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 (25th Feb. – 2nd March).
Vigil: 5pm: +Adrain Han; Sun.: 8am: Pro Populo;
9.30am: +Vincent, Mary, John the Baptist;
Mon: +Catherine Tan; Tues.: +Cathy Norris;
Wed.: +Patrick Lim Jr; Thurs. +Wayne Spaulding;
Fri.: +Vincent Hage; .Sat.: +Paul Lim

Congratulations to Michele and Sean on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. "Plurimos Annos" "Many Years"

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

We acknowledge the Gweagal People, the traditional Custodians of this land.

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

<u>Daily Masses:</u> 7:30am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday (Saturday: Mass, Cenacle, Confession & Benediction); Tuesday 5:30pm: Adoration, Novena, Confession, Benediction and 6pm Mass. Friday 9:15am,First Fridays 7:30am Devotions @ 9:15am 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(1st & 3rd Sunday)
Other inquiries please contact Parish Office.

Our sick: Nerida Tullio, Steve Smith, Eileen Ellsmore, Elizabeth Mercieca, Steven Leeke, Helen Cramer, Max McLeod, Richard Davis, Michele McQuillan, Joan & Vince Fernandez, Drago Mikan, Therese Dorff, Steve Smith, Barbara Moore, Albert McMaster, Elizabeth Kinsela, 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,13th March, 2024.

Stations of the Cross Fridays 6.00 pm

1st Friday 1st March, Sacred Heart Devotion and Benediction from 8.00am to 9.00am followed by the Mass.

Reconciliation every day 15mins before Mass.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation 20th March 7.00pm

Holy Thursday (28th March) 6.00 pm and adoration at the Altar of Repose till Midnight (due to the night pilgrimage to the seven churches).

Good Friday (29th March) Morning Prayer at 9.00am; Stations of the Cross 10.00 am; Good Friday Ceremonies 3.00 pm; Night Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm.

Easter Saturday (30th March) Blessing of Food for Easter Table at 10.00am; Easter Vigil with Four Liturgies 6.00 pm. Easter Sunday; Masses at 8.00am and 9.30 am.



https://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/

Please visit the above link or scan QR code on the left for ministry courses provided by Archdiocese this year.

The Staff of our School has been enriched with the following Personnel: Sally Louka - Assistant Principal; Christopher Mills - 1B teacher; Claire Bennett - 2M; Ashlee Wilcox - 4M; Kelsey Carter - 6M; Lily Shephard – LSO; Alice Azar – LSO; Meredith Lemos – Library. May the Lord bless them in their ministry.

Confession is a sacred ritual through which we seek forgiveness for our sins. During confession, we confess our sins to a priest, who acts as a mediator between us and God. The priest, acting in the name of the Church and Christ, offers absolution and guidance, helping us to find reconciliation and healing. Remember that confession is a powerful way to cleanse the soul and draw closer to God. While we can certainly share our struggles and seek advice from trusted friends, family, or spiritual mentors, the formal sacrament of confession is reserved for priests. They maintain confidentiality and provide spiritual counsel based on their training and understanding of Church doctrine. The sacrament of confession is a unique and sacred experience within the Catholic faith.



The Summit. Lent and Easter. Pope's messages for Lent. Lent resources, Stations of the Cross, A Guide to Night Praver for Lent; Arts; Lenten Playlist: 40 Songs for 40 Davs: The Little Way of Lent; "Ave Explores Lent" and much more...



Ronita is 22. She lives in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines. Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ),

Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines. Through the FCJ,



Ronita was able to re-enroll in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment even with the arrival of her second child. After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter

future for her whole family. "I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you.

Please donate to Project Compassion today.

Safeguarding, Child Protection and Ministerial Integrity. For more information, please scan QR code. This year Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Holy Thursday, 28 March at 10.30am. We all are invited to join our Archbishop Anthony Fisher at this Mass. On this day there are no morning Masses in the local churches.

Anyone is welcome at anytime to take care for our church and surroundings as Easter is fast approaching.



With his lengthy and debated Synod of Bishops on Synodality set to wrap later this year, Pope Francis took several steps last weekend to bolster the process in the lead up to a meeting that will bring four years of global consultation to a close. Last Saturday, he announced the dates of this year's October synod session (2nd - 27th October), he named several new consultors to the Vatican's synod office and ordered that study groups be formed within the Roman curia to explore key issues that came out of last year's discussion.