

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	Exposition	Thursday, 9am to 11.45am (with benediction at 11.30am)
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)		

2 June 2019 – The Ascension of the Lord

Masses and Prayers; Frances Canham (rec dec), Sr Marilyn Browne (rec dec), (prayers for Joan Gilmore, Sr Gabriel OLN), Michael Carlton (ann.5/6), Marijan Kolega (ann.7/6), members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

The Feast of the Ascension: At the last supper Christ prayed to his Father “and now glorify me, O Father, with yourself, with the glory which I had before the world was with you”. When Christ came on earth, he deprived himself of this glory and became like us in everything except sin. This glory was restored to him in its totality when he ascended to his Father after his work on earth had been accomplished. His visible presence will only be seen again on earth when he comes at the world’s end in full glory amid the clouds of heaven. Now he reigns at the right hand of God still interceding for us and still active among men though not in visible form.

He identifies himself with his Church. He is present in its sacramental life and he speaks to us through the words of Scripture and unites himself to them in sacrifice and communion. We who can no longer gaze at his visible presence are in touch with him through faith and charity. His spirit reigns in our hearts as he promised it would. It is that Spirit which he said would give testimony of him. And we in our turn must be witnesses of him to the world.

The angel said to the apostles at the time of the Ascension “Ye men of Galilee, why stand you looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come as you have seen him going into Heaven”. There was work to be done on earth. We too are not to be mere star gazers but to witness by our actions to Christ. He inaugurated his kingdom when he was on earth; now that he is in Heaven he has left it to his followers to push back the boundaries by extending its influence. And first we must start with ourselves and see that the love of Christ so burns in our hearts that the warmth of its flame will enkindle love in others.

Pope Francis on the Mass: *We must always bear in mind that the Eucharist is not something we do. It is not our own commemoration of what Jesus said and did. No. It is precisely an act of Christ! It is Christ who acts there, who is on the altar. It is gift of Christ, who makes himself present and gathers us around him, to nourish us with his Word and with his life.* (General Audience 12 Feb 2014)

Christian Unity Week: At the Last Supper, Our blessed Lord’s prayer was that all should be one. During this week from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday we pray especially for the unity of all Christian peoples. Our prayer is that through the Holy Spirit all who share one Baptism may all be united in one Faith under one Shepherd.

Prayer for Rain: As our country is still experiencing a time of drought, we will continue with our prayer for rain at the end of our Masses.

First Holy Communion, is on the weekend of 15/16 June 2019

Classes are on Sundays ; 2nd June 8.45am; 9th June 8.45 am.

Disabled Parking Only Zone adjacent to the Church: The Georges River Council proposes to convert one unrestricted on-street parking space in Frederick Street adjacent to the Church to a “Disabled Parking Only” zone with a curb ramp at the rear of the proposed zone to meet Australian Standard requirements. This will follow on from the space already reserved for Wedding and Funeral Vehicles. When Parking cars for Mass on weekdays and weekends, parishioners should take careful note of Parking restrictions.

Children’s Liturgy. If anyone can help with the Children’s Liturgy, during Sunday 10am Mass, in the Marion Hall. Once in a school term. All materials are provided. Please contact Fr Paul Hilder.

Our Parish Group of the **Life Ascending Movement** meets in the Marian Hall on Friday 7 June from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm (*and the second Friday of each month except Jan*). **If you are retired or nearing retirement, you are invited** to join with like-minded parishioners in prayer and friendship and in getting to know more about the fruits of this new Movement within our Church, with its spirituality for older people. An important feature is it provides retirees with the opportunity to make worthwhile contributions to our Church within the scope of their individual circumstances.

Collections and Rosters

1st \$681	2nd: \$415	Envelopes \$ 1491		
Money Counters Roster	Sun 4 June Marcia & Brian Smith			
	Sun 11 June Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan			
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 1 June 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	George Lazar	Amber Lee Grace Childs	John Perkins
Sun 2 June 8am	George Lazar	Vesna Zuvic	No Servers	Seb Arena
Sun 2 June 10am	Vince Elliott	Emma Bennett	Zamarah Verlinde Anthony Attard	David Lee
Sat 8 June 5pm	TBC	Ana Simurina	Livia Vucic Ana Beretin Licha	Bill Quigley
Sun 9 June 8am	Anne Lee	Susan Canham	No Servers	Maria Pak
Sun 9 June 10am	Vince Elliott	Mirjana Males	Ivan Greguric Simon Nadile	Maureen Owens
Children’s Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 2 June	Alison Felici	Marcia Smith	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	
Sun 9 June	Natalie Greguric	Lewis DeGabriele	Lynne Ekholm	