

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)

WELCOME BACK

In line with the present guidelines regarding the opening of Churches, St Joseph's Church is now opened from 7 am to 6 pm daily, and the usual Mass timetable as above will apply from the 24th October. Sunday Masses have now resumed for both 8am and 10am Mass times.

30th January 2022 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Patricia Anne McCusker, Laurence Richardson, recently deceased; Wadih Ramia, Theresa Grace Washington, Eileen Harland, John King, Father Ron Harden, Vilma Mabel Burns, Father Jim Fowler, anniversaries.

CHRIST RETURNS HOME: If one wanted a proof that Christ was in no way considered an extraordinary person when he lived at Nazareth, today's Gospel would provide one. He comes back to his hometown and those who had known him from boyhood are astonished at what they consider to be a complete change in him. Their astonishment gives way to anger and a desire even to kill him when he makes extraordinary claims about himself. They ask one another

where he has acquired the wisdom with which he speaks and they refuse to accept him, thinking him guilty of either trickery or malevolent power.

Our Lord never wanted to be other than a man of the people. For most of his life he lived as an ordinary craftsman without giving any indication to his fellow townspeople of the power within him. Even during his public life, he acted with great simplicity, only working miracles, and speaking with authority to further the spread of his kingdom on earth. And what better way than this could he have devised?

Perhaps the best help we can derive from Our Lord's example is to bring home to ourselves that, though, like him, we perform the most ordinary tasks, yet there is a very real sense in which, if we have faith in him, we are far from ordinary. After all, if we are good Christians, Christ is working with and in us so that we can say with St. Paul: *For it is when I am weak that I am strong.* Our Lord was unable to work miracles in his home country because of unbelief. Lack of faith acts as a barrier to the entrance of God's power. What Our Lord wants from us is a living faith. If we have that, through he may not cure our sickness or rid us of suffering, he will certainly work miracles of grace within us.

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



Sacramental Program for 2021: Please visit the Parish website:

www.stjosephschurch.com.au



CCareline: helping Sydney families with relationships, parenting, ageing services, disability, addictions and mental health concerns.
connect@catholiccare.org

CHURCH OPEN

Our church is open for weekday Masses and Sunday Masses at 5pm (Saturday Vigil), 8am and 10am, Sundays. We look forward to warmly welcoming everyone back to Mass.

When you arrive for Mass at the Church or the Hall, you will also need to use the QR code OR use the 'pen and paper' system for official registration. This is the NSW Government compliance requirement.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to Mass and we will be doing all that is reasonably possible to keep everyone safe who attends Mass. There will be good ventilation, hand sanitiser available and cleaning of the church between Masses. For regular updates on the current restrictions in the Church please refer to:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions>

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 oatleycc@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 oatleycc@bigpond.net.au or contact 9580 1864.



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.