

# 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

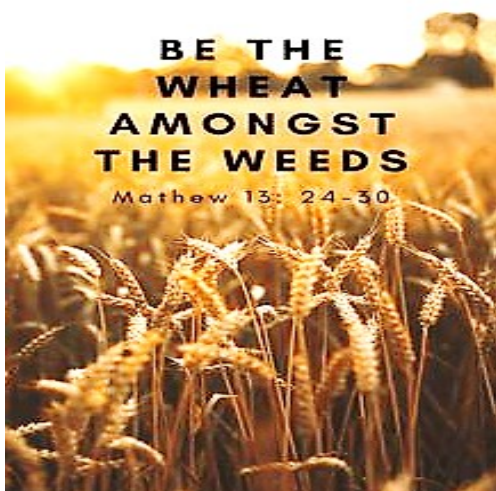
St Joseph's Church is open from 7 am to 6 pm daily, and the usual Mass timetable as above apply. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

# 23rd July 2023 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Deceased:** Barica Celak, recently deceased; Ellen Mavis Hilder, Leo McInerney, Theresa Saliba, Elias Francis, Laurence Habib Battikha, anniversaries.

**WHEAT AND WEEDS:** There is a constant struggle between good and evil in the world. Our blessed Lord, in today's Gospel, expresses this in a picture of the world as a field of wheat in which evil people have planted weeds in an endeavour to choke the wheat and so make of the world a wasteland where only weeds of evil grow.

Today television, radio, social media, and newspapers provide a picture of this world struggle. We can see or read about all kinds of evil forces at work which are opposed to the kingdom which our Lord came to found. Some of these are blatant; others are more insidious. Violence,



hatred, race prejudices, sex permissiveness, to name but a few are in direct conflict with the standards of Christianity and the values of the Gospel. This world-wide battle is always present. Our Lord tells us it will go on until the end of the world. But he also says that however fierce it may become, however hopeless the result may seem, his way of life will in the end triumph. This should be to all of us a source of joy and confidence.

A good Christian is one who hopes and never despairs. There are times when darkness seems to cover the earth as it did on Calvary. But we know that just as the darkness of Calvary was dispersed by the light of Easter morn, so will the darkness of evil be done away with when Christ appears in the light of glory at the

end of time. This then should give us strength to fight the battle that goes on, not only on the world stage, but in the little cosmos of our being. Be of good heart, our Lord said, I have overcome the world. He must reign triumphant within us just as he will conquer the whole world and make it, in St. Paul's words: subject of himself. Our Lord does not restrict the liberty of the individual to do evil now, but the time will come when all of us will have to give an account of our actions – good and bad.

**CONFIRMATION applications are now open.** You can find the application form on the parish website [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) in the Sacraments 2023 tab. **Additionally, click on the application form attached for further details and enrolment.** [Application and enrolment.](#)

Hard copies will be handed out in the schools in week 1 of term 3. The Sacrament will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. **Information night via Zoom will be held on Wednesday 2nd August at 7:30pm** with preparation classes starting the weekend of 12th August. Please email the Sacramental Co-ordinator Kylie Strode at [kyliestrode74@gmail.com](mailto:kyliestrode74@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



**MORNING TEA INVITATION:** Please join us at our next Parish Morning Tea this Friday the **28th of July, at 10.30 am** in the Marion Hall. All are welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an informal and social gathering. If you are able, please bring a plate to share.

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





**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Also, we are looking forward to our young parishioners joining in the Children's Liturgy group on Sunday's during the 10am Mass. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work where the Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings. Please encourage your children to join the group.

**CURRENT PLANNED GIVING:** Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are now available in the foyer of the Church, please take your set of envelopes.

**TAX RECEIPTS for 2022-2023** will be **available in mid-July**. Please email [oatleycc@bigpond.com](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.com) if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Your receipts will be emailed to you. Alternatively, call the office on 9580-1864 for your tax receipt. Once again, we would like to thank all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley.

*Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish. If you wish to support your Parish, St Joseph's Oatley, please pick up a copy of the application form in the Church Foyer and become one of our regular givers. Alternatively, you may wish to go to our website [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) for a copy, or if you are online click on the tab below.*

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**Defibrillator:** Please note a defibrillator is installed in the Parish Church Hall.