

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: 9am: Cory Lomman & Peter Christian; **Vigil 5pm:** +Andrew Veselcic; **Sun: 8am:** +Louis Fenech; **9.30am** +Pro Populo; **Mon:** +Jose Joao & Fatima
Tues: +Aloysius Chong; **Wed:** For the conversion of the brother; **Thurs:** +For the deceased members of the Wang Family; **Fri:** For the living members of the Wang Family

Pray to God for rain – it's time for the spring rain - to God, the rainmaker, Spring thunderstorm maker, maker of grain and barley. (Zechariah 10,1-5)

This weekend the Archdiocese conducts Charity Appeal in all parishes. Each parish has been given a compulsory quota to contribute (100% deductible) to the CWF. Our parish has to pay this time (3 X per year) \$12,600. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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.

Thank you to every teacher, catechist, people holding ministries in our church for your comprehensive contribution to the new evangelization in contemporary world.

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.

Please do not forget to say a little prayer for the First Holy Communion candidates. The First Communion this year will be celebrated on 2nd and 3rd Sunday of September at 11am.

Work and Safety Conference: For our convenience, there will be presentations conducted on: Wednesday, 19 September – St Joseph's Parish, Rockdale from 10.00am – 2.00pm. To register your interest and for catering purposes, please email Kristina Vasiliadis on kristina.vasiliadis@sydneycatholic.org or contact Kristina on her direct number 9390 5194.

All who are in ministries of the church and new candidates are invited to attend Safeguarding seminar provided by the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSSO) Anne McMaster on the 17th Sep. and 22nd Oct. at 7pm in the church hall. Participation is compulsory in order for continuation of ministries in the church.

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. \$18,000. Donations are most welcome.

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.

PALMS AUSTRALIA. Following successful July Orientation Course, Palms Australia is recruiting again for volunteers to take up the challenge of overseas mission in 2019. Palms as always, has [many requests](#) covering all disciplines from dioceses, schools and community organisations in Africa, Asia and throughout the Pacific. Among your parishioners are certainly those qualified and willing to respond to the Call of mission and assist our vulnerable siblings overseas. Kevin Wilson, Network Assistant Palms Australia, PO Box 3109, PETERSHAM NORTH NSW 2049; ph. 9560 5333 e: kevin@palms.org.au web: www.palms.org.au; Palms Australia: Opening our hands to the World

The first and most fundamental obligation of Sunday and the holy days of obligation is to attend Mass. The *Code of Canon Law* states: On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to assist at Mass. They are also to abstain from such work or business that would inhibit the worship to be given to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the due relaxation of mind and body (canon 1247). What if they have a job that requires them to work on Sunday? St. John Paul II, in his apostolic letter *Dies Domini*, wrote: [Christians] are obliged in conscience to arrange their Sunday rest in a way which allows them to take part in the Eucharist, refraining from work and activities which are incompatible with the sanctification of the Lord's Day, with its characteristic joy and necessary rest for spirit and body (67). St. John Paul II's key point is to urge Christians to arrange their Sunday rest in a way that allows them to go to Mass and to refrain from work. In other words, he is suggesting to Christians to *plan ahead*—to arrange their schedules, insofar as possible, to allow them to fulfill their obligation to attend Mass and to rest. In order that rest may not degenerate into emptiness or boredom, it must offer spiritual enrichment, greater freedom, opportunities for contemplation and fraternal communion. In short, Sundays and the holy days of obligation should be time each week, and several days throughout the year, to live out the joy of our Lord's Resurrection. Understood and lived in this fashion, Sunday in a way becomes the soul of the other days, and in this sense we can recall the insight of Origen that the perfect Christian "is always in the Lord's Day, and is always celebrating Sunday" (St. John Paul II, DD 83).

Working Bees: Saturdays 18 & 25 August, Volunteers (from church and school) are most welcome to attend a working bee in the precinct of the church (10am to 11am). Please bring some tools to spread mulch, to plant some plants and trees, to clean the walkways and driveway around the church, and collect some debris from the gardens. Invitation is extended to everyone of good will to look after our common space. Those who can't work might prepare some light refreshments around 11am. Thank you in advance for your help.

