

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, Amy Zuschmann, Jan Gurba and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House & house bound.

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<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
[https://www.cruxnow.com](http://www.cruxnow.com)

Sat: 9am: +Gioan & Maria; **Vigil 5pm:** Pro Populo; **Sun: 8am:** Relief and deliverance for souls in Purgatory; **9.30am:** +Manual Geraldo Alves; **Mon: +Anna & Ba Gioan ; Tues: +“Larice”** Gilbert; **Wed: +John & Parcedis** **Thurs: +Natale & Caterina Costa** **Fri: +Antonio & Angela Pandolfino**

The month of the Holy Rosary is October and this entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. The feast day of the Holy Rosary in particular is October 7th. The feast of the Rosary is held on October 7th in memory of the glorious and triumphant victory at the battle of Lepanto. That battle was the most convincing military victory that proved without a doubt the great power of the Rosary. The month of October is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary every day. The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to your life. It is a powerful instrument for conversion. The Rosary is the best method of honoring Mary. It protects the Church from false teachings and keeps her safe from the attacks from the Enemy. There are some great ways to celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary... Pray the Rosary everyday this month. Pray it especially for priests. Even though the Year For Priests has come and gone, they still need your constant prayers. The Fatima Prayer: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Your Mercy".



Being in touch with your inner peace is not the same as being happy. When difficult or painful things happen, such as the loss of a loved one, you will not feel happy, that's for sure. But it doesn't mean you have to lose your peace. Beneath the tears and grief, there can remain a steadiness—an inner stillness—independent of the circumstances.



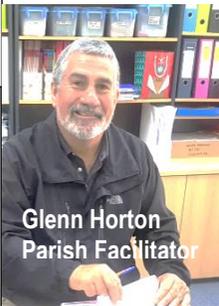
Congratulations to Michael and Marianne on the 30th Anniversary of Marriage and to Michael on the 25th Anniversary of dedicated apostolate as a Catechist in the classrooms of our State Primary Schools.

Have a Blessed Safe Holiday

Synod 2018: Youth, faith and vocational discernment.

October 2018 the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will be held, on the theme: "Youth, faith and vocational discernment". The theme, an expression of the pastoral care of the Church for the young, is consistent with the results of the recent Synod assemblies on the family and with the content of the post-Synodal apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. Its aim is to accompany the young on their existential journey to maturity so that, through a process of discernment, they discover their plan for life and realise it with joy, opening up to the encounter with God and with human beings, and actively participating in the edification of the Church and of society.

Pope Francis said some things worth pondering that I'd like to share: 1. Being a catechist "begins with Christ." 2. "The first thing, for a disciple, is to be with the Master: to listen to and learn from Him. This is always the case, and it is a way that lasts a lifetime!" 3. "In the heart of the catechist, there always lives this 'systolic- diastolic' movement: union with Jesus; encounter with the other, if one of these two movements is no longer beating, then you do not live." 4. "Be careful. I have not said to do the work of a catechist, but rather to be one, because it involves all your life. It means guiding towards the encounter with Jesus with words and with life, with your witness."



Glenn Horton
 Parish Facilitator

Plenary Council: What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time? St Josephs will be holding our parish's "Listening & Dialogue" sessions on the dates / times listed below. If you would like to participate, please choose a date and time to suit you and simply turn up at that time. It is anticipated the sessions will last about half an hour and will be held in the room beneath our church after mass as follows – **Saturday, 20 October 6:00pm; Sunday, 28 October 9:00 am and Sunday, 4 November 2018 10:30 am. Only one session needs to be attended for you to have input.** I encourage you to participate. Your story is important. Glenn Horton (Parish Facilitator)

Plenary Council 2020. It is a very important opportunity for everyone to contribute to this Council and it shows how the bishops value the thoughts of every single Catholic. We all have ideas on the matters of the Church, and now is the time to express them. This can be done through parish gatherings and also directly online at the website of the Council: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au. The bishops say: "We invite all Australians to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. Your voice is needed – join in!"

Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults will be administered at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Sunday, 28 October 2018 at 10.30am. Candidates contact Parish Office please.

Pope Francis urged Chinese Catholics on Wednesday to trust him and make concrete gestures of reconciliation following a landmark deal over bishop appointments that is aimed at ending decades of estrangement between the Vatican and Beijing. "The Catholic community in China is called to be united, so as to overcome the divisions of the past that have caused, and continue to cause great suffering in the hearts of many pastors and faithful," Francis wrote. "All Christians, none excluded, must now offer gestures of reconciliation and communion."

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.