

## St Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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### St Joseph's Catholic School, Oatley

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

## 7 December 2008: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Masses and prayers:** Please pray for Margaret "Peg" Stadtmiller (ann. 9/12), Ursula Wyatt (ann.), Rita Fleming, 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.

**Visitation of the Sick:** If you know of someone who is sick and would like a visit, perhaps to be anointed or to receive the Blessed Sacrament, please let me know by phoning the Presbytery with the name, address and phone number (if known).

**The Children's Singing Group** will be singing next Sunday 14 December, at the 10am Mass. New voices always welcome.

**St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal 2008.** The theme of the 2008 appeal, which runs from November to January, is '*help change their story*'. For many people we encounter, the stark reality is not what to buy their children this Christmas, but how to put a roof over their heads or food on their plates. We are aiming to put some joy back into the lives of those who are isolated, depressed or down and out this Christmas. But we need your help! This weekend the St Joseph's Oatley conference invites you to consider making a donation which will help us assist those who turn to us. Envelopes are here for your donation or you can leave your donation with Society members outside the church. Tax receipts are available upon request. Your generosity will be much appreciated.

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):** Last Tuesday night we took one more step towards the formation of a PPC with a general meeting. This weekend, parishioners will have a chance to nominate someone for positions on the PPC in one of four categories. The nomination forms will be available after all Masses in the foyer and can even be downloaded from the parish website – click on PPC link and then click on 'nomination form' to download. Nominations will close by the end of next weekend and the PPC will be operating at the beginning of next year.

**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](mailto:cumminsm@optusnet.com.au) or on 9580 5928. Any assistance with this important work will be greatly appreciated.

**"CALL ME DAVID" Bishop David Cremin:** Many thanks to Fr John and the St Joseph's community for your generous response to the "Call Me David" book sale. We raised \$1,200 for Bishop David's charity, the renovation of All Hollows Chapel. If you missed out on the book we have a few signed copies still available. Contact Mary on 9579 6893.

### Parish Youth News

**Sunday 7 December** - Youth group with the Dominican Sisters 6:30pm in the Marian Hall. Bring a small donation (\$5) for dinner

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

### Collections Last Weekend

1st: \$758	2nd: \$256	Envelopes: \$1162
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Charitable Works Fund (received to date): \$2341

### Money Counters Roster

Sun 7 Dec	Margaret Pullen, Marcia Smith, Brian Smith
Sun 14 Dec	Margaret Pullen, Bernie Jenner, Leo Sullivan

### Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 6 Dec 6pm	Sam Attard	Mark O'Brien	Jordan West Jemille West	Richard McMillan
Sun 7 Dec 8am	Danny Clark	Mirjana Males	Samantha Roberts Alex Merrick	Tom Ryan
Sun 7 Dec 10am	Vince Cordi	Michael Gleeson	Kirsten Brymer Madeleine Cox	Maureen Owens
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
Children's Liturgy			Altar Society	
Sun 7 Dec	Tara Marshall, Louise Owens, Kim Marshall		Margaret Pullen, Willy Van Wanrooy	
Sun 14 Dec	Fiona Doolan		Wendy Grimes, Freda Jenner	

