

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.

6th November 2022 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Alessio Puopolo, Yvonne Hoskins, Therese Foster, recently deceased. And all the Holy Souls, especially the ones most forgotten.

Holy Souls: During the month of November (the month of the Holy Souls), I will be offering all my Masses for your deceased relatives and friends.

GOD OF THE LIVING: An old man who was dying asked his Christian doctor if he knew what happened after death. The doctor thought for a moment and during the silence there came a scratching at the door of the room. “That’s my dog,” said the doctor. “He hears my voice, but he has no idea of what is happening in the room. In the same way we have no idea of what is happening behind the door of death, but we do know that Christ awaits us.”



Scripture expresses it this way: *Eye has not seen nor ear heard what things God has prepared for those who love him.* What we do know is that God has prepared wonderful things. We know that death is not a dead end; it is a door opening out to a splendid existence. Christ has told us: *God is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live him.* We share the resurrection of Our Lord. All our hopes are centred on him. Death has been

transformed by him into a way of life. His death overcame all deaths; his resurrection gave hope of resurrection to all. The Sadducees denied all

this. They refused to accept Jesus as their Messiah and therefore would not believe his words. To try and trick him into the denial of the resurrection they posed an absurd argument. Our Lord quickly silenced them to the admiration of those who were listening.

The resurrection is the joy and hope of all Christians. Death for them is not like a broken pillar or a burnt-out torch in a graveyard. It is not all tears and sorrow and frustration. Some saint wrote: “If Christ Jesus be the period, the end and lodging-home at the end of your journey, there is no fear; you go to a friend; you may look death in the face with joy.” This was Our Lord’s guarantee at the last supper to his friends: *I go to prepare a place for you that where I am you also may be.*”

CONGRATULATIONS MIKE CUMMINS on receiving the Apostolic Blessing for 20 years of service as a Parish Catechist at St Joseph’s Oatley. Mike will be presented with the award for his 20 years of service this Sunday the 6th of November at St Mary’s Cathedral. We thank Mike and all our catechist at the parish who have shared their faith and guided their students over the years.

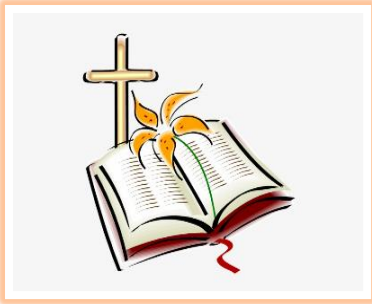
Confirmation Photos are available: The photos of Confirmation celebrated at St Mary’s Cathedral on the 7th of August 22 are now available at the Parish. You are invited to pick up the photos and collect your packs (and certificates for those of you who have not yet done so). Please note you will need to provide identification to pick up your pack. Also, if your pack is to be collected by someone other than a parent, we require written permission from the parent (as we cannot hand over photos of your child without the written permission).

Please contact the presbytery directly on 9580 1864 to arrange collecting of the photos.

Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish. If you wish to support your Parish, St Joseph’s Oatley, please click on the tab below.



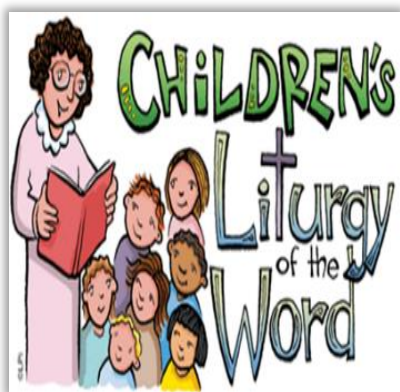
The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal will run this weekend, Sunday 6th November. The CWF is the premier charity for the Archdiocese of Sydney and our parish is asked to play an important role in supporting this initiative. Appeal envelopes are on the church pews.



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



SAVE THE DATE: The next **parish morning tea** is on **Tuesday the 15th 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