

# 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. 7.00am Tues 7.30pm  
Wed. 9.00am Thurs 7.00am  
Fri 9.00 am Sat 9.00am

**HOLY HOUR: Saturday 8-9.00am**

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

**Tuesday** 6.45pm – 7.25pm

**BAPTISMS:** at 9.30am Mass

**BAPTISM Prep** Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 7pm

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment.

**ANointing MASS:** 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

**DIVINE MERCY:** Tues. 6.30pm

**Our sick:** May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, Jan Gurba, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Ida Dimeglio, 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.

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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](http://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](http://www.catalystforrenewal.org.au)

<https://www.cruxnow.com>

The Catholic Thing: First Things

**Sat: 9am:** For the intentions of The Ebbs' Family; **Vigil 5pm:** Liam Jenkinson (75<sup>th</sup> Birthday); **Sun: 8am** Pro Populo; **9.30am:** +Andre van Gastel; **Mon:** For the intentions of the Jenkinson Family; **Tues:** Dantis; **Wed:** Dantis; **Thurs:** +George & Jack; **Fri:** For Souls in Purgatory

Gathering at "The Stage-Hall Table": Members of the Parish not holding ministries are invited on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7pm for an informal gathering and cheerful conversation. Please let secretary Anne know of your attendance. Ph.95280205

The 'John Franklin Christmas Lunch' is at Sutherland Entertainment Centre. Free for all. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 11.30am to 2.30pm.



## Sunday Mass is not optional.

Congratulations to Dr. Erle and Helen Cramer on their 68<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.  
Ad Multos Annos!!!

**Christmas Get Together: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** after the 9.30am Mass. BYO Picnic basket, some soft drink provided. Visit from Santa. Performance of Christmas carols in different languages. Live singing or prerecorded. Some Christmas stories to be shared. All welcome.  
May the Lord bless our coming together as a Community.

'A Choral Christmas Celebration' Concert on Fri, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec., St Mary's Cathedral will celebrate with carols and Christmas joy the annual, and much anticipated, 'A Choral Christmas Celebration' concert. There will be two performances at 11am & 7pm with tickets starting from \$20. Visit: [www.cathedralchoir.sydney/acc](http://www.cathedralchoir.sydney/acc) for more information.

Christmas Offerings: From this weekend envelopes will be provided for the Christmas appeal to support our Diocesan retired, or 'on lesser duty' priests. Please be generous as your gift is sign of your appreciation for their life long ministry. God bless you all.

## When we have faith, everything is possible.

Archbishop Hoser praised various expressions of faith he found in Medjugorje: the centrality of the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, devotion to the Word of God, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, devotion to the Rosary, and meditation on the mysteries of the faith and the Way of the Cross. He also praised the frequent use of the sacrament of reconciliation. In many old Christian countries, individual confessions do not exist anymore. In many countries, there is no adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. In many countries, there is no Way of the Cross anymore. There's no Rosary anymore. In Britain, in France, they told me the last time they prayed the Way of the Cross was 30 years ago. And such dryness of sacred space obviously leads towards a crisis of the faith."  
– Papal Envoy [Source: National Catholic Register](http://www.nationalcatholicregister.com)



Perhaps some of the first members of St. Joseph's Como Parish, Anton and Therese recall the first Mass in the family house in Jannali in 1950.

Anton Demol, residing in Mildred Symons House, a long time ago made sure that we could enjoy a well-functioning plumbing system in our church. In the photo is Anton with Therese his caring Spouse.



Preparing for Christmas is:

1. Acceptance of the Prophets Message;
2. Finding Bethlehem in one's heart;
3. Encounter Christ in the Sacraments;
4. Sharing the Joy of having Christ in your heart.
5. Display the presence of Christ in your everyday life.



Pre-Christmas family gathering is a desired way of coming together in order to refresh bonds of belonging while sharing a meal and chatting.

