

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.

7th November 2021 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: 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.

COINS IN THE TREASURY: Love is not measured by the value of a gift; the price-tag is no indication of love. A boy may give a girl a pearl necklace because he is infatuated with her and then, becoming bored, throw her over. Not much love there. Gifts can be a means of self-advancement or, as in the case of the rich people in the Gospel, simply a duty without devotion. The real measure of love is what a person is willing to give up for it. The poor widow showed her love because she gave of her all. Christ pointed out the difference between her gift and that of the others who gave what they could easily afford.

The Gospel paints a very pleasing picture of contrasts. We see the rich men come forward and we can almost hear the rattle of their many coins in the box and see Christ

watching what they are doing. Then comes the widow; there is very little sound as she drops her two coins and no sound at all as she creeps silently away. But she does not vanish from the heart and mind of Christ. It delights him to see what she has done, so much so, that he calls his disciples about him and gives them a little panegyric about her, making the contrast between her devotion and that of the wealthy. The temple did not gain much by the widow's offering, but she gained a kingdom. We can perhaps see, in those small coins that the widow gave, a symbol of the few drops of blood that came from Christ's side when it was pierced by the soldier's lance. That blood was a sign that he had given all; that he had made a complete offering of himself to his Father for our sake. The lesson is plain for us. When we give, we should give something of ourselves; it should sometimes involve self-sacrifice and not, like that of the rich men, be only of our abundance. Christ said that there can be no following him without self-denial.

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/1HWtULDIGH9OtDKOnxF98OVSw8uzdFWqum7lr3rdi2cw/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.

As the 1 person per 4sqm rule will apply, there can only be a maximum of 40 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 20 people. From **Monday 8** November, a two- square metre rule applies, except for members of the same household and face masks will no longer be mandatory.

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://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 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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