


<p>Mass Intentions (17th – 23rd March). Vigil 5pm.: +Phillip Romanow; Sun.: 8am Pro Populo; 9.30am.: + Lesley & May Ellesmore Mon.: +Maureen Harris; Tues.: +Ted & Una Laurendet; Wed.: +Dr K. Mitchell; Thurs.: +Norma Cook; Fri.: +Holy Souls; Sat.: + Philip Sydney Butterworth</p>
<p>To support our church; https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/commoosterbayparish</p>
<p>Catholic news: The Catholic Thing, National Catholic Reporter; EWTN; Crux, L'Osservatore Romano Vatican News; Pope Francis@Pontifex</p>
<p>We acknowledge the Gweagal People the traditional Custodians of this land.</p>
<p>St. Joseph's Como <i>cares</i> for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.</p>
<p>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 7:30am Devotions @ 9:15am Mass.</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.</p> <p>Baptisms at 9:30 Mass(1st & 3rd Sunday) Other inquiries please contact Parish Office.</p>
<p>Our sick: Nerida Tullio, Steve Smith, Eileen Ellsmore, Elizabeth Mercieca, 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: Next Mass 10.45am, 14th, 2024.</p>


<p>2nd Rite of Reconciliation 20th March 6:00pm Please come to pray for God's mercy.</p>			
<p>Stations of the Cross Fridays 6.00 pm Reconciliation every day 15mins before Mass. Holy Thursday (28th March) Last Supper of the Lord 6.00 pm and adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11.pm (due to the night pilgrimage to the Seven Churches)</p>			
<p>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.</p>			
<p>Easter Saturday (30th March) Blessing of Food for Easter Table at 10.00am; Easter Vigil with Four Liturgies 6.00 pm.</p>			
<p>Easter or Resurrection Sunday; Masses at 8.00 am and 9.30 am.</p>			
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<p>Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Holy Thursday, 28 March at 10.30am. We all are invited to join our Archbishop Anthony Fisher to attend this Mass. <i>On this day no morning Masses in the local churches.</i></p>			
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St. Patrick was born in year 387 in Scotland, to a wealthy family of Roman parents. When he was about 14 years old, he was captured by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Ireland. During the period of captivity he was employed as a shepherd. He turned to Christianity due to loneliness and fear of life. After about six years he heard a voice telling him that he would soon go home and the ship was ready. He escaped from this master and went to the port about 300kms away and returned home. He began his studies for priesthood and ordained as a priest. Later he was made a bishop and was sent to Ireland to spread the Gospel there. He died on 17th March 461 at Saul, where he consecrated the first church. St Patrick is regarded as the Apostle of Ireland. He gave a very brief account of his life and mission in his letter The Declaration (Confessio).



7th March marks the 750th anniversary of the death of St. Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of Catholic education, who uttered a last prophecy and an emotional prayer before his departure to heaven. In addition, the saint reportedly spoke the lyrics of a beautiful hymn of his that is sung to this day throughout the Catholic Church. Before he died, he approached the Blessed Sacrament and offered this prayer: "I receive you, price of the redemption of my soul, I receive you, viaticum of my pilgrimage. For your love I have studied, I have kept vigil and I have spent myself; I have preached you, I have taught you and I have never expressed anything that is against you, and if it has happened, I have done it unintentionally and I do not persist in that opinion. And if I have said anything wrong about this Sacrament or anything else, I submit myself entirely to the correction of the holy Church of Rome, in whose obedience I now leave this life." Finally, St. Thomas devoutly requested that the sacrament of anointing of the sick be imparted to him the next day. Shortly after, on March 7, 1274, he calmly surrendered his spirit to the Lord, at just 49 years of age.

St Joseph was the head of the Holy Family. When he was betrothed to St Mary, before the actual marriage, Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and announced the virgin conception of Jesus in Mary by the spirit of God. On knowing that Mary was pregnant, Joseph did not want Mary before others but wanted to divorce her secretly. However, when informed by the Angel of God in a dream that the child has come from the Holy Spirit, he accepted her. St Joseph was son of Jacob and Heli. God entrusted His only child Jesus to the safe custody of Joseph clearly shows the divine place Joseph received from God. St Joseph is a patron of workers, fathers and patron of peaceful death.



Pilgrimage to seven churches on the night of the Holy Thursday (from 9pm to 11.30pm): Menai, Engadine, Como-Oyster Bay, Sutherland, Miranda, Caringbah, Cronulla.