

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
Saturday	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Sunday	8 am, 10 am	No Exposition	on Thurs 9&16 May
Monday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Wednesday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Thursday	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
Friday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Saturday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

12 May 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Masses and Prayers; Joan Sproule (rec dec). Daniel Andreallo (rec dec), Anthony Constantine (rec dec), Marie Wakeham (ann.15/5), Lucy McCallum(ann.16/5) members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

THE PROMISE OF LIFE: Part of the fascination of the words of Our Lord is that they promise life and have the power to give it. His words are like no other words in that they are loaded with grace and, if accepted have a transforming quality. They make life worth living because they impart a wholeness, a fullness, and abundance to it. They promise a life beyond a life. "I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly", he said. In today's Gospel he tells us "I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me". Without Christ life tends to take on animal form. He is the key to human existence and the reason why it exists at all. "I am the Resurrection and the Life", he said. What is dead, meaningless, and unproductive becomes alive, fruitful and significant in him.

It is not simply that his words give a promise of the future, but they give eternal life now. A superhuman power is imparted by them; a power which can indeed impel a man across the grave to a new and finer existence but which, at the same time, gives to his present life a glory and a splendour beyond human comprehension because it is a sharing in the life of God. He can now say with St. Paul "I no longer live, but Christ Jesus lives within me". The power of Christ envelops him – not that he loses his identity, his personality but that it is caught up in the life of Christ in such a way that they become one, not in identity, but in unity of purpose and love. St. Thomas More in the tower of London wrote "The sayings of Our Saviour Jesus Christ were not a poet's fable nor a harper's song but the very holy word of Almighty God himself". This is what gives them such power; all the might of God is contained in them. Our part is to respond to them and this we do when we try our best to live in accordance with their teaching and exhortation.

The Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal was held last weekend. The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is a centralised fund for the support of the charitable and pastoral activities of the Sydney Archdiocese that extend beyond the limits of any single parish. Thank you to all our Parishioners who generously responded to this appeal. For those who missed out, envelopes are still available on the table in the foyer. Any Donation \$2 and over is 100% tax deductible.

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When: Friday 24th May 9:30am; Where: St Joseph's Oatley; RSVP: Parish Office 95801864

Mother's Day: Today we acknowledge all mothers and the special role they have in our lives. As a tribute to our mothers living and deceased you are invited to place a white flower with your mother's name attached, around the statue of our blessed Mother Mary, the model of all mothers. *"Of all the special joys in life, the big ones and the small, a mother's love and tenderness is the greatest of them all."*

Southern Area Catechists Mass will be celebrated at St. Catherine Laboure Parish, Gynea, on Friday, 17th May at 11 am. All parish Catechists are invited to attend. The Area Mass will be an important opportunity to bring the Southern CCD community together and recognize the commitment of catechists.

Knitters wanted – As winter is approaching the St Vincent de Paul, Oatley Conference is seeking knitters in the parish to make beanies, scarfs and gloves for adult men, women and for children for farming families in the drought areas. Contact Sue Vit on 0407291722 for further information.

C.W.L. Will hold their next meeting on Saturday 18th May at 10am in the Marian Hall.

Collections and Rosters

	1st \$655	2nd: \$356	Envelopes \$ 1923	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 14 May Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan			
	Sun 21 May Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Maria Pak			
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 11 May 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Brian & Marcia Smith	SophiaS Anna C	Rafe Kowron
Sun 12 May 8am	George Lazar	Damian Callinan	No Servers	Seb Arena
Sun 12 May 10am	Phillip Merrick	Krystelle Boulos	Martha K Gaia el K	Maureen Owens
Sat 18 May 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Francis D'Silva	Sorcha & Bridie M	Richard McMillan
Sun 19 May 8am	Anne Lee	Caroline Dimeo	No Servers	Maria Pak
Sun 19 May 10am	John Romanous	Jelena Suto	David CLachlan H	George Battikha
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 12 May	Angela Nadile	Marcia Smith	Lynne Ekholm	
Sun 19 May	TBC	Lewis DeGabriele	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	