

# St Joseph's Como-Oyster Bay Catholic Church – Fr. Jerzy Chrzczonowicz PP email:jerzy1junior@hotmail.com, mob.: 0411 125 357; 210 Oyster Bay Road, Como, Ph: 9528 0205.

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## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm  
Sunday: 8am, 9.30am

## WEEKDAY MASS TIME:

Mon. 7am, Tues 6pm,  
Wed.9am, Thurs 7am  
Fri 9am Sat 9am.

**HOLY HOUR:** Tues.5pm–6pm  
Saturday 8am – 9am Exposition  
**First Friday:** 5.30pm Prayers  
6.00pm Mass

**CONFESSION:** 10 mins prior Mass  
Saturdays 8 – 8.55am  
Tuesday 5.15pm – 5:45pm

**BAPTISMS:** at 9.30am Sun. Mass

**BAPTISM Prep.:** First Thurs. 7pm

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment only.

**ANOINTING MASS:** 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

**PRAYERS TO ST. JOSEPH:** Mon.  
Tues. Thurs. 5 mins before Mass

**Our sick:** Glennise Hall, Brian Finn, Elette Majdandzic; Patrick Lim Jnr., Barbara Eadie, Helen McGuirk, Amy Zuschmann, Dragica Furda, May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, Jan Gurba, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Lonza Busuttill, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Joan Hagley, Steven Marinilli, Emilia Huntley and all dear friends from Mildred Svmons House.

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[www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au)  
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On the smart phone app. Universalis for \$18.60 (one off payment) gives access to the liturgies, reading and devotions.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to traditional custodians, past and present, of this land of the Gweagal people of the Dharawal Nation.

**Sat: 9am:** Nov. Masses; **Vigil 5pm:** Nov. Masses; **Sun 8am:** Nov. Masses; **9.30am:** Nov. Masses;  
**Mon:** Nov. Masses; **Tues:** Nov. Masses; **Wed:** Nov. Masses; **Thurs:** Nov. Masses; **Fri:** Nov. Masses

**11 / 11 / 11 Remembrance Day:** At 11 o'clock let's pray for those who offered their lives that we can be free. Lest We Forget!

Prayer for the departed souls is as important as oxygen for the living. Anyone of us could die suddenly and find ourselves stranded on the lost continent of purgatory. Scripture tells us that our lives are like a flower of the field, like grass which flowers in the morning and grows dry and withers in the evening. St. John Paul II defined purgatory like this: “Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what is meant by the Church's teaching on purgatory.” To achieve this we must pray. We have this tremendous energy in us and prayer gets us in touch with that energy. Prayer unleashes souls from purgatory through the Mass, the highest form of prayer. Very few of us have souls free from defects — but with our prayers we can create a soul without blemish. Pope Benedict XVI stated that “if we did not have the doctrine of purgatory we would need to invent it!”



Welcome back Margarete from Alice Spring



Our St Vincent De Paul Parish Como/Oyster Bay Conference having eight members who work consistently to assist those in need in our community is looking for new members to assist in this special work. For more information please call Tony (President) 0419 255 943.

Please collect your PG envelopes, your tax deductible receipts. To support our church works use the CWF envelopes. On behalf of the Community, ‘Thank you!’

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

“Walk with Christ” 24<sup>th</sup> November: ‘The Book of Life’ will be presented at the Cathedral. Please write prayers and intentions into this Book which is available on the lectern in the Chapel.

Into your hands O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away; welcome them into Paradise where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

After 7am Mass Mon. & Thurs. breakfast in the foyer of the hall.

**Men's Breakfast** hosted at Holy Family Church Menai Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 8:00am to 12noon. Adoration 8:00am, Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers at 8:30am, Breakfast 9.30am. Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BFULH](http://www.trybooking.com/BFULH). Cost \$10.

Please dedicate Bible or Catholic Catechism to our church. The books with dedications will remain in our church on the pews. Single dedication requires \$15. They have to be available for us coming to the church.

Roman Synod on Amazon (6-25 Oct.) has created a platform for reflections on various items of the contemporary Church and World. Some, such as serving the Earth gave distinctive opportunity for the bishops to get familiar with the natural beliefs of the Amazonian people. Serving creation or serving Earth in no way it suggests that the Earth is a deity that is being worshipped. To serve is to treat with respect, to take care of and to minister to another as Christ did to us.

Fundamentalists may be fond of saying the Catholic Church “invented” the doctrine of purgatory to make money, but they have difficulty saying just when. Most professional anti-Catholics—the ones who make their living attacking “Romanism”—seem to place the blame on Pope Gregory the Great, who reigned from A.D. 590 to 604. But that hardly accounts for the request of Monica, mother of Augustine, who asked her son, in the fourth century, to remember her soul in his Masses. This would make no sense if she thought her soul would not benefit from prayers, as would be the case if she were in hell or in the full glory of heaven. Nor does ascribing the doctrine to Gregory explain the graffiti in the catacombs, where Christians during the persecutions of the first three centuries recorded prayers for the dead. Indeed, some of the earliest Christian writings outside the New Testament, like the Acts of Paul and Thecla and the Martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicity (both written during the second century), refer to the Christian practice of praying for the dead. Such prayers would have been offered only if Christians believed in purgatory, even if they did not use that name for it. (Catholic Answers’ tract The Roots of Purgatory)