

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: 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

St Joseph's Church is open from 7 am to 6 pm daily, and the usual Mass timetable as above apply. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th June 2022

Masses for the Deceased: Omas Brischetto, Bruna Pollachini, recently deceased; Catherine Mary Fowler, Rita Cutelli, Annarosa Toscano, Ante

Bagaric, Peter Rayment, anniversaries, Elias Francis, his parents and sister, deceased members of the Beljo and Bagaric families.

For the Sick: Milka Damjanic, Jim Rathke

NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE TIME: The publican cried: “Time, gentlemen, time.” In the corner of the inn sat a dead man at a table with an empty mug at his side and few scraps of unfinished food on a plate. It was closing time. Time for all to leave, but this man had left before all the others. He had gone in a split second. Time is a strange phenomenon. The only part of it we can call our own is that split second known as ‘now’. It is that split second that our fate will be decided. *Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation.* Every slip second is pregnant with eternity. We can look back at the past and look forward to the future, but we can only live or die in the present.

In today’s Gospel Our Lord extended an invitation to us to follow him. He wanted an instant response; instead, he got procrastination. The ones he asked to follow said they must do something else first. The lesson for us is to realise the importance of instant service. The saints spoke of the “sacrament of the present moment”. They meant that every present moment has its content of grace, and we have the power to release its flow. Neither the past nor the future can increase our holiness, and our salvation does not depend on them. There may be no future and the past is over. We must live for God in the present in order that our future be assured. The Christian knows that God who is timeless has given us time to earn eternity. But we must always be prepared for that eternity. Christ tells us: *No one who put his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of Heaven.* All our energies must be directed to the present. We should indeed be sorry for our past misdeeds, but even that sorrow must be in the present. We can look forward to serving Our Lord in the future, but what is more important is to serve him now. We must not be procrastinators in our following of him.

The Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul will be celebrated on Wednesday, 29th June. The Holy Father’s Appeal (Peter’s Pence) will be made over the Masses this weekend (25th and 26th June). Envelopes are available in the foyer.

Winter Vinnies Appeal: Thank you to our Parish Community for donating towards our Winter Vinnies Appeal, with the \$2,400, raised this will go towards helping Families fleeing from Domestic Violence.



CONFIRMATION: The children of the parish who are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, have completed their classes and preparation to receive the Sacrament at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 7th August. Please keep them in your prayers and encourage them to faithfully practice their faith.

RECONCILIATION 2021 CATHCUP (Year 3 and above) Term Three: Applications are now open – Close 10th July. (See details on the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au in the tab *Sacramental Dates 2022*). Additionally, click on the application form attached for further details and enrolment. [Application and enrolment.](#)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022 (Year 3 and above) Term Three: Applications now open – Close 7th August. (See details on the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au in the tab *Sacramental Dates 2022*). Additionally, click on the application form attached for further details and enrolment. [Application and enrolment.](#)

RECONCILIATION 2022 (Year 2 and above) Term Four: Applications open at **the end of Term 3**. (See details on the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK!

We are looking forward to welcoming our young parishioners back to Children's Liturgy during the **10am Sunday Mass**. Children will have the opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age-appropriate way. Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding. We are fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work and we would be grateful for any interested parishioners to contact oatleycc@bigpond.net.au if they would be keen to assist in this important ministry.

SAVE THE DATE -NEXT PARISH MORNING TEA: Friday 22 July at 10.30am. Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered at the previous Parish morning teas. Due to the great turnout and enjoyable get

together at the morning tea, we will be holding another one on **Friday 22 July at 10.30am in the Marion Hall** (go through the Church). **Everyone is WELCOME. Please join us.** *Fr. Paul*

Church Open: Our church is open each day for weekday Masses and Sunday Masses at 5pm (Saturday Vigil), 8am and 10am, Sundays. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

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**



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 clicking on the following [APPLICATION FORM](#). You can choose between making a regular monthly credit card contribution. Whereby, once set up, your contribution is processed each month. This is a good way to "set and forget" your giving to support the running of our parish. Alternatively, you may wish to contribute via the envelope system. If you would like to give by credit card on a monthly basis, **OR** give via the envelope system please download and complete the attached [APPLICATION FORM](#)

Alternatively, please pick up a form in the Church foyer or email the office for a copy. Upon completion of your details email it to oatleycc@bigpond.net.au otherwise place the form in the second collection.

TAX RECEIPTS for 2021-2022 will be available in the middle of August. Please email oatleycc@bigpond.com if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Your receipts will be emailed to you. Alternatively, call the office on 9580-1864 for your tax receipt. 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. Fr. Paul