

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

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.

9th July 2023 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Sister Ann Derwin rsj, Father Kevin Dadswell, Father Leo Purcell, Stanley Sang, Father Colin Mason, Terrence Joseph McKeon, James Eagles, Salvina Gatt, Pietro Convento, anniversaries, and for the deceased members of the Convento and Domeneghini families.

THE SACRED HEART: There has been a certain emphasis in ecclesiastical ritual and art on the gentleness, meekness, and tenderness of our Lord's character. Ernest Renan, the French Orientalist, said: "Tenderness of heart was in him transformed into infinite sweetness, vague poetry, universal charm." Certainly, pictures and prayers have sometimes given an over sentimental picture of Christ. They have left out his strength of purpose his fearlessness, his righteous anger. Devotion to the Sacred Heart must take these into account.

In today's Gospel, our Lord urges those who are laden and heavy-burdened to come to him because he is lowly and meek in heart. But one must realise that meekness does not mean weakness nor does humility imply feebleness. Our Lord was meek before Caiphas – this meant that he exercised great self-restraint refusing to use the great powers that he had. Again, he was humble before him and this too involved great strength of character when one considers who Christ was. Jesus' words to the heavy-laden in the Gospel show great affection and compassion. He welcomes them to himself, and they are to take his yoke upon their shoulders. This yoke, he says, is light. Our Lord does not mean that it will not involve suffering. He has already said that those who love him must take up their cross and follow him. The yoke remains a cross but love for him makes it bearable. We must then learn from our Lord to be meek and humble; not the kind of meekness which means abject subjection; not the kind of humility which involves feeble submission; but the meekness of Christian self-restraint in the face of provocation and the humility arising from an understanding of our true position in regard to God – that we are nothing without him. All this we can learn by prayer to the Sacred Heart, a heart whose human love for us is there to draw us inward to the infinite love of God.

Be Still

And Know That I Am God

I will be exalted among the nations
I will be exalted in the earth!

Psalm 46:10



Pray-

Heavenly Father, I know that you are God. I ask that you give me a clear mind. Give me the ability to truly observe everything around me. Still my heart so I can see your creation. Open my eyes to see how you work through events, through people, and through creation to move the gospel forward. When what seems permanent begins to crumble, when devastation ravages the earth, when

powers that be claim your authority – let us remember the joy you have set before us. Lord, help us to let go of fear and doubt. Make us still in your waters of gladness. God, Creator of time, we hurry from task to task, from crisis to crisis, carrying the weight of the world. But the world is yours, and everything in it. Let us lay down both what keeps us too busy to be still and stillness that is void before you so that we may lift our eyes to your glory. Lord, we come into your presence. Make us still in you.

Amen



MORNING TEA INVITATION-

Please join us at our next Parish Morning Tea on Friday the **28th of July, at 10.30 am** in the Marion Hall. All are welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an informal and social gathering. If you are able, please bring a plate to share.

The Holy Father's Annual Appeal (Peter's Pence) will be made at all masses this weekend. Envelopes are on the pews and in the foyer. This money is for the various Charities around the World supported by the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

CURRENT PLANNED GIVING: Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are now available in the foyer of the Church, please take your set of envelopes.

TAX RECEIPTS for 2022-2023 will be **available in mid-July**. Please email eatleycc@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 to all who have kindly contributed to our parish. If you wish to support your Parish, St Joseph's Oatley, please pick up a copy of the application form in the Church Foyer and become one of our regular givers. Alternatively, you may wish to go to our website www.stjosephschurch.com.au for a copy, or if you are online click on the tab below.

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