

# 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.

## 17th July 2022 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Deceased:** Father Kevin O’Grady, recently deceased; Fr. Leo Purcell, Linda Darrell-Edwardes, Sister Mary Mildred O’Callaghan, Doris Hinchey, Michelle Rooney, Ellen and John Perkins, Ellen Mavis Hilder, anniversaries.

**MARTHA:** Our world today is full of very busy people. Life is led at a great speed and intensity especially in big cities. The rat race for survival fills the day. Hence people do not have a great deal of time for long prayers. Family cares and business take up much of their time and energy. Martha, in today’s Gospel, was *distracted with much serving* and earned Our Lord’s rebuke: *Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful*. Our Lord then goes on to compare what she was doing with that of her sister Mary and says: *Mary has chosen the better part, which shall not be taken away from her*. What did Our Lord’s rebuke mean? He was certainly not saying that Martha was doing wrong in preparing a meal for him. As St. Teresa of Avila said, “if Martha had imitated Mary, Our Lord would have gone without his dinner.” Jesus might have been saying that it was not necessary to prepare a great number of dishes, one would be enough.

But there was a deeper significance in his words. He was trying to show Martha that it is wrong to be so taken up with the active expression of her devotion as to make that expression the measure of the devotion itself. In other words, he wanted to show that the true measure of service is not to be found in the work itself, in its success or failure, but in the faith and love that inspires it. The lesson then for the busy Christian is simple. It is to transform the work into an activity of love by offering it as a service of God. This can be done by short prayers, by the offering of one’s day to God and by turning one’s thoughts to him sometimes during the day. A good Christian should be a mixture of Martha and Mary. The work should have its roots in prayer, and it should be as far as possible, good work, since it is being done for God. *Labore et Orare* (to work and to pray)!

**CONFIRMATION:** The children of the parish who are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, have completed their classes and preparation to receive the Sacrament at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August. Please keep them in your prayers and encourage them to faithfully practice their faith.

The parish extends congratulations to Oliver Francis and his family on the occasion of Oliver's Confirmation this Sunday. Oliver was prepared for the Sacrament with the other children of the parish, but because of the family's impending move overseas, he is unable to receive the Sacrament at St. Mary's Cathedral on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August. I was able to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation with delegation by the Bishop.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022 (Year 3 and above) Term Three:** Applications now open – Close 7<sup>th</sup> of August. (See details on the parish website [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) in the tab **Sacramental Dates 2022**). Additionally, click on the application form attached for further details and enrolment. [Application and enrolment](#).

**RECONCILIATION 2022 (Year 2 and above) Term Four:** Applications open at **the end of Term 3**. (See details on the parish website [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au))



**This Month's Parish Morning Tea will be this coming Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of July** at 10.30 am in the Marion Hall. This is a great way for parishioners to gather and get to know one another better. Please go through the Church to get to Marion Hall. **Everyone is WELCOME.**

*Fr. Paul*

**Church Open:** Our church is open each day for weekday Masses and Sunday Masses at 5pm (Saturday Vigil), 8am and 10am, Sundays. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

**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**



**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.

**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](#). You can choose between making a regular monthly credit card contribution. Whereby, once set up, your contribution is processed each month. This is a good way to "set and forget" you're giving to support the running of our parish. Alternatively, you may wish to contribute via the envelope system. If you would like to give by credit card on a monthly basis, **OR** give via the envelope system please download and complete the attached [APPLICATION FORM](#)

Alternatively, please pick up a form in the Church foyer or email the office for a copy. Upon completion of your details email it to [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au) otherwise place the form in the second collection.

**Your contribution to the 2nd collection goes towards the running and upkeep of our parish, and 30% of what you donate is eligible for a tax deduction.**

**TAX RECEIPTS for 2021-2022** will be available in the middle of **August**. Please email [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au) 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 for contributing to St. Joseph's Parish. Fr. Paul**