

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 8-9.00am

RECONCILIATION: 10 mins before Mass and Saturdays 8. – 8.55am
 Tuesday 6.45pm – 7.25pm

BAPTISMS: at 9.30am Mass

BAPTISM Prep Thurs. 4th October 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

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

NOVENA OUR LADY DIVINE MERCY

Tues. 6.30pm

Our sick: Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Ida Dimeglio, Josefa Dabu, Rita Webb, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Lonza Busuttill, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Joan Hagley 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: Brother's conversion; **Vigil 5pm:** For recently deceased Parishioners; **Sun: 8am:** +Manuel Geraldo Alves; **9.30am:** +Colin Ward; **Mon:** ; **Tues:** +Alice Bishara
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Novenas are an ancient part of the Church's devotional life. Many trace the structure back to the nine days between Jesus' ascension and the feast of Pentecost. A novena (meaning "nine days") is a special time of prayer, typically for a specific intention. In the treasury of Catholic prayers there exists a novena to St. Michael the Archangel that can be prayed during any time of the year, but is a most fitting preparation for his feast day on September 29. St. Michael is a powerful intercessor, especially against powers of darkness acting in a person's soul or in the world at large. He is known as the one who banished Satan from heaven and continues to act in the world as a fierce spiritual warrior against all that is evil. The novena to St. Michael is also a great reminder of the existence of angels in our world. While we may never see them on earth, their actions are often felt and they play a pivotal role in the protection of humanity. (Please use your smart phone for the Novena).

The Plenary Council's first stage of preparation – Listening and Dialogue will continue until Ash Wednesday 2019. Together, we are on a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. All people are invited to engage in Listening and Dialogue Encounters – which are an open and inclusive experience of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. The Listening and Dialogue Encounter is an opportunity to get together a group of friends, family or colleagues and spend some time thinking and talking about your experiences of faith, life and the Church. Everyone is invited to respond to the question: What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

This weekend in our Parish the Catholic Mission Appeal will be conducted. Please use the envelopes provided. In order to obtain tax-deductibility on your generous donations please provide required details on the envelopes.

Every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth. To be attracted and to be sent are two movements that our hearts, especially when we are young, feel as interior forces of love; they hold out promise for our future and they give direction to our lives. More than anyone else, young people feel the power of life breaking in upon us and attracting us. To live out joyfully our responsibility for the world is a great challenge. I am well aware of lights and shadows of youth; when I think back to my youth and my family, I remember the strength of my hope for a better future. The fact that we are not in this world by our own choice, makes us sense that there is an initiative that precedes us and makes us exist. Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: "I am a mission on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world" (Evangelii Gaudium, 273).

Currently we are the witness of the reports on various aspects such rights, provision and funding of education in Australia. The right to education is reflected in international law in Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and Articles 13 and 14 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966). Article 26 states: "Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit. Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace. Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children." The right to education has been reaffirmed in the 1960 UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) Convention against Discrimination in Education, the 1981 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the 2006 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

World Rosary Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world on **7th October**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. St Mary's Cathedral Parish, Sydney invites YOU to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary by joining the Dean to pray the HOLY ROSARY. The prayer intentions for the Holy Rosary will be Family, the Rekindling of Faith and the Sanctification of the Church and Clergy. WHEN: Sunday 7 October, 2018 TIME: 2:00pm WHERE: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Our prayers will be joined with the prayers of thousands around Australia and the World as part of the "Oz Rosary" and "Global Rosary" projects.

School Holiday Family Fun activities at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney
 Explore Mary's home; Bobs the Dog trail; Art & Craft Activities; Balloon Animals; Show Bag included; Guided Museum tour for adults; 9th, 10th and 11th October (10:30am to 12:30pm inclusive);
 Booking: Ph: 8912 4883
 E: educator@mmp.org.au
 1 x Adult + Child = \$18;
 Additional Child = \$2 each;
 Add. Adult = \$5 each



Any pair of hands is welcomed to join in with the gardening to help to enhance our gardens.

Thank you to Mary, Irene and Sean for your dedication and tireless work in the front and back of the church.

Working with Children Check numbers are required for ALL Ministries. Please contact Anne in the Office for further details: Mon 12-3 Thurs 8-3 on 9528 0205.