

St Joseph's Como-Oyster Bay Catholic Church

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Please pray for the sick: Grace Di Matteo, Josefa Dabu, Terry Quailley, Rita Webb, Josie Lay, Jack Munday, Christine Woodard, Marko Radmilo and friends from the Chesalon Home and housebound.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES: **Sat. 9am:** +Giuseppe Pasqua **Vigil 5pm:** +Sous in Purgatory and deceased members of FOSS **Sunday 8am:** + Holy Souls in Purgatory **9.30 am:** Pro Populo; **Mon:** +Ivan Furda.; **Tues:** +Concetta & Gaetano Oteri; **Wed:** +Special Intention ; **Thurs:** +Mulhaly Fm.; **Fri:**+ Peter Peeters;

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
 Mon 6.45am Tues 7.30pm Wed 9am
 Thurs 6.45am Fri 9.00am Sat 9.00am

HOLY HOUR: Saturday 8.00-9.00am

RECONCILIATION: 10 mins before Mass and Saturdays 8.00 – 8.55am

BAPTISMS: at 9.30am Sunday Mass

BAPTISM Prep: Next on 7th September 7pm in the Church Hall meeting room

WEDDINGS: By appointment

ANOINTING MASS: next: Weekend Masses 30th September 1st October

NOVENA OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

DIVINE MERCY Tues. 6.30 -7:30pm

LEGION OF MARY: Friday 9:30am

www.vocationcentre.org.au

BIBLE: Wed 7:30 - 8:30pm

EWTN-Kids (internet catechism)

CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE:

<http://www.catholicnews.com/>

CATHOLIC ONLINE:

<http://www.catholic.org/>

The Marian Catechist

1st Collection: \$ 1155.00

2nd Collection: \$562.00

Planned Giving: \$707.00

Poor Boxes: \$ 8.10

Parish Finance Committee:
 – 24th August 7.00pm; in the hall
Parish Council:
 – 31st August 7.00pm in hall

St Joseph's Primary School's Book Fair! Come up after 9am Mass and buy some books as Christmas and birthday presents for friends and family (and have a cup of tea and cake as you browse!) We can also help you choose suitable books for various ages.
 Time: 9 – 11am; When: Friday 25th August; Where: St Joseph's Como Primary School Library

Working bee: Spring is coming let's go to clean our church in and outside on Saturday 26.08 from 10 to 11.30am

"It's confidential and considered sacred — a conversation strictly between a confessor and priest, never to be divulged. The secrecy of the confessional, a centuries-old sacrament, is taken so seriously that some priests would die before disclosing what has been shared". Archbishop Denis Hart of Melbourne, who as president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference represents all Roman Catholic clergy in the country, said Tuesday that he would rather go to jail than breach the seal of confession. "The laws in our country and in many other countries recognize the special nature of confession as part of the freedom of religion, which has to be respected," Archbishop Hart.

Christmas Parish Celebration: One of the activities will be St Joseph's Como Has Talent. More info call Parish Office

100% Tax Deductible Planned Giving for 2017 / 2018.

Receipts for all donations of 2016 / 2017 are ready for collection from the table at the back of the church.

To become a Reader, Minister of the Eucharist serving at Mass or Minister to the homebound or join our musicians please contact the Office on 9528 0205 to volunteer for these ministries.

Last Sunday Pope Francis repeated a message he often has, warning against putting one's trust in horoscopes and fortune telling rather than Christ, who is the only true security that gets us through times of trial and darkness. Pointing to how Peter begins to sink when walking toward Jesus on the water in the day's Gospel reading, Francis noted that the same thing can happen to us when we put our trust in false securities.

YOUTH FESTIVAL – All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years of age are invited to contact our Deanery Coordinator for further information. **Sutherland Deanery contact James on 0435 911 240 or email southdeanery.sydney@gmail.com**

Successful parish? 1. Beautiful liturgies: strive to offer liturgies that are reverent, solemn and faithful with beautiful music and a strong sense of the transcendent. 2. Open doors: in *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"), Pope Francis lamented the growing trend of Catholic churches locking their doors when Mass isn't taking place, and he called for parishes to take risks by keeping their doors open (creating a culture of hospitality). 3. Eucharistic adoration: making a space for adoration 4. Strong leadership: dynamic evangelist and deeply faithful priest 5. Strong formation: to guide people in the fullness of faith (RCIA). Meet people at the beginning and walk with them as they journey to Christian maturity, providing opportunities for catechesis, formation and regular Christian fellowship. 6. Confession: take sin and grace seriously: open doors for confession multiple times throughout the week, most often before and after Mass. 7. Beauty: beauty is a window through which we encounter God. It's a powerful tool for evangelization and a means for grace. Invest in making church as beautiful as possible.

Rosters: 19th and 20th August 2017

Linen: Shirley Mercer; **Cleaning:** 19th August **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED;**
Readers: Geraldine Diamond, Terry O'Hara; Melinda Hoskins, Anthony Reed, Morning Tea Team5: Charlotte Bulmer, Sophie Bulmer
Communion: Rose-Marie Hoekstra, Jennifer Kratz; Michael Borg, Maryann Borg; Anne McMaster, Rita Zuman
Homebound: Melinda Hoskins, Marites Bairstow, Linda Gillies, Janette Hickey
Chesalon: 23rd August 2017: Rose-Marie Hoekstra

Rosters: 26th and 27th August 2017

Linen: Maggie Cranney **Cleaning:** 25th August Rhonda Hewitt, Lee Quailley
Readers: Rose-Marie Hoekstra, Jennifer Kratz; Ian Robertson, Peter Robinson; Glenn Horton, Lydia Horton
Communion: Elizabeth Pemberton, Greg Conroy; Tony Reed, Cheryl Reed; Fiorella Bosustow, Jeanette Hickey
Homebound: Peter Madden, Linda Gillies, Joan Hagley
Chesalon: 30th August 2017: Antoinette Mokdessi / Irene Riley