

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

So it is with great excitement that we can let you know that our church is now opened from 7 am to 6 pm daily, and the usual Mass timetable as above will apply. We look forward to warmly welcoming everyone back to Mass.

14th November 2021 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father Paul on annual Leave: I will be absent from the Parish from the 19th November until the 3rd December. As a consequence, there will be no weekday Masses from 20th November until Monday 6th December. Weekend Masses will be as usual. Father Peter Gardiner, CP will supply for the two weekends I am away. Father Peter is an old boy of Oatley Parish

Masses for the Deceased: Georgette Awad, Jeffery Lovisolo, Dominic Davino recently deceased, all the Holy Souls.

The month of November is traditionally the month of the Holy Souls, and all my Masses will be offered for all your deceased relatives and friends.

THE END OF A JOURNEY: The day before Martin Luther King was assassinated, he gave a speech at Memphis, Tennessee, in which he said, “I’ve been to the mountain top, and I’ve looked over and I’ve seen the promised land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land.” This longing for a dawn out of darkness has become the basis of many a nation’s legends and aspirations. We

are all on a pilgrimage and in one way or another have within us this longing for better things at our journey's end. We know there will be trails, troubles, and tribulations on the way but one day they will make way for a happy ending.

In today's Gospel Our Lord points out that one day the whole of the human pilgrimage will come to an end and he will appear once more with great power and glory. The picture presented in the Gospel is a dark and sombre one; it is a picture of chaos with an earth shaken to its foundations. But just as at the beginning of the world there was darkness and confusion from which God brought light and harmony, so will it be at the end when Our Lord comes in majesty. The world will be dark only then for those who have turned their backs on the Lord. The Gospel does not mean then that the world will end in a terrible catastrophe. What it is telling us is, that the world we know, will no longer exist; that a completely new order of existence will come into being. No longer will the sun and moon shine, for the new order has *no need of sun and moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb*. Christ tells us in the Gospel that no one knows when all this will happen, but he expects us to be on constant watch. Our faith and hope and love must never fail, and we must prepare ourselves by lives of self-denial and unselfish work for that unknown day.

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



Mass will also be streamed on Thursdays at 12 md for the teachers and children of St. Joseph's School.

The Children's liturgy of the word for this Sunday can be access by clicking on the following link:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1CG6bHu1UCswoTHItwv24WL7p5RcQbeqHTWrsME8ipbY/present#slide=id.gee6f26b3d6_0_58

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. The reconciliation program will take place in Term 1, 2022. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place next year at St. Mary's Cathedral with the parishes of the St. George Deanery. 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 rest of the year. 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.

CHURCH OPEN

So it is with great excitement that we can let you know that our church is now 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.

From Monday 8 November, a two- square metre rule applies, except for members of the same household and face masks are still mandatory as well as registering your attendance. There can only be a maximum of 60 people in the church for each Mass. To help with numbers, we will also be opening Marion Hall for the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday Mass. People there will be able to view the livestreamed Mass and receive Holy Communion. This venue is limited to 30 people.

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.

It has been previously announced that everyone, whether fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, or unvaccinated, will be able to attend Mass. We will be doing all that is reasonably possible to keep everyone safe who comes to Mass. There will be mask-wearing, good ventilation, hand sanitiser available, the enforcing of social distancing 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>

Live streaming

The Vigil Mass will continue to be live streamed on YouTube, and if you are unable to attend Mass physically, 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 via [bit. /stjoatley](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) Or



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.



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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connect@catholiccare.org



The St. Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal will be on the 20th November. We are asking for vouchers for adults and children. Please take a tag off the Christmas tree and then place it on the plate at your designated time you come to Mass. Please put it in an envelope marked St. Vincent de Paul. If you are not yet coming to Mass, you can also donate by clicking the GIVE NOW icon above.