of God. Gregory tells us the "frankincense, the incense used at Mass, symbolizes prayer". The incense we use here at Mass is a sign of our prayer rising before the Lord. We burn it to honour the sacred among us. Notice what is incensed: the altar: the image of Christ among us the Gospels: The Word of God among us you: the living Body of Christ. God asks us to offer the fragrance of our prayer every single day. We are called to offer God the very scent of our lives; we are to offer to God the smoke of our joy and sorrows, our hopes and dashed dreams, all every moment of our lives. Finally, from Gregory, we learn that the "myrrh is symbolized mortification of the flesh. We offer myrrh when we offer up the desires of our flesh". So, what does that mean to us? This means we give up the things that get in our way of following Christ even when it causes us discomfort.



We are invited to help our retired priests with our Christmas Offerings. Please use provided envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal is taken up this weekend. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

 The Feast of Baptism of the Lord concludes Christmas Season. From 9th Jan. we follow daily Liturgy from Ordinary Time Year 2 and on Sundays Year B.

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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.

PARISH ROLES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A WWCC:
 Cleaners • Gardener • Choir members • Musicians • Finance Committee1 • 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)