

St Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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St Joseph's Catholic School, 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 (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 Suspended during school holidays
Friday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	
Saturday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	

28 December 2008: The Feast of the Holy Family

Masses and prayers: Please pray for Ron Stonebridge (died 20/12, funeral Tuesday, 30/12 at 1pm), Mary Tabone (recently deceased), Andrew Renshaw (recently deceased), Albert Shad (ann. 26/12), John Francis Hannon (ann. 28/12), Lavina Beath (ann. 21/12), Marie McCarthy (ann. 25/12) and those who are sick or who have asked for or need our prayers, including Cliff Ball, Terry Gleeson, Deenel Park, Flavian Harris, Alexis Blades, Antoinette Karam, Margaret Hinton, Michelle Steffens, and Susan Childs.

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 so much to all those who have assisted in so many ways in the parish throughout the year, particularly those who helped prepare for and assist at the celebration of the sacred liturgy: the acolytes, ministers, altar servers, state school catechists, musicians, choir, children's singing group, money counters, finance committee members, altar society, lectors, those who visited the sick, mass wardens, children's liturgy catechists, St Vincent de Paul Society. Thanks also to those who prepared and coordinated the various rosters.

New Year's Day 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

Monthly Healing Mass will be held on Fri, 2 Jan, St Therese's Church, 15 Garrong Rd Lakemba. 7pm Rosary, 7-8pm Reconciliation, 7.30pm Praise, 8pm Mass. Enquiries: Rose ph. 9642 2359 / 0412 115961, or rosetwyman@optusnet.com.au. See notice board for details.

Oatley Parish Youth News

Sunday 18th Jan at 4pm (16-30yrs)

- BBQ at the Shad House for young adults..... **RSVP required!!**

- For more information contact Amanda Shad on 0421 736 764 / amanda-shad@hotmail.com

Sunday 1st Feb at 6pm (16-30yrs)

- The young people will meet in the Marian Hall for a light dinner and discussion (Please bring \$5 for dinner)

- Our special guest speaker will talk about the Catholic Church in today's society!!

- There will be plenty of time for questions about living your faith and the church :-)

Sunday 15th Feb at 4pm (12-15yrs)

- Activity afternoon (more information coming soon)

- Followed by a **YOUTH MASS at 6pm!!**

Collections Christmas Day

1st: \$1943

2nd: \$876

Envelopes (included in 28th Dec)

Money Counters Roster

Sun 28 Dec

Sun 4 Jan

Margaret Pullen, Vince Elliott, Jenny Elliott
Margaret Pullen, Vesna Zuvic, Anna Merrick

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
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
Sat 3 Jan 6pm	Sam Attard	Jean Devine	Melanie Ajaka Julia Triani	John Perkins
Sun 4 Jan 8am	Vince Cordi	Carreon Family	Alex Sherman Jonathan Lee	Mark Shad
Sun 4 Jan 10am	Phillip Merrick	Caroline Dimeo	Samantha Roberts Emma Bennett	Richard McMillan
Children's Liturgy			Altar Society	
Sun 28 Dec	No Liturgy – School Holidays		Marcia Smith, Joan Gilmore	
Sun 4 Jan	No Liturgy – School Holidays		Margaret Pullen, Willy Van Wanrooy	