

St Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms
Saturday	6 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	By appointment (usually first & third Sunday, 11am)
Sunday	8 am, 10 am	
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	Confessions Saturday 5:00-5:45 pm
Wednesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	(the confessional is in the sacristy and is completely private and anonymous)
Thursday	12 noon (Rosary 11:45)	Exposition Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:40am)
Friday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	
Saturday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	

14 December 2008: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Masses and prayers: Please pray for Brian Jackson (ann. 15/12), Paul Pullen (anniversary) and those who are sick or who have asked for or need our prayers, including Terence Banner, Deenel Park, Flavian Harris, Alexis Blades, Antoinette Karam, Margaret Hinton, Michelle Steffens, and Susan Childs.

Congratulations to Sophie Wilder, Bailey Derwent, William Callen, Rose Henderson, Sofia Henderson, Rohan Blumire, Gianluca Canduci and Jack Boardman who were recently baptised in our parish church.

We welcome and congratulate our new Altar Servers: They will be introduced and presented with certificates at 10am Mass this Sunday. I would like to thank all the parents but particularly Catherine Clark who has so capably overseen the organisation and training of the altar servers.

Parish Morning Tea: we would like to invite everyone to join us in the Marian Hall next Sunday 21 December for a cuppa and a slice of Christmas cake/biscuit after the 8am Mass. If there is anyone new to the Parish we would especially like to extend this invitation to you. Please make yourself known to us.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): It would be appreciated if the PPC nomination forms could be placed in the box on the foyer table this weekend. The forms will be available in the foyer after all Masses and can even be downloaded from the parish website – click on PPC link and then click on 'nomination form' to download. Nominations are closing at the end of this weekend.

Guild of St Stephen Conference: From 4 to 7 January 2009, the Sydney Guild of St Stephen will hold its third annual Archdiocesan Conference at St Joseph's Conference Centre, Bringelly. This conference provides training for altar servers in Years 7 to 12 High School. This year the Conference will focus on preparing junior servers to be confident in assisting at Masses, and preparing senior servers to assist in the role of Master of Ceremonies. For more details contact the Sydney Guild Convener, Fr Danai Penollar, on 0417 259 617.

Catechists required for 2009: We need up to 3 new catechists for next year so that we can adequately cover all 21 scripture classes each week for around 300 children in the 3 local State Primary schools. With almost 50% of Catholic children now attending State schools it is important that we have sufficient catechists to meet the evangelisation challenge this represents. Being a catechist can be a very rewarding and fulfilling role. No prior teaching experience is necessary as full support and teaching resources (e.g. lesson plans & student activity books) are provided by the CCD. If you can spare 30 minutes of your time in a class each week on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning, please contact either Fr John (9580 1864) or Michael Cummins, Catechist Co-ordinator at cumminsm@optusnet.com.au or on 9580 5928. Any assistance with this important work will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you from Sr Helen Saunders: A big thank you to all those parishioners who have supplied used stamps over the year. During 2008 we raised approximately \$2,500. Our best effort so far! From 2001 till now our total has exceeded \$14,000 for the Mission of the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru. This money will be used to support some of the poorest people in Peru.

Like to be able to respond to people more pastorally? St Vincent's Hospital is now taking enrolments in its Pastoral Education Programs for 2009. See notice board for details.

Parish Youth Mass: Sunday 14 December - End of year Youth Mass 6:00pm .A BBQ to follow after Mass.

Collections Last Weekend

1st: \$766	2nd: \$209	Envelopes: \$1612
Money Counters Roster		
Sun 14 Dec	Margaret Pullen, Bernie Jenner, Leo Sullivan	
Sun 21 Dec	Margaret Pullen, Rayma Papworth, Marilynne Sontag	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 13 Dec 6pm	Phillip Merrick	Maureen Horne	Lachlan Watt Madeleine Cox	Brian Smith
Sun 14 Dec 8am	Vince Cordi	Louis Minihan	Gabrielle Liaker Niamh Callinan	Mark Shad
Sun 14 Dec 10am	Glenn McLachlan	Alex Merrick	Jared McLachlan Kyle McLachlan	Terry Clark
Sat 20 Dec 6pm	Phillip Merrick	Rod West	TBA	Rafe Kowron
Sun 21 Dec 8am	Sam Attard	Caroline Dimeo	TBA	Seb Arena
Sun 21 Dec 10am	Louis Minihan	Carmel Bollard	TBA	Paul Doepel
Children's Liturgy			Altar Society	
Sun 14 Dec	Linda Bleakley		Wendy Grimes, Freda Jenner	
Sun 21 Dec	No Liturgy – School Holidays		Margaret Rayment, Virginia Cameron, Pat Doepel	

