St Joseph's Como-Oyster Bay Catholic Church; Fr. Jerzy Chrzczonowicz PP Email: jerzy1junior@hotmail.com, m: 0411 125 357; Parish Secretary: Anne McMaster Mon. 12noon – 3pm; Thur. 8am – 3pm; Bookkeeper Patricia Low: Financial enquiries Tues 9am-2pm & Friday 9am-2pm; 210 Oyster Bay Road, Como, 2226; Ph: 9528 0205 Web: www.stjosephscomo.org.au; Email: stjoscomo@ bigpond.com, St. Joseph's Primary School: Principal Allan Fagerstrom PO Box 447, Jannali 2226, Ph. 9528 8716 Email: info@sticomo.catholic.edu.au

Mass Intentions (27thAug. –2nd Sept.) Vigil 5pm: +Paul Lim; Sun.; 8am: + Holy Souls; 9.30am: Retired & sick priests; Mon.:+ Holy Souls ; Tues.: +Augustine Lim; Wed.: +Deceased Friends; Thurs. Dantis .: Fri. +Ed & Una: 6pm + Adrain Han Sat.: 7.30am: Thanksgiving;

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

On Sundays after 8am Mass there is cuppa.

We acknowledge the Gweagal People, 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 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

Our sick: Steven Leeke, Helen Cramer, Max McLeod, Philip Andrew Romanow, Richard Davis, Michele McQuillan, Joan & 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, Albert McMaster, Josephine and Steven Marinilli, Nicholas Mircevski and all Dear Friends from

Mildred Symons House:

Next Catholic Mass on 6th Sep. at 10.45am.

On the 17th September

seventy - two children will receive Holy Communion for the first time at 11am and 2pm Masses.

There are four levels to the answer to a basic question, "Why did Jesus institute the Holy Eucharist as the Real Presence?" He did for manifestation of His love and infinite mercy; for communication of His grace for us and for others; for solidification of our faith, hope and charity: for imitation of His humility, poverty, charity, patience and obedience.

Raising Fathers Events

2023 Join us for the RAISING FATHERS Evening as we unpack practical advice and share powerful. impactful, informative and instructional stories for fathering in today's world.

Tuesday, 29 August - Marist College Eastwood - 44 Hillview Rd. Eastwood

Wednesday, 30 August - Patrician Brothers' College: 268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield,

Thursday, 31 August – St Patrick's College: Francis St, Strathfield. All gatherings from 6.30pm to 8pm.

Pope Francis' trip to Mongolia, scheduled for 31st Aug.- 4th Sept., will be the first time a pope visits the Asian nation. There are nine parishes in Mongolia, five of which are located in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar and all 1450 Catholics . The Pope is well known within the Mongolian Catholic community. Every Catholic family has an image of Pope Francis in their homes. Pope Francis will inaugurate a new charitable center called the House of Mercy, which will serve the poor and disadvantaged. The trip will show just how important "every single faithful" is to Pope Francis, noting that although the pope never served as a missionary, he's been a great missionary model for us.

We are indebted to Janice Garcia for accepting a voluntary work of data entry in our parish office on Wednesdays.

Hard working Walter. Claude and Sean strengthening lamp post in the garden...

Please join us in the Hall today after Mass from 11:30am to celebrate Fr Jerzy's 69th birthday – bring a plate to share.

...then having a little rest with cuppa.

An Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. An itinerary and application form on: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 89124818.

Greetings to All from Peter Paul visiting South-East European region. Greece and Croatia as well as Italy and Israel.

Vinnies Festival Mass at Saint Joseph's Church Oatley. Cnr.

Frederick and Rose St. Wednesday 27th September at 7pm.

At the meeting (21st Aug.) with the Europeans lawyers Pope Francis said: "I am writing a

second part to Laudato Si' to update it on current problems." "Laudato Si', On Care for

Our Common Home" was the title of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical letter on the need for

an "integral ecology" that respects the dignity and value of the human person, helps the

poor and safeguards the planet. "It must never be forgotten," he said, "that future

generations are entitled to receive from our hands a beautiful and habitable world, and

that this entails grave responsibilities toward the natural world that we have received from

the benevolent hands of God."

Father's Day Appeal on Sunday 3rd September in support of the Priests' Retirement

Foundation. Every year we undertake the Father's Day Appeal, which is a special

collection to assist our retired priests who have served us so faithfully. When they retire.

they are no longer supported by a Parish. Then becomes the Archdiocese duty to look

after them. Father's Day is an occasion to sincerely thank them and honour their great

service by a gift to the Priest's Retirement Foundation. Your gift is a 'thank you' to our

priests who have contributed in many ways in your life. At present the Priests'

Retirements Foundation supports 67 priests. Your gift plays a vital role to provide • A

home and house to live in: Nursing care for frail priests: Health insurance, medical and

dental expenses; • You will notice envelopes on your pews, where you can donate. There

is also a convenient and secure online option. Thank you for your time and generosity.

https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/category/prf-appeal-resources/

"We make war that we may live in peace." Aristotle. "There has never been a good war or bad peace.' Benjamin Franklin



Meditation on line

Today the Church upholds Social Justice Sunday The Australian Catholic Bishops have released their Statement, entitled 'Listen, Learn, Love' which calls for new engagement with First Australians. In a departure from tradition, this year's statement is in two parts: the first is written by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) and the second part is the bishops' response. You can access the full statement and a variety of other resources via the link below.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1/Z6G1f6DSevuYM6a7Zb45zVKteDv0isB?usp=sharing

Youtube-daily Mass: stjosephcomo

The Plenary Council: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

catholicweekly.com.au: facebook.com/TheCatholicWeekly; To write to the Editor of The C.W. cweditor@catholicweekly.com.au

CWF: We are invited to participate in Church charities appeal (please use envelopes). Our quote is \$10,400 (100% deductable). It is the first appeal in this financial year.



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CROSS MEDIA PROJECT SHOP, 31 Jamieson St. Granville, ph. 98975791, Christian Devotion Shop. Open Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat. 9.30am-4pm.



Divine Renovation.

Free plant vouchers from Sutherland Council would be greatly appreciated to help enhance the Church gardens. Drop into mailbox at any time or to the Parish office during office hours. 7

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