St Joseph's Como-Oyster Bay Catholic Church – Fr. Jerzy Chrzczonowicz PP Email: jerzy1junior@hotmail.com, m: 0411 125 357; St. Joseph's Primary School Acting Principal Mrs. Rachelle Hilder; Parish Secretaries: Anne McMaster and Brian Lane; Bookkeeper Patricia Low; **Parish** 210 Oyster Bay Road, Como, 2226; Ph: 9528 0205 Web: www.stjosephscomo.org.au; Email: stjoscomo@ bigpond.com, Office Mon. 12:00 – 3pm, (Financial enquiries Tues 9am-2pm) ; Wed. 9am – 2.30pm;Thur. 8am – 3pm; **School** PO Box 447, Jannali 2226. Ph. 9528 8716 Email: info@stjcomo.catholic.edu.au

Mass Intentions (29th April-5th May):
Sat.: 7.30am: Pro Populo; Vigil 5pm:+Josephine Oates; **Sun**.: 8am:+Eileen & John Heaney; 9.30am :+Boguslaw Sobieszczanski & +Zbigniew Kulczycki; **Mon**.: +Norma Cook; **Tue**:+George Fay; **Wed**.: Dantis; **Thurs** :+For the Deceased Priests from Como Parish ; **Fri** + For the victims of wars in the world; 6pm Adrain

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.

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, Urszula Kaminska, Josephine and Steven Marinilli, Nicholas Mircevski and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House.

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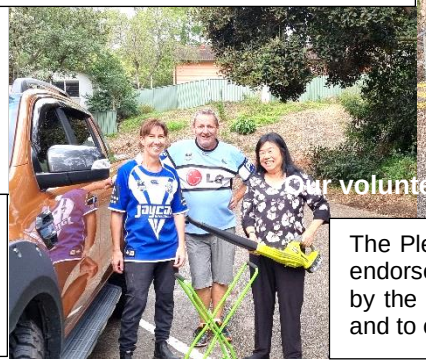
Sacrament of Confirmation on 21st May at 11am and 2pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation at one time was administered with of the Rite of Baptism and First Holy Communion. So, these three sacraments were easily understood when they were conferred together: Baptism makes you a child of the Father, Holy Eucharist unites you with Christ the Son, and Confirmation gives you a share in the Holy Spirit. Over the centuries they were split into our current form: Baptism usually at birth, First Holy Communion around 9 years of age and Confirmation, when one is in his or her teens. Confirmation transmits the gift of the Holy Spirit to help the recipient live their Catholic Faith. The soul of the Confirmed person is strengthened by the Holy Spirit through the transmission of Seven Biblically specified Gifts (Isaiah 11:2-3) identified as attributes of the Messiah, but through the sacrament, are given to the members of the Church. They are known as the 'Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit':1. Wisdom, which detaches us from the world, making us delight in and love only the things of heaven. 2. Understanding, which helps us to grasp the truths of religion as far as is necessary. 3. Counsel, which springs from supernatural prudence, and enables us to see and choose correctly what will help most to the glory of God and our own salvation. 4. Fortitude, which gives us courage to overcome the obstacles and difficulties that arise in the practice of our religious duties. 5. Knowledge, which points out to us the path to follow and the dangers to avoid in order to reach heaven. 6. Piety, which inspires us with a tender and filial confidence in God, makes us joyfully embrace all that pertains to His service. 7. Fear of the Lord (wonder, awe), which fills us with a sovereign respect for God, and makes us dread, above all things, offending Him.

CWF Appeal - 6th and 7th May: Donate at www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf or complete the parish envelope. All donations contribute to our Parish target ($12,000).

RCIA Certification Course! The course begins on 3rd May, for six Wednesday sessions over twelve weeks, ending on 12th July. More information: 0427 536 356.

1st coll. $342.90
2nd coll. $159.85
P.G. $290.00



Seminar on Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney. Presenter: Mr Paul Evans, Solicitor, an expert legal advisor to answer your questions related to the above issues. Friday, 5th May from 10.30am -12.00noon. Our Lady of the Sea Church, Miranda. For booking: www.trybooking.com/CHOBB; Ph.1800753959.

On **8 May 2023** (10-11:30am AEST) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Dr Lizette Larson-Miller who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled ***"I am what I ritualise: identity, theology, and liturgy in a secular context".*** For more information and to register, please go to www.acu.edu.au/News_CentreforLiturgy.

World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 13th May. We will commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon.

Walk with Christ will take place on 11th June commencing at 2:30pm from the corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place then will end at St. Mary's Cathedral. It will be preceded by a Festival in Martin Place commencing at 1pm.

Are you called to be a Sponsor Couple? SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage apostolate and is calling for married couples to explore ministering together. Please join us online for a no obligation, "come and see" webinar to learn more. **Wednesday May 3** -OR- **Tuesday June 6 (2023)** 8pm AEST | 7.30pm ACST |6pm AWST (1 hour) Find out more and register: www.smartloving.org/webinars

Our volunteers form last Saturday: Janine, Patricia, Claude, Walter and David

The Plenary Council in Australia made positive commitments for the Catholic Church to endorse the Uluru Statement from the Heart; to accept our responsibility for the part played by the Church in the harms Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have suffered; and to commit to continuing to work toward recognition, Reconciliation and justice.