

St Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms
Saturday	6 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
Sunday	8 am, 10 am	
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	Confessions Saturday 5:00-5:45 pm (the confessional is in the sacristy and is completely private and anonymous)
Wednesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	
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 September 2008: The Triumph of the Cross

Masses and prayers: Please pray for Lionel Moreira (ann. 7/9), Joseph Pinto (ann. 10/9), William Robertson, Judy Byers, Joan Monaghan (ann. 13/9), Nita Finneran (ann. 11/9), Jack Finneran, Peter Kelly and those who are sick or who have asked for or need our prayers, including, Deenel Park, Rita Wagstaff, Melanie Ajaka, Flavian Harris, Cath Mullally, Alexis Blades, Antoinette Karam, Margaret Hinton, Michelle Steffens, Terry Clark, Des O'Connell, Susan Childs, Denise Bailey, and Gabrielle.

Change in Collection Procedure: Recently I consulted some people (wardens, finance committee and others) about the possibility of having both collections at the offertory time. There were positive responses and some good practical suggestions. There are good reasons for doing this, particularly to help the money counters on Sunday morning. There is also a good liturgical benefit; the time after communion can be better used for prayer and reflection. In light of this, we will start doing this from next weekend on.

Please note that we will still be taking up two physical collections, one after the other. The first, as always, will be for the priests of the Archdiocese, including retired priests; the second will be for the needs of the parish with the envelopes being used for the planned giving program. To separate the two collections and to emphasise their distinctive purpose, for the time being we will have one before the offertory hymn and one after the hymn. Please note that our collection and banking procedures conform with the Archdiocesan regulations. I thank you for your generous contributions to the Parish and to Priests.

Annual Catechist Mass: Will be held at St Mary's Cathedral at 2pm on Sunday 21 September followed by afternoon tea in St Mary's College School Hall. All catechists and their families & friends are invited to attend. Oatley catechists receiving awards at the Mass are: Bill Monaghan (Apostolic Blessing for 20 years service), Marilynne Sontag (Certificate of Accreditation) and Nathalie Yamine (Certificate of Accreditation). Congratulations to Bill, Marilynne and Nathalie. Well done! Unfortunately, the time of this Mass clashes with Confirmation at Oatley.

St Joseph's Primary School invites any interested parishioners to be a part of a new reading program commencing Term 4. This program will operate daily and takes approximately 15 to 20 minutes per session. The lessons are fully scripted and training is provided. Please consider helping on 1 day or more. The program can be run in the morning or afternoon, at a time to suit you. Please contact Principal Mrs Catherine Coman on 95806588 if you would like to assist.

Invitation to Book Launch: "Call me David" Bishop David Cremin – a Memoir by Fr John McSweeney PE will be launched in the Crypt of St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 19 September at 2.30pm. It is sponsored by Foxtel who are sending a film crew to cover the launch. Proceeds will go entirely to charity. Recommended price \$29.95 but only \$25 for parishioners. All parishioners and friends are invited. For catering purposes please ring the Kingsgrove Parish Office on 9150 9665 (leaving message).

Money counters roster and meeting. Thank you to those who offered to go on a roster, which started last weekend. A training session will be held this Sunday, September 14 at 9.30am.

Child protection: The National Professional Standards Office (set up by the Catholic bishops of Australia) has sent some material about child protection. These brochures will be in the boxes with the weekly bulletin this week. If anyone has a question about the strategies adopted in our parish to protect children, please call Fr. John.

Collections Last Weekend

1st: \$644	2nd: \$252	Envelopes: \$1711
Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal		\$588
Money Counters Roster		
Sun 14 Sep	Margaret Pullen, Vesna Zuvic	
Sun 21 Sep	To be advised	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 13 Sep 6pm	Sam Attard	Carmel Bollard	Lachlan Watt Madeleine Cox	Terry Clark
Sun 14 Sep 8am	Danny Clark	Susan Canham	Niamh Callinan Gabrielle Liaker	Tom Ryan
Sun 14 Sep 10am	Vince Cordi	Michael Gleeson	Melanie Ajaka Isabella Boulos	John Perkins
Sat 20 Sep 6pm	Phillip Merrick	Barry Gilmore	Thomas Merrick Hayden Merrick	Rafe Kowron
Sun 21 Sep 8am	Vince Cordi	Bill Monaghan	Michael Armson Jordan West	Mark Shad
Sun 21 Sep 10am	Glenn McLachlan	Margaret Bleakley	Jamie Dimeo Julia Triani	Brian Smith
Children's Liturgy			Altar Society	
Sun 14 Sep	Karen & Bronte Horder, Cath Bush,		Wendy Grimes, Freda Jenner	
Sun 21 Sep	Sandra Green		Margaret Rayment, Virginia Cameron, Pat Doepel	

