

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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St. Joseph's Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5.00 pm **Sunday:** 8 am and 10 am

Weekday Masses: at 8 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

Thursday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 11 am and
Mass at 12 md

Public Holidays: 9 am only

Confessions are available before the 5 pm Vigil Mass (4 pm to 4.45 pm)

1st August 2021 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVING BREAD: Why did Christ speak of himself as living bread? Why did he choose bread to transform into himself? Why didn't he take something much more precious, a diamond, perhaps, and change it into himself? Surely it would have been a very good symbol of his own precious nature. There are several reasons. One is Christ's generosity. He did not want to give himself only to a chosen few; he wanted to offer himself to everybody, and diamonds are only the possession of a few. Where could the poor obtain them? Or the priests suffering persecution as in the concentration camps of the last great war?

Bread is obtainable all over the world and thus Christ makes himself available everywhere provided a priest is present. But another and more impressive reason is bread itself. It is food and thus gives strength and comfort to all. Christ wanted to be closely united to all believers. *Abide in my love*, he said. What better way than of bringing about this union could there be than becoming the food of our souls? Just as bread is the staff of life for the body, so Christ would become the life of the spirit. By this Living Bread we would be transformed into Christ.

In today's Gospel, Our Lord compares the two kinds of bread; the bread provided by God to feed the Israelites in the desert and the Living Bread given to humanity. He points out that the former will only satisfy for a time and only sustain life for a while. After eating it, people will hunger again and will finally die. But those who eat the latter will never hunger because the life it gives will last for ever. The Gospel demands great faith on our part. Faith, says St. Paul is: *The evidence of things that appear not*. There is no difference to the eye between the bread that sustains the body and the Living Bread which came down from Heaven. But we who have faith see beyond the other appearance and have the vision of

Christ, Our Saviour, who has given himself to us in this wonderful manner. We should add our voices then to those of the people in the Gospel: *Lord give us this bread always.*

Masses for the Deceased: Fr. Colin Mason, Fr. Anthony (Tony) Simari, Sr. Gemma Crowe csj, Matthew Sinclair, Leo McInerney, recently deceased. John and Ellen Perkins, Cardinal Edward Bede Clancy, Fr. William Evans, Fr. George Connolly, Linda Ellen Hilder, anniversaries.

The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link:

bit.ly/stjoatley or



You can also access it by going to the Archdiocese of Sydney website where there is a list of Churches who stream their Masses each week. Just click on the link for St. Joseph's Parish, Oatley.

Sacramental Program for 2021: Please visit the Parish website:

www.stjosephschurch.com.au

Dear Parents and Carers, it is with regret that I advise, due to the recent COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the NSW government, the balance of our 2021 Sacramental Program for Confirmation and Reconciliation will be suspended. At this stage, no program will be run in Term 3. If the restrictions are lifted, we may run the Confirmation program in Term 4, 2021 (revised dates to be advised) and move the reconciliation program to Term 1, 2022. Please email our sacramental program coordinator Sandra Green on sandragreen@optusnet.com.au should you have any questions. Fr. Paul.

SRE classes in public schools are postponed for the time being. However, SRE Learning from Home lessons are available.

Catholic SRE Learning from Home materials can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

New Learning from Home lessons have been uploaded this week and are available for parents to access across NSW. These include user-friendly Click & Learn PowerPoints and home activity sheets.

The NSW Department of Education will also advise schools to inform families of the availability of these resources.

Closure of Churches due to the recent spread of the Corona virus.

As from 6pm on Saturday, 26th June 2021, Greater Sydney (which includes the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong, and Shellharbour) is in lockdown until Saturday, 28th August at 12.01am. Consequently, the Church is closed until further notice.

However, funerals are permitted with a limit of 10 attendees.

Weddings, however, are not permitted.

Baptisms are not permitted, except in case of emergency. Similarly, the anointing of the sick, and sick calls generally, are permitted in case of emergency only.

It seems clear that, because the new Delta strain of Covid virus is so infectious, we are being asked to be even more cautious than during the previous lockdown. “Stay home” means “avoid all unnecessary contact with other people.”

During the lockdown, the Sunday Mass will be live streamed on YouTube, and you are encouraged to connect prayerfully to this medium. The streaming will begin at 5pm on Saturday and can be accessed at any time after the Mass has concluded.

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connect@catholiccare.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – BISHOPS’ STATEMENT

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 29th of August. The Australian Bishops’ Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis’ invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven *Laudato Si* Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 6201 9845.

PLANNED GIVING: Your contribution to the 2nd collection goes towards the running and upkeep of our parish, and 30% of what you donate is eligible for a tax deduction.

New Contributors: If you wish to become part of our regularly giving programme at St Joseph’s Parish Oatley, please fill in the planned giving form, which can be accessed by opening the attached hyperlink <https://www.stjosephschurch.com.au/donations>. Click on the button planned giving program to access and fill out form. Otherwise, you may obtain the form from the church foyer or contact the parish office for the application.

Please email the form to eatleycc@bigpond.net.au or drop it in to the Parish Office.

Alternatively, you can post it to: St Joseph’s Parish, 21C Frederick St, Oatley NSW 2223. If you wish to donate to the Church Account (Second Collection) please scan the encryption below, with your mobile phone. This automatically directs you to the parish’s Bpoint facility. Please follow the links. If you do not wish to make an internet or online payment, please email the Office eatleycc@bigpond.net.au or contact 9580 1864.



TAX RECEIPTS for 2020-2021 are available. If you wish to receive an emailed tax receipt, please email the parish office. Once again, we would like to thank all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph’s Oatley.

Thank you for contributing to St. Joseph’s Parish. I am very appreciative of your ongoing generosity and commitment to support our Parish in achieving its Pastoral Mission and meeting ongoing expenses. Fr. Paul.

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.*

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
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Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Refer to your Sunday Missal or Liturgy Sheet)
PROFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, to the good and gracious God who gives us bread from heaven, let us join in heartfelt prayer on behalf of the needs of all.

1. That the Church on her pilgrimage to the land of promise may never doubt God's providence but draw strength from the bread of life. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That in a world where so many are afflicted by hunger, nations may set aside differences and assume responsibility for each other. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That those who suffer the loss of hearing or have impaired hearing may find support in our community and the love and attention from their family and friends. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That those rearing families may nurture faith, prayer, and love for God, and cultivate an environment in which each of the Christian vocations is valued and explored as a possibility for their children's future – Marriage, the Priesthood, Religious Life or the Single Life. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That all young adults may have the courage and openness to search earnestly for the vocation that will enable them to grow to that fullness of life which God is offering them. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That those who are isolated, lonely, and suffering because of the current restrictions due to the increased risk of infection with the Delta strain of the Corona virus in the community, be comforted with the prayers and thoughts of all. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the departed who believed in Jesus in this life may never be hungry or thirsty again. We remember especially those who have died because of the Corona virus. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. That we, through the prayers and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate, may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. **HAIL MARY.**

God our Father, you alone can satisfy the longings of our hearts. As we sustain ourselves on the Bread of Life, grant that you may hear our prayers as we seek to respond to your call. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, our Salvation, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be *etc.*

Communion Antiphon

*You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord bless us and keep us

May he let his face shine upon us
and show us his mercy.

May he turn his countenance towards us
and give us his peace.

And may Almighty God bless us all, in the name of the Father, and of Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord and glorify him in our lives. Thanks be to God.