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:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 11 am and

Mass at 12 md

**Public Holidays:** 9 am only

Confessions are available before the 5 pm Vigil Mass (4 pm to 4.45 pm)

23rd May 2021 – Pentecost Sunday.

**THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT:** Christ said: *How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him.* The Holy Spirit is God’s gift to us. In every true gift there is a prior gift – that of love. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of love. Christ said to the Samaritan woman: *If you knew the gift of God and who it is that says to you “give me to drink” you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.* This living water becomes a fountain springing up into eternal life. It is the result of the coming of the gift of God. How then do we receive this gift? Simply by praying for it and thus opening out our hearts to receive it. *Ask and it will be given you,* said Our Lord. A tourist visiting the Lakes District said to the guide “I don’t see anything very wonderful in your Lake District.” To which the guide replied “No Sir, but others have.” There are those who cannot see anything wonderful in the gift of the Spirit. We can only see its wonder by faith which enters us through prayer.

 It is essential then that we leave the door of our hearts open to receive the Spirit. This is all that we can do. We cannot receive him by our own efforts alone, but Christ has promised that the Spirit will come if we ask for him. Christ said: *The Spirit gives life; the flesh avails nothing.* He also said: *Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.* It is the work of the Spirit to cleanse what pollutes us; to purify our existence to make us worthy to appear before the throne of God. The “living water” makes all things new as St. John tells us in the book of Revelations and he adds: *Blessed are they who wash their robes in the blood of the Lamb, that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.* It is the Holy Spirit, the one who sanctifies who gives us the power to enter eternal life.

**Masses for the Deceased:**  Dawn Gates,Brian Rayment, Kerry Ryan, Shirley Clare,Father Michael McCarthy (former Parish Priest of Oatley), Cardinal Edward Edris Cassidy, recently deceased, Lucy McCallum, Frances Canham, Helen Wright, anniversaries, Lucia and Giovanni Tesoriero, Rosena and Salvatore Trimboli, Christopher Trimboli, Cecilia Kramar.

**Fr. Paul’s Holidays:** I will be on annual leave from the 18th to the 28th of May. During that time there will be no weekday Masses in the parish until Tuesday, 1st June. I will return for the Weekend Masses on 29th/30th May. During my absence, Father Peter Gardner CP (an old boy of the parish) will attend to the Masses on the weekend 22nd and 23rd May (Pentecost).

**The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses:** You can access this on YouTube by following this link:

 [bit.ly/stjoatley](http://bit.ly/stjoatley) or

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**You can also access it by going to the Archdiocese of Sydney website where there is a list of Churches who stream their Masses each week. Just click on the link for St. Joseph’s Parish, Oatley.**

**Sacramental Program for 2021:** Please visit the Parish website: [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au)

**Imposition of restrictions concerning Churches**: From Friday, 12th February, an unlimited number of people can attend Mass, provided that the one person per 2 metre square rule is observed. However, our Church will only hold at least eighty according to this regulation, any overflow would have to be accommodated in the Marion Hall where the Mass can be viewed on the TV monitor. Because of the easing of the restrictions, the Archbishop has lifted the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation. ***Parishioners are once again obliged******to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation when this is reasonably*** ***possible.*** Those of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of Covid19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping the Sabbath holy. There is still the requirement of taking names and contact details of attendees. The use of a QR code is recommended for those with iPhones or smart phones. The NSW Services app would need to be install on your phone to access the code. The first time you use the code, it will ask you to provide your name and contact number. It will then send you a code to enter with your details and the app will then be active. It is then used every time you attend Mass, or when and where you visit other venues that have a QR code registration system in place.

 The wearing of masks is no longer mandatory, but strongly recommended where social distancing is not possible.

Parishioners who elect to attend Mass during the pandemic should consider the safety of other parishioners by staying away if they are unwell, and if so, getting tested and self-isolating while awaiting the results. It is also advisable that parishioners only attend Mass in their own parish and not move from parish to parish.

Confessions are available before the 5 pm Vigil Mass (4 pm to 4.45 pm).

The need is acute!

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to [enquire now](https://palms.org.au/assignments-abroad/).

**Visit** [**palms.org.au**](http://www.palms.org.au/) **, call Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email** **palms@palms.org.au**



**PLANNED GIVING: 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 2019-2020** are now available, if you wish to receive a tax receipt please email: oatleycc@bigpond.net.au

**New Contributors**: Please refer to the planned giving form, which can be accessed on the website under **DONATIONS,** if you wish to become part of our regularly giving programme at St Joseph’s Parish Oatley. Upon completion of the form please email to oatleycc@bigpond net.au

***If you wish to donate to the Church Account (Second Collection) there is a Bpoint facility on this website under “Donations” on the menu. Please follow the links. If you do not wish to make an internet or online payment, please email the Office*** ***oatleycc@bigpond.net.au*** ***or contact 9580 1864.***



***Thank you for contributing to St. Joseph’s Parish. I am very appreciative of your ongoing generosity and commitment to support our Parish in achieving its Pastoral Mission and meeting ongoing expenses. Fr. Paul.***

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**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Procession**

***The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world***

***and that which contains all things***

***understands what is said, alleluia.***

**Penitential Act**

I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned,

in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault,

through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy.  **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

**Collect**

Let us pray.

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast

sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,

pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit

across the face of the earth

and, with the divine grace that was at work

when the Gospel was first proclaimed,

fill now once more the hearts of believers.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** (Refer to your Sunday Missal or Liturgy Sheet)

**PROFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)**

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY**

 ***My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the common good of the whole human family.***

1. For God’s holy Church, gathered from every nation under heaven: May we proclaim, in every language, God’s mighty deeds of power. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. For the United Nations and for all dedicated to world peace: May the Spirit’s power put an end to division and gather us as one. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. For those without adequate housing and health care, education and work: May we act decisively on their behalf in the power of the Spirit. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. For those whose labour is difficult, for those whose hearts are closed, for those who are bereaved and for those who have gone astray: May the Spirit comfort and heal, cleanse and restore. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For this Eucharistic community, as we conclude the season of paschal joy: May the Spirit send us forth as witnesses to peace and reconciliation. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. For the souls of the faithful departed: May they receive virtue’s sure reward and joys that never end. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. For greater devotion to the Holy Mother of God, Help of all Christians: May we, through the Holy Spirit, receive the Word as she did and proclaim it faithfully with our lives. **HAIL MARY.**

***Father all-powerful, receive these prayers from a people made one by the Holy Spirit, who always dwells within us. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.***

**Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith. You, our Salvation, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**Our Spiritual Communion**

***My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.***

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be *etc.*

**Communion Antiphon**

***They were all filled with the Holy Spirit***

***and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.***

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church,

safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given,

that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her

may retain all its force

and that this spiritual food

may gain her abundance of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**BLESSING**

May God, the Father of lights,

who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds

by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete,

grant us gladness by his blessing

and make us always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit.

Amen.

May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples,

powerfully cleanse our hearts from every evil

and pervade them with its purifying light.

Amen.

And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues

in the profession of one faith,

give us perseverance in that same faith

and, by believing, may we journey from hope to clear vision.

Amen.

And may Almighty God bless us all, in the name of the Father, and of Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Let us praise the Lord and glorify him in our lives, alleluia, alleluia!***  Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!