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**Our sick:** Grace Di Matteo, Josefa Dabu, Terry Quailey, Rita Webb, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Marko Radmil, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Andre and Thea Van Gastel and friends from the Chesalon Home & housebound

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Saturday Vigil: 6pm (for Summer)

Sunday: 8am, 9.30am

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

Mon 6.45am Tues 7.30pm Wed 9am

Thurs 6.45am Fri 9.00am Sat 9.00am

**HOLY HOUR: Saturday 8.00-9.00am**

**RECONCILIATION:** 10 mins before

Mass and Saturdays 8.00 – 8.55am

**BAPTISMS:** at 9.30am Mass

**BAPTISM Prep** Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018

7pm meeting room

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment.

**ANOINTING MASS:** next:

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**NOVENA OUR LADY**

**DIVINE MERCY** Tues. 6.30pm

[www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au)

**EWTTN-Kids** (internet catechism)

**CatholicNewsService**

**Sat. 9 am:** For the Holy Souls **Vigil 5 pm:** Pro Populo; **Sunday 8am: +; 9.30am + Mon: +**

**Tues: +; Wed: +Souls in needs; Thurs: +; Fri: +**

Holidays and rest. The Bible starts with the story of creation, and after six days of work God had a rest. God is pictured as setting us an example, and sure enough the liturgical and legal week thereupon consisted of six days of work and one day of rest called the Sabbath. So far as the Old Testament is concerned it is proper Holidays can of course involve hard work themselves, but let it be something-different-from-work hard work. People deciding to walk the Camino de Santiago de Compostela have to have stamina. There are of course major obstacles that can stand in the way of taking rest, or of enjoying a holiday. What if one is poor, scarcely able to make ends meet? What if one is homeless, unable to do anything but beg on the streets? What if you are married with three small children – you can perhaps afford a holiday, but a fortnight at the seaside may be more work than being at home, and more of the same? What if one is able to afford a luxury holiday anytime? Enjoy the break whatever you can make, then come back refreshed ready to cope with waiting duties.



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.



... Consider the birds: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet *God feeds* them. ... and character produces hope, and hope does not put *us* to shame, because *God's love* has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to *us*.

Most New Year's resolutions are new habits that you want to adopt. Studies have shown that it takes about three months for new habits to form, so persevere even if you don't see results after two weeks. Make reasonable goals. Don't set your expectations too high. Things don't magically change when you swap an old calendar for a new one, Sometimes it helps to start on one resolution at a time. Find a friend to support you and keep you accountable. Even better if they share you resolution. Write you resolutions down and put them in a place where you will see them regularly. Don't simply rely on willpower. Instead, focus on the emotional rewards you will reap for changing your behavior.

**A New Year's Prayer**

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us

A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see  
the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your  
glorious name. Amen

Lord Jesus Christ, the same,  
yesterday, today and forever.

Heal the wounds of our past, bless  
our pilgrimage towards unity today  
and guide us into your future, when  
you will be all in all, with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit, for ever and  
ever. Amen.

Important :  
Australia  
Day at St.  
Joseph's  
Como. After  
morning  
Mass at  
9am, billy  
tea, scorns,  
damper and  
some other  
goodies.



Christmas envelops are available for your consideration to support our retired and disadvantaged priests. This is the last weekend for this appeal.

Those who wish to have a pastoral visit by Fr Jerzy, please leave your request in the Parish Office.

Audio-visual resource for daily and weekend readings: <http://catholicreadings.org>

After hours, entry to the church and other facilities by those who hold the keys, for safety reasons, are required to register in the book provided for the church and hall.