

St Joseph's Como-Oyster Bay Catholic Church

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WEEKEND MASSES:

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIME:

Mon. 7.00am Tues 7.30pm Wed.
9.00am Thurs 7.00am
Fri 9.00 am Sat 9.00am

HOLY HOUR: Saturday 8.00-9.00am

RECONCILIATION: 10 mins before
Mass and Saturdays 8.00 – 8.55am
Tuesday 6.45 – 7.25pm

BAPTISMS: at 9.30am Mass

BAPTISM Prep Thurs. 2nd August 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANOINTING MASS: next: 6th / 7th Oct.

NOVENA OUR LADYDIVINE MERCY

Tues. 6.30pm

Our sick: Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Ida Dimeglio, Josefa Dabu, Rita Webb, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Marko Radmilo, Lonza Busuttill, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House & house bounds.

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

READING MINISTRY:

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

<https://www.compellingtruth.org>

www.vocationcentre.org.au

Online Bible Correspondence Courses:

<http://www.ibtministries.org>

EWTN-Kids (catechism for Kids)

Catholic News Service,

Catholica; Zenith News; Fish Eaters
<http://www.liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/>
www.catalystforrenewal.org.au

Sat: 9 am: +; Giuseppe Pasqua; **Vigil 5pm:** + **Sun: 8am:** +Patrick Gleeson; **9.30am** +Pro Populo; **Mon:** +For Souls in Purgatory (FOSS);
Tues: + Les & May Elsmore; **Wed:** For the conversion of the brother; **Thurs:** + For Holy Souls in Purgatory especially FOSS; **Fri:** +John Riley

Holy Father's Appeal: Thank you to all who donated so to this Appeal. A total of \$1,189.80 has been sent to the Chancery Office. Please note that for this Appeal, there is no tax deduction as in past years.

If you have a voucher for Free Native seedlings from Council that you won't use, please consider giving to the Parish to help green up the Church grounds.

Please pray for rain for the countryside.

Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from the mercy of God for the offence committed against Him and are at the same time reconciled with the Church, which they have wounded by their sins, and which by charity, example, and prayer seeks their conversion.

Mrs. Rita Zuman entered into the John Paul Village Engadine. We have invited Rita to visit us on 19th August for 9.30am Mass and farewell morning tea.

All who are in ministries of the church and new candidates must attend a Safeguarding seminar provided by the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSSO) Anne Mc Master in the coming weeks .Dates will be announced soon. Participation is compulsory in order to serve the local church.

Please collect all the receipts for tax deductible donations given during 2017/2018 financial year. This financial year I would be grateful for your continual generous financial support. Any gesture of your thoughtfulness and responsibility for our church is most appreciated and of the great value. Please remember what the Lord said that in giving we are receiving even more.

Warmer season is approaching, so a tidy up of our church gardens will be required. Working bees are the most efficient way to proceed with this. If someone or a few wish to come and do a little work in the garden at any time please let Fr. Jerzy know. Your dedication will be most appreciated. Thank you to Mary Harrison for all beautiful flowers planted along fence of the presbytery.

Please take our children to the glass room and use the prepared paper sheets for Sunday. When finished proceed to the altar at the time of the offertory procession to present their art work.

Fifty years ago in 1968 Pope Paul VI presented to the catholic world his encyclical, *Humanæ vitæ*, a prophetic document on birth control. Living the teaching of *Humanæ vitæ*, like so many other Church teaching, is both hard and easy. Hard, because it requires self-discipline when our culture is saying 'do whatever feels good to you'. Hard, because it appeals to our higher nature against the instinct of our baser passions. Hard, because it requires constant effort, and getting up when we fall, returning to God with contrite hearts. Paul VI called us back to profound truths we already knew deep down, about the total gift of man and woman to each other in marriage, about the earthly and supernatural vocation of spouses, and about the inseparable connection willed by God between love-making and life-making (HV 8-13). Married love must be free, permanent, exclusive and open to life. 'Husband and wife, through that mutual gift of themselves, which is specific and exclusive to them alone, develop that union of two persons in which they perfect one another, cooperating with God in the generation and rearing of new lives.' (HV 8)

Holidays are over. Welcome back to our Teachers, Catechists, Parents and Students from all our schools within the Parish. May God bless your work as you begin this 3rd term of the school year.

Credit to the Staff of St. Joseph's for being more and more visible at the church even during school holidays. Pope Francis Awards is a magnificent program motivating students and their families to participate at the liturgies of our church community. Your involvement in the Masses is most appreciated.

Our community is blessed with very dedicated musicians making our liturgical celebrations uplifting. However we have to plan for the future and search among us for people with musical talents and skills to be involved in this **very important** ministry of the church. Those who sing praise twice.

Projects in waiting: a new church electric board that complies with the regulations: c. \$6,000; more efficient and easy to operate PA and Visual System c. \$28,000; placing concrete around the south/west wall of the church c. \$15,000. Donations are most welcome.

Pope Francis has called on the faithful to participate in the dialogue of a Plenary Council during 2018, 2019 and 2020 and asks all Catholics to listen to each other. Attached is a copy of a letter to the Facilitator of the Plenary Council from the *New Perspectives for Catholic Education* Group with a summary of issues, submissions and other attachments (Attachments "A" to "O") lodged with the Plenary Council on 31 May 2018. Our summary of issues primarily discusses the reasons for the current failure of religious education within the Catholic and state school systems to produce practising Catholics and suggests solutions. It also discusses: -1) the lack of catechesis on essential elements of our faith in parish churches; 2) the need for a practical legal structure for the Church in Australia; and 3) suggests the adoption of performance management techniques by the clergy to improve the standards of pastoral care.