

Mass Intentions (13th -20th April).
Vigil 5pm.: +Philip Romanow; **Sun.:** 8am Pro Populo; 9.30am.: + Sheila Atkinson; **Mon.** Lesley & May Ellesmore; +; **Tues.:** +Paul Lim; **Wed.:** +Fr Anthony Simari; **Thurs.:** +John & Eileen Heaney; **Fri.:** +Lim Family; **Sat.:** + Sr Miriam Boland;

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Catholic news: The Catholic Thing, National Catholic Reporter; EWTN; Crux, L'Osservatore Romano Vatican News; [Pope Francis@Pontifex](mailto:PopeFrancis@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, Ursula Kaminska, Josephine and Steven Marinilli, Nicholas Mircevski and all Dear Friends from **Mildred Symons**
House: Next Mass 10.45am, 1st May

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites our schools and families to join the Our Lady of Fatima Procession. **Event Information: Date:** Saturday 11th May 2024 **Time:** 6:00p.m. Vigil Mass followed by a candle-lit Procession around the Cathedral Forecourt. **Location:** St Mary's Cathedral, St Mary's Rd, Sydney NSW 2000 **Arrival:** Attendees are recommended to arrive by 5:30p.m. and be seated by 5:45p.m. If you have any questions, please either email: sydneycatholicschools.nsw.edu.au or contact Isabella Fichera on M.0455111212.

In the face of so many violations of human dignity that seriously threaten the future of the human family, the Church encourages the promotion of the dignity of every human person." This is what is written in the Vatican's **Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith's** doctrinal declaration *Dignitas infinita* ("infinite dignity,"), published on April 8, 2024. This document outlines the Church's position on various hot-button issues, and firmly condemns, among other things, gender theory, sex changes, surrogacy, and euthanasia. The more than 20-page document is the result of five years' work by experts from the Vatican body that is responsible for preserving the dogma in the Catholic Church. The document lists other injustices that undermine human dignity, such as "extreme poverty, linked as it is to the unequal distribution of wealth"; wars, "in our time when it has become commonplace for so many innocent civilians to perish beyond the confines of a battlefield"; the exploitation of migrants; and human trafficking. All themes dear to Pope Francis, and central to his magisterium.



Safeguarding, Child Protection and Ministerial Integrity.

Anzac Day, 25th April, National Day Remembrance
 On April 25, 1915, a significant event unfolded at Anzac Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey during World War I. Here's what transpired: Landing at Anzac Cove: On that fateful day, 16,000 Australians and New Zealanders, along with British, French, and Indian troops, embarked on an amphibious invasion of the Gallipoli Peninsula. Despite heavy casualties, the Anzacs held on during that crucial first night. By morning, more than 2,000 of the 16,000 men who landed had been killed or injured. This landing at Anzac Cove marked the beginning of the Gallipoli Campaign, a significant chapter in World War I history. It was a challenging and costly endeavour, but it left an indelible mark on the collective memory of Australia and New Zealand.
 (From Anzac Portal)



After the 7:30am Mass, all welcome for the morning tea in the hall foyer.

Pope Francis is deeply persuaded that the people of God have a profound grasp of the faith and practice of the church and therefore the people must be listened to. This is not an idea peculiar to Francis, but is a standard part of the Catholic heritage, nicely expressed in the Latin phrase *sensus fidelium*, perhaps best rendered in English as "the faithful's sense of the faith." Pope Francis' insistence on this is possibly influenced by Saint John Henry Newman's influential essay "[On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine](#)." With that, we have the essential background for understanding what synodality is and why the pope is eagerly promoting a more synodal church. Synodality is the revival of the oldest tradition of church governance, and therefore the pope's revival of it is itself altogether traditional. Like every revival, however, this one is modified by the conditions in which it is revived. Revivals never perfectly reproduce the original article. The most dramatic modification today of synodality is the breathtaking inclusiveness of what Pope Francis proposes. In the past, participants in synods have been restricted to small numbers, no matter how varied the participants' state in life. Today, Pope Francis wants all members of the church to express their faith and their hopes and desires for the church. The preparatory documents for the churchwide synod provide for the inclusion of non-Catholics and non-Christians. We must remember that in the tradition of collegiality as practiced in the Western church since the 11th century, the pope's voice has been an essential element in the collegial process. Popes are not simple executors of the determinations of synods. Therefore, even Pope Francis' call is altogether traditional, it is radically new in the breadth it envisages. This should not scandalise us but energise us. We are entering upon a great project, and our responsibility for its success is as great as the project itself. We take heart by working under the aegis of a verse in Matthew's Gospel: "Then he told them that every expert in the law who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings forth from his treasure both new things and old" (13:52).