

Mass Intentions (11th Feb. – 17th Feb).
Vigil 5pm: +Jang Ae Kim; **Sun.:** 8am Pro Populo; 9.30am :Katarzyna Lech and Brian Davis ; **Mon:** +Galina Kollar; **Tues.** +Adrian Han; **Wed.:** +Patrick Lim Jr ; **Thurs.** + Piotr & Scholastika; **Fri.** +John & Praxedes.; **Sat:** Steve Smith, for good health

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 and Saturday** (Saturday: Mass, Cenacle, Confession & Benediction); **Tuesday 5:30pm:** Adoration, Novena, Confession, Benediction and 6pm Mass. **Friday 9:15am 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: Nerida Tullio, Steve Smith, Eileen Ellsmore, Elizabeth Mercieca, Nerida Tullio, Steven Leeke, Helen Cramer, Max McLeod, Richard Davis, Michele McQuillan, Joan & Vince Fernandez, Drago Mikan, Therese Dorff, 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:
Next Mass 10.45am, 13th March, 2024.

Ash Wednesday: Mass times:7.30am, 9.15am (School) 6.00 pm.
 Stations of the Cross Fridays 6.00 pm
1st Friday 8th March, Sacred Heart Devotion and Benediction from 8.00am to 9.00am followed by the Mass.
 Reconciliation every day 15mins before Mass.
 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 20th March 7.00pm
 Last Supper of the Lord **Holy Thursday (28th March)** 6.00 pm and adoration at the Altar of Repose till Midnight (due to the night pilgrimage to the seven churches).
Good Friday (29th March) Morning Prayer at 9.00am; Stations of the Cross 10.00 am; Good Friday Ceremonies 3.00 pm; Night Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm.
Easter Saturday (30th March) Blessing of Food for Easter Table at 10.00am; Easter Vigil with Four Liturgies 6.00 pm.
 Easter Sunday (31st March) Masses at 8.00am and 9.30 am).
There might be some minor changes in this program.

Dear Anne and Albert McMaster, please accept our prayers and best wishes on your Fortieth Wedding Anniversary. Ad Multos Annos!

Blessed and Happy Birthday to Joseph Nekre and Nicoleta Minns. Plurimos Annos.

Time spent with God, reap benefits that last a lifetime.

We have been given many abilities, but our greatest gift is the ability to love.

There are three holy practices which Catholics are called to embrace in penitential seasons such as Lent and Advent. These three practices are **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. When you make your Lenten plan, choose something specific from each category—and you're set for a grace-filled journey to Easter.

Be Filled with the Love of God. Lenten Companion is designed to support us in fostering conversion and renewal while meditating on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ.



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



<https://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/>
 Please visit the above link or scan QR code on the left for ministry courses provided by Archdiocese this year.

Caring for common Home. Clean up Australia Day. Sunday 3rd March. To register

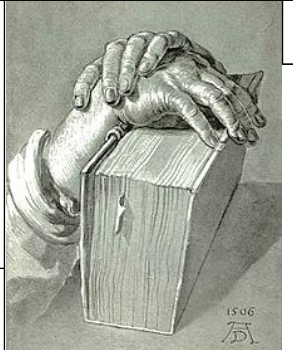
Station of the Cross on Fridays at 6pm from 16th Feb. throughout the Lent.

Project Compassion envelopes and boxes are available in the church. Please support this almsgiving activity to ease suffering of many people around the world. We can use QR code (printed on the envelope) for electronic donations. Our gifts are 100% tax-deductible.

In 2018 we were the host of the World Day of Prayer. It was an interfaith gathering. Our school was a superb supporter of that event. This year the above celebration will take place at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 50 Kiora Road. More information can be find by scanning provided QR code, or one can call Bernardette on 95251448.



On Ash Wednesday (14th Feb.) students from St. Patrick College will join our pupils to mark the beginning of Lent at the celebration of the Mass at 9.15am.



The Way.
 Hands on the Bible, Albrecht Dürer, 16th century. Albrecht Dürer was a German painter, printmaker, and theorist of the German Renaissance.

Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a traditional monastic practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word. In the view of one commentator, it does not treat Scripture as texts to be studied, but as the living word. Traditionally, *Lectio Divina* has four separate steps: read; meditate; pray; contemplate. First a passage of Scripture is read, then its meaning is reflected upon. This is followed by prayer and contemplation on the Word of God. The roots of scriptural reflection and interpretation go back to Origen in the 3rd century, after whom Ambrose taught them to Augustine of Hippo. The monastic practice of *Lectio Divina* was first established in the 6th century by Benedict of Nursia and was then formalised as a four-step process by the Carthusian monk Guigo II during the 12th century. In the 20th century, the constitution *Dei verbum* of the Second Vatican Council recommended *Lectio Divina* to the general public and its importance was affirmed by Pope Benedict XVI at the start of the 21st century.