
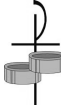


CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

 The final Appeal for 2023 will be held **next weekend, 4 & 5 November** with a third collection after Holy Communion. Each parish is given a quota to fund each Appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. If the quota is not met, then the amount is taken from parish funds. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible but please make sure you have completed the details required on the envelopes provided.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Vanezha Djunaidi and Ho Law who were married on Saturday afternoon at St Francis Xavier's. May God's blessings be upon you for a lifetime of love and happiness. 

FAMILY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S NEXT WEEKEND

Next Sunday, the 10.30am Mass will be a Family Mass for St Joseph's Primary School. All families are welcome, especially those from our public schools.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO VISIT AGED CARE HOMES

If there are any current or past Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who have some spare time, the Parish needs help taking Holy Communion to the residents of local aged care facilities. Two of our volunteers are resigning at the end of this year and we only have a few volunteers to cover the numbers of Catholics in local facilities. If you are willing to have flu and Covid vaccines and Police Checks, we would love to have your assistance. Please contact the Parish Office and leave your details.

JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY

Prayer Gatherings: Rosary, Praise & Worship, Talk and Fellowship in St Joseph's Parish Hall, on Saturdays from 2:30pm – 5pm. Special guests:
4 November - Ron Maldigri
18 November - Marina George
25 November - Nestor Aldana
Enquiries: Helen (0433 455 114), Ida (0424 267 500)

CHURCH MUSIC THROUGH THE YEAR

St Mary's Cathedral Singers presents a program of liturgical choral music on Friday, 17th November at 7.00pm. The program includes:

- For unto us a child is born, Handel
- Emendemus in melius, Byrd
- Hallelujah Chorus, Handel
- Veni Creator Spiritus Chant for Pentecost
- Ave Maria (Op.23 No.2) Mendelssohn
- Coronation Mass Mozart, Christ the King
- Salve Regina, Liszt
- The heavens are telling (The Creation) Haydn

The cost is:

Premium - \$35.00 General - \$25.00
Concession - \$15.00 Under 16 years - free
Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/1097546>.

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2024 Columban Calendar is now available in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

REMINDER: PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers, grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.'

Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia
With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate by phone 1800 024 413 or online www.caritas.org.au/gaza

MEN'S BUSINESS

The St George Network of Family Educators invite you to "Men's Business" with Faith Friendship and Food!

To be held at St Declan's School Hall, Penshurst St, Penshurst on **Wednesday, 15th November** at 6.30pm. The cost is \$10 which includes, guest speakers, a light meal, drinks and lucky door prizes. Register and pay via the QR code by 10th November.



PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. You can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or equiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Masks are still recommended in churches, as Covid is still very much in our local community.
- Please do not come to Mass if you are Positive for Covid, unwell or even if you just have a sore throat or a simple cold.
- When preparing to receive Holy Communion, parishioners are asked to go seat by seat to enable distancing from others who are in the line. Please wait until there is space before joining the queue.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISHES

We have a number of parishioners who are suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses, and we ask that you please keep them all in your prayers.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bess Vogel, Patrick Byrne, Stephen Whelan, Ron Grasso and Shaun Padua.

We especially remember those for whom Masses have been requested, those in our Memorial Books and all our deceased relatives, friends, parishioners and benefactors. May they all rest in peace. Amen

ST MARY WACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"God's work does not depend on any of us." 28.11.1898

