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WEEKEND MASSES:

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIME:

**Mon. 7.00am Tues 6.00pm
Wed. 9.00am Thurs 7.00am
Fri 9.00 am Sat 9.00am**

HOLY HOUR: Tuesday from 5.00-6.00pm Saturday 8.00-9.00am

CONFESSION: 10 mins before Mass and Saturdays 8.00 – 8.55am

Tuesday 5.00:pm – 5.55 pm

BAPTISMS: at Sun. 9.30am Mass

BAPTISM Prep Thurs. 7th Feb 2019 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANointing MASS: 6th / 7th April 2019

Our sick: 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, Amy Zuschmann, Steven Marinilli and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House & house bound.

Please read Catholic Weekly, only \$2 per copy.

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

READING MINISTRY:

**HTTP://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG
<https://www.compellingtruth.org>
www.vocationcentre.org.au**

<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
<https://www.cruxnow.com>
The Catholic Thing: First Things

Sat: 9am: +Peter and Michael Stojanovic; Vigil 5pm For the Souls in Purgatory; Sun: 8am: +Sladjo Micic; 9.30am: +Anna Gurba & Czeslaw Nieman; Mon: Olga and John; Tues: + Teresa & Wilhelm; Wed: + Antonio & Angela Pandolfino; Thurs: Dantis; Fri: + Natalia & Catarina Costa



Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on this importance because the entire Trinity is manifested in it. The Eastern Church called it Theophany.

"If God is your partner, make your plans BIG!" "Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

Those who play any instrument are invited to join Steven (below in the middle) to play once a month at 9.30am Mass



Mary and Terry invite volunteers to come forward and give a hand in looking after the newly created gardens in the front of the church and the church office.



Statistics for 2018

Departed: 11
Baptised: 49
1st H. Comm.: 100
Confirmation: 87
Holy Places: \$1,360

1st Coll.: \$ 35,580
2nd Coll.: \$ 17,222
Planned G. \$67,720
CWF: \$27,683
Priest Retirement \$1240
Operating Income \$164,026; Op. Expenditure \$169,809

Rental property income \$120,000
SVdP Winter Appeal c. \$4,500
Cath. Mission Appeal: \$800
Farmers Appeal: \$2,181
Caritas: \$2,612



One hour at the table in the hall with cuppa and sounds of music of 1960s. This Sunday 3 – 4pm



Do not miss out on sipping billy tea on Australia Day; Saturday 26th Jan. after 8am Mass.



Christmas Season House Blessing: Prayer: Let us pray. O Lord, Almighty God, bless this house + that it may become a shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the commandments, and thanksgiving to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Upon this house and those who dwell herein may Your blessing remain forever, through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen. Use the Holy Water to sprinkle your dwelling place. **Then please take blessed chalk and proceed to the front door. (The initials CMB stand for Christus mansionem benedicat: Mav Christ bless this house.) Make inscription on lintel:**

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Fr. Jerzy is available for the pastoral visit and house blessing if required.

Francis celebrated mass in St Peter's Basilica to formally open 2019, a January 1 tradition that is dedicated both to the Madonna and the Catholic Church's call for peace. "How much dispersion and solitude there is all around us. The world is completely connected, yet seems increasingly disjointed," the pope said in his homily. "It may well increase its profits, but it will no longer see others as children. It will make money, but not for everyone. We will all dwell in the same house, but not as brothers and sisters."

In his Dec. 31 homily for vespers on New Year's Eve, the Pope said Jesus' birth was meant to redeem mankind, which, he said, means "to go out from a condition of slavery and to restore liberty, dignity and freedom to his own children." He urged worshipers to stop and reflect "with pain and repentance" on the thousands of men and women who during the previous year have lived in situations "unworthy of human beings," including homelessness and modern slavery.

Some points on Modern Slavery. Slavery can basically be described as the ownership, buying and selling of human beings for the purpose of forced unpaid labour or unmoral exploitation of the vulnerable. Slavery is one of the things that everyone agrees is unethical. Those who practice slavery don't usually try to defend it - they make excuses or attempt to avoid being caught; which suggests that they know that they are doing wrong. Slavery is wrong because it increases total human unhappiness; the slave-owner treats the slaves as the means to achieve the slave-owner's ends, not as an end in themselves; slavery exploits and degrades human beings; slavery violates human rights. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights explicitly forbids slavery and many of the practices associated with slavery. All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 1: Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Article 3: No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

Article 4: Slavery uses force or the threat of force on other human beings. Slavery leaves a legacy of discrimination and disadvantage. Slavery is both the result and the cause of gender discrimination and exploitation of human beings. Slavery perpetuates the abuse of children, women and men in mental, physical, emotional and sexual ways.

Modern forms of slavery can include debt bondage, where a person is forced to work for free to pay off a debt, forced marriage, domestic servitude and forced labour, where victims are made to work through violence and intimidation, human sex trafficking, unlawful recruitment and use of Child Soldiers.

Requiem Mass for Brian Brown will be held on Friday 18th January at 10.30am at St Joseph's Como Oyster Bay