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@stjcomo.catholic.edu.au

Mass Intentions (8th Oct –14th Oct.)
Vigil 5pm: +Johannes Frans Dorff; Sun.;
8am: +Dr Patrick Lim (5th a.); 9.30am:
Pro Populo; 3pm: Dantis; Mon: + Holy
Souls; Tues. Dantis; Wed.: Dantis;
Thurs Holy Souls.; Fri. Sat.: 7.30am

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 <u>safeguardingen</u>guiries@sydneycatholic.org.

Our sick: Nerida Tullio, Steven Leeke, Helen Cramer, Max McLeod, Philip Andrew Romanow, Richard Davis, Michele McQuillan, Joan & Vince Fernandez, Drago Mikan, Therese Dorff, Steve Smith, Barbara Moore, Albert McMaster, 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: Next Mass 10.45am, 1st Nov. 2023.

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The first session of the Synod of Bishops (4-29 October 2023) on synodality of the Church.

The International Theological Commission describes synodality this way: 'Synod' is an ancient and venerable word in the Tradition of the Church, whose meaning draws on the deepest themes of Revelation. It indicates the path along which the People of God walk together. Equally, it refers to the Lord Jesus, who presents Himself as 'the way, the truth and the life' (Jn 14,6), and to the fact that Christians, His followers, were originally called 'followers of the Way' (cf. Acts 9,2; 19,9.23; 22,4; 24,14.22). First and foremost, synodality denotes the particular *style* that qualifies the life and mission of the Church, expressing her nature as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel. Synodality ought to be expressed in the Church's ordinary way of living and working. The entire People of God shares a common dignity and vocation through Baptism. All of us are called in virtue of our Baptism to be active participants in the life of the Church. In parishes, small Christian communities, lay movements, religious communities, and other forms of communion, women and men, young people and the elderly, we are all invited to listen to one another in order to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who comes to guide our human efforts, breathing life and vitality into the Church and leading us into deeper communion for our mission in the world. As the Church embarks on this synodal journey, we must strive to ground ourselves in experiences of authentic listening and discernment on the path of becoming the Church that God calls us to be.

May the merciful Lord bless and comfort you Therese, Lachlan, Valentina, and Family at the loss of Johannes Frans Dorff, your spouse, and grandfather. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Welcome for the Requiem Mass on Friday 13th October at 10:30am. May Johannes Rest in Peace.

Word of God is Life.



Church is a religious institution that helps us follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. It provides a space for worship, teaching, and prayer. The word "church" comes from the Greek word "kyriakon", which means "Lord's house." In the New Testament, the church is often referred to as the "body of Christ" or the "bride of Christ."



For many people, attending church on Sunday is an important part of their weekly routine. However, there are times when circumstances may prevent someone from attending church in person. If you find yourself in this situation, there are a few things you can do to still participate in the worship service. Here are a few things you can't go to church on Sunday: 1. Watch the Mass online. 2. Listen to a podcast on church website or through a podcast app on your phone. 3. Read the Bible (Bibles apps). 4. Pray the Holy Rosary or other prayers. 5. Serve others. The most important thing is to stay connected with God and find ways to worship that work for you.

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Pope Francis created 21 new cardinals at a ritual-filled ceremony last Saturday, including key figures at the Vatican and in the field who will help endorse his reforms and strengthen his legacy as he enters a crucial new phase in running the Catholic Church. Francis further expanded his influence on the College of Cardinals who will help him govern and one day elect his successor. The new cardinals hail from the US. France, Italy, Argentina, Switzerland, South Africa, Spain, Colombia, South Sudan — the nation's first — Hong Kong, Poland, Malaysia, Tanzania, Venezuela and Portugal.

Australia's Catholic Bishops say the issues surrounding the Voice in the Parliament "are not just political", but are also "moral and ethical". As with statements the bishops made earlier this year, there is no advice on whether people should vote Yes or No on the referendum. The bishops instead call for people to consider and seek to understand the country's past, present and future.



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