

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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| Schedule of Masses |                         | Baptisms           | By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)               |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday</b>    | 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday) | <b>Confessions</b> | Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm                               |
| <b>Sunday</b>      | 8 am, 10 am             | <b>Exposition</b>  | Thursday 9am to 11.45 (with benediction at 11.30am) |
| <b>Monday</b>      | 8am (Rosary 7.45)       |                    |   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>     | 8 am (Rosary 7:45)      |                    |   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | 8am (Rosary 7.45),      |                    |   |
| <b>Thursday</b>    | 12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)  |                    |   |
| <b>Friday</b>      | 8am (Rosary 7.45)       |                    |   |
| <b>Saturday</b>    | 8am (Rosary 7.45)       |                    |   |

### 13 October 2019 – 28 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Ignatius McCrystal (rec dec) Mary Brady (ann.15/10), Esther Orozco (ann.10/10), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Alice Nelson, Sr Gabriel OLN, Genevieve Shipton, Denise Bailey.

**. GRATITUDE:** A fable has it that a spider made its way down from the ceiling of a room by a single thread and spun its web on a lower level. There it grew fat, sleek and self-satisfied until one day as it was moving about its web it saw a single tread stretching down from on high. Stupidly it gazed at it and said “What’s the use of that?” and broke it. Immediately all its web collapsed and sent the spider hurtling down into the depths below.

That fable is a parable of many peoples' lives. They have come from on high, have made a comfortable position for themselves, have become so complacent and egocentric that they have forgotten the connection between themselves and God. They do not realise that the whole of their existence depends upon the single tread of the will of God. They do not grasp the fact that the thread is their life-line, that they depend upon it for every step they take, every breath they breathe, every morsel of food they eat. But every now and again God gives a jerk to the life-line – something unpleasant happens, an illness perhaps or loss of money. For a short while they turn to him for help. But then, when the trouble vanishes, with it goes the memory of what has been done for them. The nine lepers in the Gospel had something of this attitude. Their terrible disease caused them to turn to Christ for help, but once they were cured they went their way without a word of thanks to their benefactor. The lesson for us is obvious like the leper who returned, we must be thankful for God's benefits. Prayer of thanksgiving is far less self-centred. It helps our hearts to expand, to get rid of what is narrow in our make-up, to look outward away from self to God. We should not let a day pass without thanking God for all the good things he has given us. We should even have the courage to thank him for the hard things which put us to the test.

**FRIDAY PENANCE.** Friday is a traditional day of penance and should be marked by: **prayer** – participating in the Eucharist, family prayer, visiting a church, reading the scriptures, making the Way of the Cross, praying the rosary; **self-denial** – abstaining from meat, sweets or dessert, giving up entertainment to spend time with the family, limiting food and drink in support of the poor; **helping others** – giving special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely, overburdened.

**Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering: “Making it Real Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World:”** Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year. We will have speakers on a variety of topics related to the 2019 Social Justice Statement “Making it Real Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World:” Speakers will talk about risks posed by social media and digital technologies as well as a general overview of Catholic Social Teaching.

We will also have copies of the Statement and practical resources to take home with you. Our full line-up of speakers will be announced shortly!  
Lunch and refreshments throughout the day. All welcome.

**WHEN:** Saturday 19th October 2019, 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm

**WHERE:** St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North

**COST:** Free .RSVP: Essential for catering: email [jpointo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpointo@sydneycatholic.org) or call 9307 8465

### Collections and Rosters

| 1st \$588                 |                        | 2nd: \$365                           |                                  | Envelopes \$ 1469 |  |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Money Counters Roster     | Sun 15 Oct             | Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Carol Harland |                                  |                   |  |
|                           | Sun 22 Oct             | George and Kathy Novak               |                                  |                   |  |
|                           | Acolytes and Ministers | Lectors                              | Altar Servers                    | Mass Wardens      |  |
| Sat 12 Oct 5pm            | Vince Elliott          | Lewis DeGabriele                     | Declan & Sorcha M                | Brian Smith       |  |
| Sun 13 Oct 8am            | Anne Lee               | Susan Canham                         | No Servers                       | Mario Cuenca      |  |
| Sun 13 Oct 0am            | John Romanous          | Jade Serban                          | Paris S Gaia el K                | David Lee         |  |
| Sat 19 Oct 5pm            | Danny Clark            | Brian & Marcia Smith                 | Ana Beretin L Livia V            | John Perkins      |  |
| Sun 20 Oct 8am            | Robert Dimeo           | Caroline Dimeo                       | No Servers                       | Mark Shad         |  |
| Sun 20 Oct 10am           | Phillip Merrick        | Jelena Suto                          | Lachlan H Simon N                | Lewis DeGabriele  |  |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b> |                        | <b>Rosary Leader</b>                 | <b>Altar Society</b>             |                   |  |
| Sun 13 Oct                | School holidays        | Marcia Smith                         | Lynne Ekholm                     |                   |  |
| Sun 20 Oct                | Kylie Brakel           | Lewis DeGabriele                     | Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson |                   |  |