

# 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)

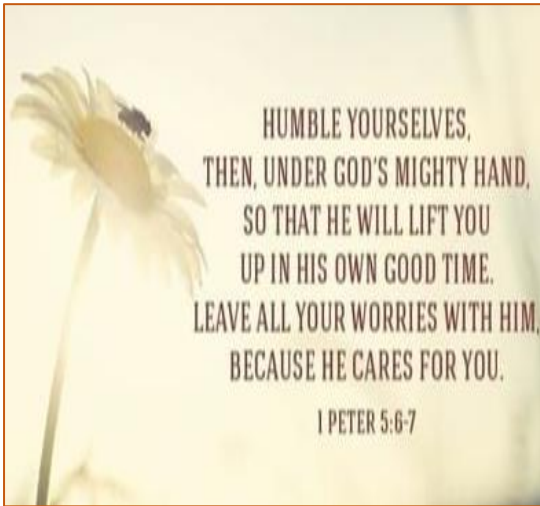
## **WELCOME BACK**

**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.**

## 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Deceased:** Mary Brady, Violet Mary Goulden, Marie Therese Jeanine Leeyee, Kathleen Feely, Father Laurence Christie, Monsignor John Lyne, Father William Davis anniversaries.

**HUMILITY:** When Pope John’s family, the Roncalli brothers and sisters entered the pontifical palace for their first visit and knelt shy and awkward before the papal throne, the pope reached out his hands and smiled “Don’t be afraid”, he said gently, “It’s only me.” In that little sentence spoken to his brothers and sisters is revealed Pope John’s humility. He put on no airs. He was perfectly natural. He had a true knowledge of what he was in himself.



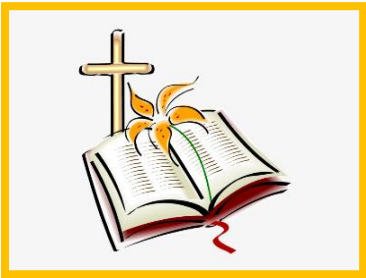
The author, William Makepeace Thackeray, in *Vanity Fair*, described a character as: “having a lively imagination, he mistook himself for a person of importance very easily.” This is what the Pharisee did in today’s Gospel. He thrust himself forward, blew himself up becoming enormous in his own imagination, whereas he was of little account as Our

Lord pointed out. He was very small in the estimation of God.

But before we look askance at the Pharisee, it would be a good thing if we examine ourselves and ask if we have not taken on some of his characteristics. Comparisons are often odious. Nevertheless, the Pharisee made an odious comparison between himself and the Tax-Collector. Snobbery is a form of Phariseeism. It presupposes that one thinks oneself

better than one's neighbour. Again, what are our relations with people from other countries, especially if they are coloured or have different culture than ours. Do we draw away from them or look upon them as inferior to ourselves? Are we the 'pushy' type in an organisation? Do we love to be in the public eye and so let the world see what we are doing, and think it a pity that the rest do not work as hard as we do? Much of this kind of thing is very human but it is tinged at least with pride. And no great work is done for God without humility. A personality cult can be the ruin of good work and pride will certainly destroy it. We should get on with our job and not compare ourselves with others to their detriment.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Applications for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation 2022** (Year 2 and above) are now closed. Please visit the parish website [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) and click on the **tab Sacramental Dates 2022** for further details.

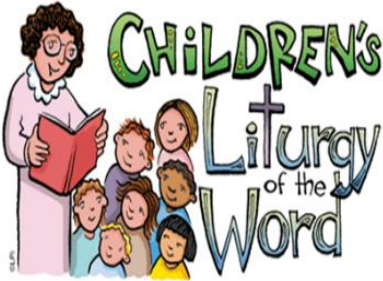


**MASS READERS:** **Volunteers are needed** to read at the Masses on the weekend. Please contact the office 9580-1864 or email [eatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:eatleycc@bigpond.net.au) if you are able to assist on some weekends.



**SAVE THE DATE:** The next parish morning tea is on **Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, at 10.30 am** in the Marion Hall. All are welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an informal and social gathering.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY during the Sunday 10am Mass:** We look



forward to seeing our young parishioners attend Children's Liturgy during the *10am Sunday Mass*. Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings. **For any interested parishioners able to assist in this important ministry please contact [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au)**

**Youth Engagement Team at the St Vincent de Paul Society**, invite students in Years 4 – 6 to enrol in the **Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP)** which is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

**TAX RECEIPTS for parishioners' part of the envelope or credit card giving program for 2021-2022 are available.** Please email [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au) if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

**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](#).

*Also, if you wish to make a one of contribution to support your Parish St Joseph's Oatley, please click on this link:*

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/OATLEYPARISH>

*Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley. Fr. Paul*

**The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses:** You can access this on YouTube by following this link: [bit.ly/stjoatley](https://bit.ly/stjoatley) **OR**

