

Mass Intentions (25th – 31st March):
Sat.: 7.30am: +David Lucas; Vigil 5pm: Lee-Chin Family; **Sun.:** 8am: +Christine Han; 9.30am :+Carmen Camilleri; **Mon.:** +Patrick Lim Snr & Jnr; **Tue.:**+Denis Wilcock; **Wed.:**+ Holy Souls; **Thurs.:** + Michael Han; **Fri.:**+Victims of, earthquakes and floods.

Catholic news: The Catholic Thing, The Pillar; National Catholic Reporter; Spirit Daily; EWTN; Crux, L'Osservatore Romano Vatican News. **Pope Francis@Pontifex**

We acknowledge the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation the traditional Custodians of this land.

Daily Masses: 7:30am **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday** (Saturday: Mass, Cenacle, Confession & Benediction); **Tuesday** 5:30pm: Adoration, Novena, Confession, Benediction and 6pm Mass. **First Fridays** 5:30pm Devotions & 6pm Mass.

Weekend Mass times: **Saturday:** Vigil 5pm **Sunday:** 8am, 9:30am and **2nd Sunday of the month at 3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction and Mass.**
Baptisms at 9:30 Mass.
 Marriage and Baptism inquiries please contact Parish Office.

“Catholic SRE Learning from Home” materials:<https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

St. Joseph's Como *cares* for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

Our sick: Sam Mercieca, Richard Davis, Victoria Stojanovic, Michele McQuillan, Vince Fernandez, Drago Mikan, Therese Dorff, Steve Smith, Barbara Moore, Elizabeth Kinsela, Ida Melis, Katrina Marinilli, Rita Shah, Julia Lock, Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffey, Eliette Majdandzic; Dragica Furda, Mary Carmen Borg, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Josephine and Steven Marinilli, Nicholas Mircevski and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House.

End of daylight saving will happen at 3am on 2nd April (Sunday). Clocks will go backwards by an hour, from 3am to 2am.

The season of Lent gives way to the celebration of Easter in Holy Week, the most sacred period of the liturgical calendar. Holy Week includes both the Church's most solemn observances and joyous feasts. Unique, beautiful liturgies fill the period of time that begins on Palm Sunday and culminates with Easter Sunday. Holy Week is a great time to recommit to prayer and draw close to God.

Please contact the office if someone is in need of Holy Communion at home / hospital / nursing home.

RCIA Certification Course! Please seize an opportunity to build/establish our RCIA program and thus give impetus and renewal to parish life. The course begins on Wednesday, **3rd May**, for six Wednesday sessions over twelve weeks, ending on **12th July**. Please register via the following link – <https://forms.gle/wQNeFtxxeKnYhFzD7>. For more information, please get in touch with Simon at simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org or 0427 536 356.

The Catholic Church has always placed great importance on the role of beauty in religious experience. Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (24th Nov. 2013), emphasises that “The Church evangelises and is herself evangelised through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelisation and the source of her renewed self-giving.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church likewise states, “Created in the image of God, man also expresses the truth of his relationship with God the Creator by the beauty of his artistic works.” Thus, a beautiful church serves as a powerful conduit for spiritual growth and an essential component of Catholic worship. Saying this, we are all encouraged to take care of our beautiful house of God. There are a lot of aspects of it from looking after the staircase and walkways, weeding the gardens, vacuum-cleaning carpets in the church. Just a few of these would help make a difference before approaching Holy Week and Easter.

19/03/23: 1st coll. \$424.90: 2nd coll. \$276.80: P.G. \$570:



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Holy Week and Easter at St. Joseph's Como-Oyster Bay

2nd April Palm Sunday: Please bring palm branches for the blessing before Masses.

3rd April Monday: preparations of the church for Holy Week and Easter. **Holy Hour** (silence), Reconciliation time, Vespers (Evening Prayer) Benediction from **6:30pm – 7:30 pm**.

4th April Tuesday: church cleaning, homebound visitation, and in the evening Mass at 5:30pm followed by the Novena. **Reconciliation time (6:30pm-7:30pm)** with some visiting priests. Vespers (Evening Prayer) Benediction.

5th April Wednesday: tidying up surrounding Church grounds. **Holy Hour** (silence), Reconciliation time, Vespers (Evening Prayer) Benediction from **6:30pm – 7:30 pm**.

6th April Holy Thursday: No morning Mass. Chrim Mass in the Cathedral at **10.30am**. At St Joseph's; “Last Supper” Celebration at **6pm**. Adoration and prayers until **8:30pm**.

7th April Good Friday: **6:00am** Early Morning prayer “Tenebrae” (is a church service observed during the final part of Holy Week commemorating the sufferings and death of Christ).

10:00am Stations of the Cross.
3:00pm Liturgy of Good Friday

8th April Easter Saturday: **10am** Blessing of Easter Food. **6:00pm** Easter Vigil (four liturgies)

9th April Easter Sunday Masses: **8:00am** and **9:30am**. Holy Anointing for the Sick after each Mass.

16th April Divine Mercy Sunday: **8 & 9:30am, 3:00pm** Mass, Divine Chaplet and Benediction.