

St Joseph's Como-Oyster Bay Catholic Church

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WEEKEND MASES

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9.30am,

WEEKDAY MASS TIME:

Mon 6.45am Tues 7.30pm

Wed 9.00am 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 Mass

BAPTISM Prep Thurs. 5th April 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANOINTING MASS: next: 7th/ 8th July

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DIVINE MERCY Tues. 6.30pm

www.vocationcentre.org.au

EWTN-Kids (internet catechism)

CatholicNewsService,

Catholica; Zenith News; Fish Eaters

<http://www.liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/>

www.catalystforrenewal.org.au

Online Bible Correspondence Courses:

<http://www.ibtministries.org/pagevw.php?pgid=bcc.htm#>

Our sick: Josefa Dabu, Terry Qualey, Rita Webb, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Marko Radmilo, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel and friends from the Chesalon Home & housebound.

Resources for Catholic Educators:

<http://catholicfaitheducation.blogspot.com.au/>

DAILY READINGS – AUDIO – FROM THE NEW AMERICAN BIBLE

READING MINISTRY:

[HTTP://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG](http://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG)

Sat: 9 am: Thanksgiving; **Vigil 5pm:** For the brother's conversion; **Sun: 8am:** Yvonna Harris (birthday); **9.30am:**+Geoff Moore (10th Ann.); **Mon: +Jaroslav Kollar;** **Tues: +For Souls in Purgatory;** **Wed:** In gratitude to Amy Z & Family; **Thurs: +George Jacyna** **Fri:** Susanne & Michael Mosh (parents)

Reasons to Become a Catechist in our Parish: You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith. You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists. Today's catechetical textbooks / resources offer outstanding support. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends. You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives. It's our vocation: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations."

Southern Area Catechists' Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Parish, Oatley on Thursday 3rd May at 12.00 noon. 21 Frederick Street, Oatley Parish Coordinators are asked to bring the Parish Catechists' candle.

Our Lord foresaw divisions / tribalism within the community of His disciples and broader community of followers. Often members of the family of God are finding themselves divided and disenchanted with one another over issues that, quite frankly, are non-essential. They've pitted themselves against friends and family members who share their commitment to the gospel but might disagree on other political or ideological matters. In many cases, they've been just as partisan and polarizing as non-Bible-believing secular members of society. As Paul writes to the church in Corinth, "Is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf" (1 Cor. 10:16-17). As Christians, we must reassess and renew our priorities, learning to value church health over partisan politics in our everyday lives. The Pentecost Feast is approaching so let us pray for the gift of unity to be bestowed upon entire world.

The Annual Procession in Honour of Our Lady will be held on Sunday, 6 May 2018 at 12.00 p.m. All Old Boys and the College community are invited to be part of this event and join the Brothers, staff, students and parents in this act of devotion to the Mother of Jesus. 131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024

Please pray daily the Holy Rosary for the wellbeing of humankind in the World.

'Walk With Christ' Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 3 June 2018. Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will conclude at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction by 4:30pm.

It has taken nearly 2 years to facelift our church and surrounding precinct. There are still some small projects to attend to such as Piety Stall, sound system in the church, improvements to parking area, concrete along the west and south walls of the church to stop rain water seeping along the foundation under the church building, updating of the electric board as per safety regulations, etc. With God's blessing and your prayerful support we will be able to accomplish them this year. Besides these initiatives / projects another one slowly emerging is to set our Parish Community on the path towards a new evangelisation (Credo Mission – Archdiocesan Team), more visible presence of our School Community being involved in liturgies every weekend, inclusion in ministries the great dormant potential present in the emerging multi-ethnic parish social fabric, establishment of Basic Christian Communities in five zones within the Parish boundary with spiritual and social justice propose / focus, revitalisation all ministries and above all a life of prayer. St. Vincent de Paul once said "Give me a person of prayer and I can do everything for the Glory of God."

Welcome back from school holiday.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered for Adults by Bishop Terence Brady at St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday, 20th May 2018** at 10.30am. Candidates for Confirmation, having been prepared for the sacrament, will need to bring with them their Confirmation Card, bearing the *parish seal*. The Candidates and their Sponsors should be in the Cathedral at **10.00am** in order to register and receive instructions about the ceremony.

Saint Teresa of Avila is said to have commented, "God protect me from sad-faced saints" and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, one of her spiritual daughters who had been a solemn and serious atheist philosopher before her conversion, admitted that she had never laughed so much as when she had become a Carmelite nun.

The Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal will be held on the weekend of 5 & 6 May 2018. Our quota for this appeal is \$ 12,750.00. Your generous donations will help us to fulfil our above requirement.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?" Psalm 8:3-4