

Mass Intentions (24th – 30th March).
Vigil 5pm.: + Lesley & May Ellesmore; **Sun.:** 8am Pro Populo; 9.30am.: +Branka Vetrone; **Mon.:** +; **Tues.:** +Holy Souls; **Wed.:** +Norma Kleit Gurba; **Thurs.:** For the Vocations to Priesthood; **Fri.:** No Mass; **Sat.:** For the Catechumens

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Catholic news: The Catholic Thing, National Catholic Reporter; EWTN; Crux, L'Osservatore Romano Vatican News; Pope Francis@Pontifex

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** 7:30am Devotions @ 9:15am 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: Sophia May Hudson, Nerida Tullio, 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, 17th April

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)

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 or Resurrection Sunday;
 Masses at 8.00 am and 9.30 am.



Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Holy Thursday, 28 March at 10.30am.
On this day no morning Masses in the local churches.

Palm Sunday recalls the story in Christian Scripture of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, greeted by people waving palm branches. It is a **reminder for us to welcome Jesus into our hearts and to be willing to follow Him.**



Dear Patricia,
 Many happy returns for your Birthday tomorrow!
 Thank you for all the work you do for our Parish.

Holy Thursday commemorates the Christian celebration of the Last Supper of Jesus. In some traditions, members of the community have their feet washed, recalling the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. This action is a reminder of the call to love and serve one another, especially the poor. Holy Thursday also celebrates Jesus' institution of the Eucharist, the remembrance of Jesus through bread and wine. Jesus refers to these in the Gospels as his body and blood, which some Christian communities interpret literally and others symbolically.

Good Friday is a solemn day on which Christians recall the death of Jesus. In some traditions, people spend time meditating before a wooden cross. Some people also make the Stations of the Cross, a devotion that recalls the journey of Jesus on the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrows) in Jerusalem to Calvary, where he was crucified. In Jerusalem, the place of Christ's death and resurrection is commemorated inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Many Christians observe these devotions but also see the suffering of Jesus as a reminder to be concerned for the suffering of people in today's world. For many Christians, Good Friday is also a day of fasting and penance.

This year, the Southern Area Mass for all the Catechists will be celebrated at St Thomas More Parish, Brighton-Le-Sands, 298 Bay Street, 19 April, at 11:00 a.m.

End of Daylight saving on 7th April. Clocks will be put back one hour. Each year, daylight saving ends at 3am on the first Sunday in April. *Sleeping longer.*

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.

Sincere "Thankyou" to all Volunteers who helped to clean, fix and improve our church and surrounding gardens for Holy Week and Easter. God bless.



Safeguarding, Child Protection and Ministerial Integrity.

Hartford College is a new independent Catholic school for boys which commenced in 2023. Hartford is offering academic scholarships for students going in to years 5 to 9 in 2025. Applications close by 30 June 2024. Please visit hartfordcollege.nsw.edu.au or Tel: 9184 8840.

St Patrick's College, Sutherland Year 7, 2026. Enrolments are open – please visit spscutherland.syd.catholic.edu.au to submit an on-line application or request an Application for Enrolment form. Application due 5th April, 2024.