

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
Monday	8 am (Rosary 7.45)	Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	Weekend Masses	
Wednesday	8am (Rosary 7.45)	Saturday 5pm Vigil	
Thursday	12md (Rosary 11.45)	Sunday 8am & 10am	
Friday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
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8 March, 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Masses and Prayers: David O' Connor (ann. 10/3), Gay Ball (ann.8/3), members of CWL and those who are sick especially Emma Viera.

DOWN TO EARTH: St. Peter's words at the scene of the Transfiguration "Lord, it is good for us to be here", contained only a half-truth. It was good for him to witness the glorified splendour of Christ and to see in him the fulfilment of the Law and the prophets as shown by their representatives, Moses and Elijah. But it was not good for him to remain where he was. There was work to be done in the world or ordinary day events with its suffering and its joys.

Christianity does not consist in living in a dream world of lights and spiritual escapism. It is a very much down to earth existence. The Christian lives in a world which at times is very dark – where sickness and slums and sleazy conditions prevail. Life in an ivory tower sprouts no haloes. There are Catholics who have the characteristics of limpets who encase themselves in a protective covering and are impervious to the needs and feelings of those around them. They say their prayers, immerse themselves in pious practices but forget their duties as members of the Mystical Body of Christ. They kneel in the church and think it is good for them to be there and they come out and snub the bus-driver and ignore the appeals for help from the hungry and unhappy.

After the splendour of the Transfiguration, came the dark night of the agony and the cross. The men who witnessed the one were terrified of the other. They had to learn as we all have to learn that life can have its transfiguring moments but also its very painful ones. A Christian must not live then in a world of make-believe but of hard reality. Moments of light and consolation are given to strengthen us for the hard struggles ahead. It is good for us all to be here because it is here that we have the opportunity of living the good life as manifested to us by Christ and thus gaining a share of his glory.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Twenty-seven-year-old Phany lives in a village in western Cambodia. Struggling to earn a living as a rice farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village, to take up construction work in the city. In 2016, Phany joined the *Upholding Community Dignity Together* program supported by Caritas where she learnt new farming techniques, such as a drip irrigation system which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water for drier periods. She also learnt how to grow vegetables and raise chickens and ducks. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes. Your support in this year's Project Compassion Lenten appeal

will help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities and provide food for their families.

The Pascal precept binds all Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (7th June). The faithful are also obliged to confess their grave (mortal) sins individually in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

Stations of the Cross: This beautiful devotion apt for the season of Lent will be conducted in the Church each Friday during Lent at 7 pm. Come and walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified.

Life Ascending Movement. –

Meets in the Marian Hall on Friday 13 Sept at 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.

This new movement was introduced to Australia only 20 years ago, following the work of the Second Vatican Council. It is *mainly for retirees* and focuses on both prayer and action.

All are welcome.

CHOCOLATE PASCHAL LAMBS EASTER 2020. If you would like to place an order, kindly complete the attached form in the foyer of the Church and then you will be notified when they arrive. The price of the lambs remains at \$8.00 and white chocolate is also available. Closing date for the orders is no later than Sunday 22nd March. Thank You Sue SVDP.

Collections & Rosters

1st \$842		2nd: \$496		Envelopes \$1617	
Money Counters Roster		Tues 10 March Lynne Ekholm & Leo Sullivan			
		Tues 17 March Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Carol Harland			
Masses	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 7 Mar 5 pm	Joe Shakkal	Alison Felici	Luca Johnson Ivan Greguric	Rafe Kowron	
Sun 8 Mar 8am	Robert Dimeo	Susan Canham	No Servers	Mario Cuenca	
Sun 8 Mar 10am	Danny Clark	Francis D'Silva	Lachlan Hoy Simon Nadile	Lewis DeGabriele	
Sat 14 Mar 5 pm	No Acolyte	Melissa Dimeo	Declan & Sorcha McIntyre	Richard McMillan	
Sun 15 Mar 8am	George Lazar	Sandra Soldo	No Servers	Mark Shad	
Sun 15 Mar 10am	Glenn McLachlan	Ross Green	Alana & Felicity Green	David Lee	
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 8 March	Angela Nadile	Marcia Smith	Lynne Ekholm		
Sun 15 March	Kylie Brakel	Lewis DeGabriele	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson		