

# 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

**1st Friday:** 5.30pm Prayers, 6pm Mass

**CONFESSION:** 10 mins prior Mass

**Saturdays 8 – 8.55am**

**Tuesday 5.15pm – 5:45pm**

**BAPTISMS:** 9.30am Sun. Mass

**BAPTISM Prep.:** April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment.

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

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

Thurs. 5 mins before Mass

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

**Wednesday of month at 11.00am**

**Stations of the Cross, Lent, Fri. 6pm**

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**Our sick:** Julia Lock, Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffy, Glennise Hall, Eliette Majdandzic; 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 and all homebound and dear friends from Mildred Symons House.

Our Nation will rise from the bushfire's ashes and floods.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to all peoples who lived in the past time and today on this land.

**Sat.: 9am**, For the Relief and Deliverance of the Most Holy Souls in Purgatory; **Sat.5pm**; + Joan Atkins **Sun.: 8am** +Joe O'Kane; **9.30am**: +; **Mon.** Thanksgiving for grace of healing; **Tues.:**+ For the Relief and Deliverance of the Most Holy Souls in Purgatory; **Wed.:** Mrs Bradley & daughter; **Thur.:** For the Most Holy Souls in Purgatory; **Fri.:** +Alma Huggett:

On behalf of all Acolytes, with deep sadness and loss we acknowledge the passing of Patrick Lim. We pray for his eternal rest and joy. We are grateful for Patrick's ministry. I am honoured to continue the role that Patrick fulfilled over many years. Brian Lane



Lent is a forty day period before Easter set aside as a season of soul-searching and repentance. The forty days reflect Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for his own time of spiritual reflection. Sundays, because they commemorate the Resurrection, are not counted. In the early church Lent was a special time when new converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism at Easter. Churches which follow a liturgical calendar - annually reliving the major events in Jesus' life - place great emphasis on Lent. Traditionally, especially in Europe, during Lent there were no weddings, no dancing, no singing. No flowers or alleluias in churches. Some families may find spiritual value in giving up something for Lent - television, sweets, video games - not as a penance, but as an outer symbol of dying to self during a season of spiritual reflection. Or select a charity that helps those in need. Decorate a box with a slot on top. Display it where everyone at home will remember to contribute with their change. On Easter, empty box, count together, and give to the selected charity. So this is a great time to review discussing the issues of charity, forgiveness, sin, obedience, and God's mercy. While we usually think of Christmas for gift-giving, Easter has a richer heritage. God gave His Son. Jesus gave His life. Let us try to find ways to give unconditionally: money to the homeless person on the corner, treats for those in nursing homes, old clothes to children in another country. Jesus told us clearly, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Ash Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Mass times: 7am, 9am and 6pm.

Stations of the Cross, Fridays of Lent at 6pm



Our best wishes to Tony Atkins (21<sup>st</sup> Feb.) and Michael Eadie (17<sup>th</sup> Feb.) as you celebrated your Birthdays last week. Many happy returns and God bless you.



Life not always is smooth and straight as this road. Lenten practices can be helpful. (Moss Vale).



Praying for Michele and Sean on 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Weekend with Ruth Moraes Research and Project Officer Justice and Peace Office Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will speak at all Masses on the 28 / 29 March. Those who wish to be involved in social justice activities please leave your name and phone number in our Parish Office.

**TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEB. EXTRA MASS FOR SHROVE TUESDAY AT 7:00AM**

Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent. It's a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. But there's more to Shrove Tuesday than plying on pancakes. The pancakes themselves are part of an ancient custom with deeply religious roots. Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shriving that Christians used to undergo in the past. In shriving, a person confesses their sins and receives absolution for them. When a person receives absolution for their sins, they are forgiven for them and released from the guilt and pain that they have caused them. This tradition is very old. Over 1000 years ago a monk wrote in the Anglo-Saxon Ecclesiastical Institute: "In the week immediately before Lent everyone shall go to his confessor and confess his deeds and the confessor shall so shrive him." Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge and to use up the food that is not allowed in Lent such as: meat, fats, eggs, and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shriving Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent without going off. The need to eat up the fats gave rise to the French name Mardi Gras: meaning fat Tuesday. Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour.

Project Compassion envelopes for Lent are available.

No dinner this Saturday at the presbytery.  
**Shrove Tuesday**  
 Pancake breakfast in the foyer of the church hall at 7.30am. We will make pancakes together. All welcome.