

# 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday:** prayers 5.30pm 6pm Mass

**CONFESSION:** 10 mins prior Mass

**Saturdays 8 – 8.55am**

**Tuesday 5.15pm – 5:45pm**

**BAPTISMS:** 9.30am Sun. Mass

**BAPTISM Prep.:** Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 7pm

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment.

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

**PRAYERS TO ST. JOSEPH:** Mon. Tues.

Thurs. 5 mins before Mass

**Mildred Symons House Mass 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Wednesday of month at 11.00 am**

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).

**Our sick:** Julia Lock Marie Lawsen, 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.

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

Country Spirit will rise from the bushfire's ashes

Sat. 9am +For Faye Sat.5pm + ; Sun. 8am+Danica Dakic; 9am For the People; Mon.: For Relief & deliverance of Souls in Purgatory; Tues.:+ Dudley Wells: Wed.: For Muszynski & Kotowski Families: Thur.: +Pearl & Laurie Sherwood: Fri.: Emilia Kolar

**Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 16: (1) Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. (2) Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses. (3) The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.**

Catholic Church stresses, "The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Based on the sacrament of marriage, the family is the 'domestic church' where God's children learn to pray 'as the Church' and to persevere in prayer. For young children in particular daily family prayer is the first witness of the Church's living memory, as awakened patiently by the Holy Spirit" (2685). "Our family becomes and is a domestic church because we're always looking at Mary and Joseph as our guides and our models, who let us know the true meaning of motherhood and fatherhood. We are who we are because of the Holy Family.

Pope Francis urged youth (2013) to have the "courage" to get married and have children despite a culture that emphasizes "individual rights" over family. The pope made the remarks in Assisi during an energetic question and answer session with a number of young people. The pope pointed out that marriage is a "real vocation, just like priesthood and religious life are.



Extended Family

Christmas Offering envelopes are now in the pews for your kind contributions. This way we support retired and sick priests. Some of these priests are often "out of sight, out of mind" but they do need to be supported. Thank you.

"God's Word Daily Reflections 2020" are available for the price \$20 per copy.

"Treasures of Italy" 12<sup>th</sup> May – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 with Fr Jerzy as a chaplain. See Notice board.

The "Domestic Church" "Believe in the Lord Jesus [Paul said], and you will be saved, you and your household... and he was baptized at once with all of his family... and he rejoiced with all his household that he believed in God." (Acts 16:32-34) Here, as in the story of St Peter with Cornelius's household in Acts chapter 10, we see that living and proclaiming the gospel in and through the family has always been a part of our Christian tradition. With this in mind, the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council presented again the idea of the family as the "domestic church" – the body of Christ in the home (Lunem Gentium #11). In both his Letter to Families and in the Apostolic Exhortation, The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World (Famillaris Consortio), Pope JP II emphasised the importance of the family both to the vitality of the Church and the good of society. "The family, which is founded and given life by love, is a community of persons: of husband and wife, of parents and children, of relatives... [The family's] inner principle is love. Without love the family cannot live, grow and perfect itself... without love man remains incomprehensible to himself, his life is senseless if love is not revealed in him" (FC #18)

It is through the family that each of us learns of love. To the extent that the family - that "school of love" as JP II also called it - is broken down, so too is the natural means by which we come experience and understand love. Without that environment in which we experience and practice love, we can never truly understand or be ourselves. Whatever undermines the family therefore, hurts its members and indeed, undermines our whole society.

**FAMILY AND LOVE MUST BE CULTIVATED LIKE A GARDEN. TIME, EFFORT, AND IMAGINATION MUST BE SUMMONED CONSTANTLY TO KEEP ANY RELATIONSHIP FLOURISHING AND GROWING.**

In her love for the whole "family of humanity" the Catholic Church seeks to support and encourage every family, in every time and place, to become what it was intended to be from the beginning – a community of life and love. To the extent that each of us opens ourselves within our own "domestic church" to life and to love, we become like the Holy Family of Nazareth, a family through which the light of Jesus Christ becomes a real presence in the world.

**St. Vincent de Paul Appeal** next week end – please give generously.