

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		
Monday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Wednesday	8am (Rosary 7.45), 5pm		
Thursday	9.15am, 12 Noon, 7pm		
Friday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Saturday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

11 August 2019 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Peter McAlister (rec dec), Fr Michael O'Sullivan (rec dec), Freda Jenner (rec dec), Elias Francis (rec dec), Kevin Madden (rec dec), Annabell Bracks (ann.13/8), Kathleen Rohl (ann. 12/8), Margaret McMillan (ann.15/8). Joan DeGabriele (ann. 5/8), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Sr Gabriel OLN, Genevieve Shipton, Denise Bailey.

THE TREASURE: Dame Edith Sitwell in her book "The Eccentrics" tells of a miser who descended into the vault of his house to gloat over his treasures and found himself walled in by the falling of a heavy trap-door. Search was made everywhere for him without success. At last it was given up and the house sold. The new owner wished to make some alterations in the cellar and the workman found the miser surrounded by glittering gold and jewels. Beside him lay a candlestick empty because the candle had been eaten. In the pangs of hunger the miser had also gnawed the flesh from both his arms.

Christ once said "Beware of covetousness, for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions". A true Christian has a kind of double vision. He sees the world as other do, its beauty, its ugliness, its sorrows and joys, its horrors and its attractions. He sees it also as a place of advancement and happiness but he does not see any of these as finalities. He sees God at work in them. He knows that Christ has experienced them. He does not view the world through rose-coloured spectacles; he sees it all in its harsh reality but at the same time he knows that here is a divine providence at work.

Christ says in today's Gospel "Where you treasure is there will your heart be also". The miser had his heart set on his treasure and it brought him death. The Christian's treasure is the love of God which brings him life. Another name for the treasure is the kingdom. Christ tells us "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you a kingdom". To possess this kingdom we must not let our possessions so get a hold on us that they make the entrance to the kingdom impossible. St. Augustine said "Love and do what you like". Love is the answer.

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

Envelope Contributors: Please pick up your packs today. **New Contributors:** Please pick up a form in the Church foyer or email the office for a copy. Upon completion of your details either place the form in the second collection otherwise email it to oatleycc@bigpond.net.au or drop it in to the Parish Office

TAX RECEIPTS for 2018-2019 will be available in the coming week. Please fill in your details on the form provided in the Church foyer entrance or email oatleycc@bigpond.com if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Your receipts will be emailed to you if you provide your email address or available in the church foyer the following week if no email address is noted on the form. Once again we would like to thank all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley.

The Oatley Catholic Women's League will hold their next meeting on Saturday 17th August at 10 am in the Marian Hall.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 22 September 2019 at 1.30pm and 4pm

Preparation Workshops:

Saturday 17 Aug 3.00pm - 5.00pm Saturday 24 Aug 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Saturday 31 Aug 3.30pm - 5.00pm Saturday 7 September 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Thursday 15th August, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

(Holy day of obligation) Masses will be at 9.15 am (with the school), 12 Noon and 7pm.

Vigil Mass Wednesday at 5pm.

Used stamps for Mary MacKillop: There are some ladies who cut and sort used stamps on Monday 29th August from 1-3 pm, in the Marian Hall. All used stamps and albums are welcome. Last year we raised \$68,000 and since 2001, we have raised \$312,000. There's a box on the windowsill next to the door to put your used stamps in. It is through your efforts that the legacy of St Mary MacKillop, continues in Peru today.

Collections and Rosters

1st \$849		2nd: \$366		Envelopes \$ 1299	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 13 Aug Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan				
	Sun 20 Aug Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Carol Harland				
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 10 Aug 5pm	Joe Shakkal	Caroline Dimeo	Bridie & Sorcha Mc	John Perkins	
Sun 11 Aug 8am	Anne Lee	Mirjana Males	No Servers	Mario Cuenca	
Sun 11 Aug 10am	Phillip Merrick	Jade Serban	Paris S Luca J	Lewis DeGabriele	
Sat 17 Aug 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	George Novak	Anthony A Declan M	Bill Quigley	
Sun 18 Aug 8am	Robert Dimeo	TBA	No Servers	Mark Shad	
Sun 18 Aug 10am	John Romanous	Jean Devine	Ivan G John M	Lewis DeGabriele	
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 11 Aug	Joseph Lucero	Lewis DeGabriele	Lynne Ekholm		
Sun 18 Aug	Angela Nadile	Brian Rayment	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson		