

# 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

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

November masses every day.

Country Spirit will rise from the ashes of the bushfires with God's and our help. Let's help as we can.

## 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:** 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

**Jennifer**, musician and singer is getting ready for the Family Mass 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 6pm. Dear parents, your children are most welcome to take part in preparation and participate on the day. Please ring Parish Office to enrol 9528 0205.

**Parish Christmas Party Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.10.30am**  
**BBQ, fun, games and prizes! BYO special dietary requirements & cakes to share!**



**Walk with Christ** on the Feast of Christ The King on November 24 at 2.30pm at Martin Place, Cenotaph. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city. Meet at Martin Place & Pitt Street cnr 2.30pm on November 24. '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.

**“The measure of love is to love without measure” Saint Augustine** The story of Tony and his best mate Phil who became the recipient of Tony's kidney started out like a simple plan. But the journey was far more emotional and spiritual than Tony could ever have imagined. The well wishes and pats on the back were not required but were nice and quite frequent. Faith, Hope and Love combined with Family, Friends and good health are the greatest gifts both mates could be blessed with – but their true value is only found when used in the same way they were given to us, freely and without conditions. Tony offers everything in his life up to the Lord and thanks Him for being ever present and by his side. Also Tony is thankful to God that Phil allowed him to take the journey with him. Tony is pleased that he could help Phil in his time of need and is overwhelmed that it has brought such a large part of the community together for a common cause. To Maggie and all family, friends and people of good will for their prayers, well wishes and support for both he and Phil, Tony says a tremendous “Thank you”. God works in mysterious ways.

**The Pope's next Apostolic Journey will see him visiting two Asian countries: the Kingdom of Thailand, from 20 to 23 November, and then Japan from 23 to 26 November.** The motto of the first stage of the Apostolic Journey is "Disciples of Christ, Missionary Disciples", and is a reference to an important anniversary. 2019 marks the 350th anniversary of the establishment of the Apostolic Vicariate of Siam, erected in 1669. This event is represented in the logo prepared for the visit. Beneath a smiling Pope Francis is a boat that symbolizes evangelization. Its three sails recall the Trinity. The stylized representation of Our Lady's hand supports the vessel. Finally, a golden cross invites the whole Thai Catholic Church to be a witness to the Good News. In January this year, Pope Francis sent a message to the meeting of Presidents of the Doctrinal Commissions of the Bishops' Conferences of Asia, and a delegation of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in Bangkok. "You are gathered in Asia, a vast and multiform continent, marked by religious, linguistic and cultural diversity", wrote the Pope, "in order to reaffirm our common responsibility for the unity and integrity of the Catholic faith, as well as to explore new means and methods of witnessing to the Gospel in the midst of the challenges of our contemporary world". The theme of the Apostolic Journey to Japan focuses on the protection of life and Creation, and is quoted from a phase in "A prayer for our earth" at the end of the Pope's Encyclical Letter 'Laudato Si', on caring for our common home. In that document, the Pope encourages us to respect both the dignity of each person, but also the environment. This is particularly poignant in a country like Japan where the nuclear threat, as we read in the description of the motto, "remains a persistent problem". Three flames of three different colors characterize the logo: a red flame recalling the martyrs, the foundation of the Church in Japan, a blue flame representing the Blessed Virgin Mary who embraces all humanity as her children, and a green flame symbolizing both the nature of Japan, and the mission to proclaim the Gospel of hope.

A red circle, like a sun, embraces all life, and symbolizes love. (Vatican News)

A priest told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his homily, the priest asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Most hands went up. The priest smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."



Feast of **Christ the King** or **Christ the King Sunday** having been instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. In 1970 its Roman Catholic observance was moved to the final Sunday of Ordinary Time.



*Our Saviour and Our King*

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**Our sick:** Tony Cranney, Ian Duffy, Glennise Hall, Eliette 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 Symons House.

[HTTP://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG](http://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG)  
[www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au)  
EWTN-Kids (catechism for Kids)  
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[CatholicCare.org](http://CatholicCare.org) [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)  
On the smart phone app. Universalis for \$18.60 (one off payment) gives access to the liturgies, reading and devotions.

Please prepare non-perishable goods for St. Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers. Collection box will be provided soon.

**"Treasures of Italy" 12<sup>th</sup> May – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020, accompanied by Fr Jerzy See notice board. Harvest Pilgrimages**

Thank you very much for the tremendous support of our Church via CWF Appeal. Just a few days ago we met our quota of \$9,400 and again we have an extra \$1,515 which will be applied to the following appeal in March 2020. God bless you all for such generosity.

Child sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Or contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). The Archdiocese is obliged to report crimes to the police.

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

"The Way" Advent Reflections Copy \$4.00 (box).