

## 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 11.45am (with benediction at 11.30am)
<b>Monday</b>	8am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	7am, 9.15am, 7pm		
<b>Thursday</b>	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
<b>Friday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Saturday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

### 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses and Prayers;** Grace Washington (rec dec), Mia van der Velden (rec dec) Rita Briscoe – Hough (rec dec), Betty Way (ann.2/3), Umberto Torresan (1/3), Michael Power (ann.5/3), David O'Connor (ann.10/3), Sonja Moore (8/3), Gay Ball (ann.10/3) members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE SEASON OF LENT

**The season of Lent begins next Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019).** Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others (almsgiving). In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their **eighteenth** year, until the beginning of their **sixtieth** year. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their **fourteenth** year. The rationale behind the Church's law is an invitation for us to join ourselves to Jesus in his forty days of self-denial in the desert. As we imitate our Saviour, we confront our own human weakness and remind ourselves of the brevity of life and our need for salvation which only comes through faith and imitation of Christ.

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

The practice of almsgiving during Lent is recommended by contribution to **Project Compassion**. Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available this Sunday in the foyer of the Church.

**Ash Wednesday Masses** with the blessing and imposition of ashes are at 7 am, 9.15 am (with the School Children), and 7 pm.

**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 8 March from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. This new movement is mainly for retirees and focuses on both prayer and action. It was

formed in Australia only 20 years ago, following the work of the Second Vatican Council. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**AV persons are required for the Slide Presentations at the 5pm Vigil Mass and 10am on Sunday:** I am looking for volunteers who can assist with this important function of the music ministry of the parish. I already have a couple of parishioners I can call on an *ad hoc* basis, but I would like to formalise it by a roster. If you can help out in this regard I would like to hear from you. I will give you instructions regarding the computer and the screens for the projection of the hymns. Fr. Paul

**Marist College, Kogarah (32 Wolseley Street, Bexley)** is holding an open afternoon on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, 3.00 pm to 6.00pm.

#### Catholic Schools' Week - 2020 Kindergarten Enrolments

Catholic Schools week will be held from 3- 9 March. The theme for Catholic Schools Week is *Discover our difference at your local Catholic School*. The 2020 Kindergarten Enrolment Period commences during this week. School tours will be available on the following afternoons for new families interested in enrolling their children at St Joseph's. Please contact the School Office on 9580 6588, if you wish to attend one of the school tours. **Enrolment Packs will be available from Monday 4 March for collection. School Tour Dates; 3.30 each day, Monday 4 March, Tuesday 5 March, Thursday 7 March and Friday 8 March.**

#### COLLECTIONS AND ROSTERS

1st 934	2nd: \$540	Envelopes \$1484
Money Counters Roster	Sun 5 March	Marcia & Brian Smith
	Sun 12 March	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 2 March 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Chris' Mitchell	Bridie & Sorcha M	Rafe Kowron
Sun 3 March 8am	Robert Dimeo	Gerry Triani	No Servers	Mark Shad
Sun 3 March 10am	Phillip Merrick	Emma Bennett	Sophia S	Lewis DeGabriele
Sat 9 March 5pm	Joe Shakkal	Alison Felici	Amber L Gaia el K	Brian Smith
Sun 10 March 8am	George Lazar	Caroline Dimeo	No Servers	Seb Arena
Sun 10 March 10am	Danny Clark	Francis D'Silva	Ivan G Lachlan H	David Lee
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		<b>Rosary Leader</b>	<b>Altar Society</b>	
Sun 3 Mar	Leilah Nelson	Brian Rayment	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	
Sun 10 March	Natalie Greguric	Marcia Smith	Lynne Ekholm	