

St Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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St Joseph's Catholic School, Oatley

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

21 December 2008: 4th Sunday of Advent

Masses and prayers: Please pray for Peggy Boog (died 15/12), Michael McAlister (died 16/12), Frank & Michael Rohl, Ray Sumner and those who are sick or who have asked for or need our prayers, including Cliff Ball, Ron Stonebridge, Terry Gleeson, Deenel Park, Flavian Harris, Alexis Blades, Antoinette Karam, Margaret Hinton, Michelle Steffens, and Susan Childs.

School holiday changes for exposition and children's liturgy: During the holidays exposition and the children's liturgy are suspended.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass: All children are warmly invited to form a special choir for this Mass. Kindergarten children and pre-schoolers are encouraged to dress as angels and shepherds on the night. Please meet at 6.00 pm for a 6.30pm start. **Preparation for this Mass will commence at 3pm and be expected to take one hour.** Anyone willing to assist in setting up the altar and moving chairs would be most welcome!

FLOWERS: Donations of Christmas bush or appropriate Christmas flowers from your garden, for the Church for Christmas would be appreciated. Please leave them in the Church foyer before noon on Wednesday. Thank you.

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. No prior teaching experience is necessary as full support and teaching resources are provided by the CCD. If you can spare 30 minutes of your time on a Tue, Wed or Thur morning, please contact either Fr John or Michael Cummins, Catechist Co-ordinator at cumminsm@optusnet.com.au or on 9580 5928. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Help Educate Children in Pakistan: In Multan Pakistan, the De La Salle Brothers run St Vincent's school for children from extremely poor families. Their parents earn less than US \$1 a day. Currently the school is overflowing. It cannot accommodate the 495 students who attend, and with no other alternatives, some classes are held outside under a nearby tree. The

Brothers seek financial support for building projects and school materials. Please donate to the school's development program through the Lasallian Foundation. Contact Br Paul Smith ph: (03) 9832 3100 or email info@lasallianfoundation.org. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Christmas Services at St Joseph's Oatley:

Christmas Eve: (Wednesday 24 December)

1. Vigil Mass (especially, but not exclusively, for children) at 7pm, with carols commencing at 6.30pm in the undercroft area of the school.
2. Midnight Mass (carols start at 11.30pm)

Christmas Day: 9am only

Confessions: Christmas Eve 4-5pm

New Year Services at St Joseph's Oatley:

New Year's Eve: (Wednesday 31 December)

Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

New Year's Day: (Thursday 1 January) at 9am only

Collections Last Weekend

1st: \$757	2nd: \$232	Envelopes: \$1951
Money Counters Roster		
Sun 21 Dec	Margaret Pullen, Rayma Papworth, Marilynne Sontag	
Sun 28 Dec	Margaret Pullen, Vince Elliott, Jenny Elliott	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 20 Dec 6pm	Vince Cordi	Rod West	Astrid West Jordan West	Rafe Kowron
Sun 21 Dec 8am	Phillip Merrick	Caroline Dimeo	Jamie Dimeo Angus Mullins	Seb Arena
Sun 21 Dec 10am	Louis Minihan	Carmel Bollard	Alexandra Elliott Lilie Joseph	Paul Doepel
Sat 27 Dec 6pm	Sam Attard	Richard McMillan	Siobhan Trinder Lachlan Watt	Bill Quigley
Sun 28 Dec 8am	Danny Clark	Bill Monaghan	Thomas Clark Andrew Clark	Tom Ryan
Sun 28 Dec 10am	Phillip Merrick	Rayma Papworth	Kyle McLachlan Jonathan Lee	David Lee
Children's Liturgy			Altar Society	
Sun 21 Dec	No Liturgy – School Holidays		Margaret Rayment, Virginia Cameron, Pat Doepel	
Sun 28 Dec	No Liturgy – School Holidays		Marcia Smith, Joan Gilmore	

