

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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| Schedule of Masses | | Baptisms | By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am) |
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| Saturday | 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday) | Confessions | Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm |
| Sunday | 8 am, 10 am | Exposition | Thursday 9am to 11.45 (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) | | |

20 October 2019 – 29 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Robert Melvin (ann.25/10), Ron Parkin (ann.), Brian Lonergan (ann.13/10), Kathleen Feely (ann.18/10), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Alice Nelson, Sr Gabriel OLN, Genevieve Shipton, Denise Bailey.

PRAY ALWAYS: Christ tells a parable in the Gospel to the effect that we should pray always. Clearly he does not mean that we should go down on our knees all day or that we should be praying amid every activity of the day. Nor can he mean that we should be thinking of God all day long. That is not possible. James Turber tells of a man who was always afraid he would stop breathing. He even set his alarm clock to go off at regular intervals during the night to wake him up to see if he was still breathing. Obviously we cannot be like that in regard to God.

How then are we to pray always? When two people love one another they are constantly in each others' thoughts. Even if their minds are on other things they have each other, as the saying goes, at the back of their minds. So it should be with us and God. We should constantly think of God and pray to him and in this way we create a supernatural atmosphere in our lives so that even when we are not thinking of God, he is still at the back of our mind. Our normal formal prayers help to sanctify our day. They make of our daily work a prayer. Our activities become rooted in prayer so that they in themselves are prayer. In this way there is a real meaning in saying that our whole day is prayer and that therefore we are praying always. Today's parable stresses the necessity of perseverance in prayer. So much prayer can be merely casual without very much depth to it. Where there is real love there will be depth of understanding. We must so create our relationship with God that, though he remains a mystery to us, yet at the same time we can feel we know him. His presence becomes a reality in our lives. It becomes a constant presence even though we do not or cannot avert to it all the time.

SINGERS REQUIRED TO FORM A CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Gosh it's only ten weeks before Christmas! An appeal is made for singers to form a Choir for the 9.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Marion Binns, our Organist at the 10 am Mass on Sunday, would like to hear from you if you can help out in this regard.

Catholic Women's League: NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Our next meeting, which will be the Annual Meeting, will be held on Saturday 26 Oct at 10 am in the Marian Hall.

RETREAT DAY AT SOUTH HURSTVILLE: 'How do we defeat the evil in the world today'.

Retreat Master: Father Hugh Thomas, Redemptorist Priest.

Date: Saturday 23rd November. **Start:** Hall open 0830, **Mass:** 9am, **Finish:** 3pm

Location: Saint Raphael's Parish Hall, 84 George St, South Hurstville.

Theme: From Our Blessed Mother we have the weapon we need. The Rosary has achieved many victories over evil in surprising and unexpected ways. We will explore these in this Retreat Day.

Coffee and Tea provided. Please bring something to share for morning tea and a sandwich for lunch.

For further info: Contact Gary Cartmer 0418 781 777

First Reconciliation Program for 2019

Parent information Night - Thursday 24 Oct from 7pm (meeting starts 7.30pm sharp)

Prep Class 1 – Sunday 3 November 8.30am – 9.45am

Prep Class 2 – Sunday 10 November 8.45am – 9.45am

Prep Class 3 – Sunday 17 November 8.45am – 9.45am

Prep Class 4 – Sunday 24 November 8.45am – 9.45am

Sacramental Liturgy – Thursday 28th November 7.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday 30th November from 9.30am to 11.30am (half hourly)

Collections and Rosters

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| 1st \$644 | 2nd: \$340 | Envelopes \$ 1475 | | |
| Money Counters Roster | Sun 22 Oct | George and Kathy Novak | | |
| | Sun 29 Oct | TBA | | |
| | Acolytes and Ministers | Lectors | Altar Servers | Mass Wardens |
| Sat 19 Oct 5pm | Dannv Clark | Brian & Marcia Smith | Ana Beretin Licha Livia Vucic | John Perkins |
| Sun 20 Oct 8am | Robert Dimeo | Caroline Dimeo | No Servers | Mark Shad |
| Sun 20 Oct 10am | Phillip Merrick | Jelena Suto | Lachlan Hoy Simon Nadile | Lewis DeGabriele |
| Sat 26 Oct 5pm | Glenn Mclachlan | Patrick Salonga | Grace & Anna Childs | Bill Quigley |
| Sun 27 Oct 8am | George Lazar | Damian Callinan | No Servers | Seb Arena |
| Sun 27 Oct 10am | Joe Shakkal | Joseph Lucero | Luca Johnson Anthony Attard | George Battikha |
| Children's Liturgy | | Rosary Leader | Altar Society | |
| Sun 20 Oct | Kylie Brakel | Lewis DeGabriele | Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson | |
| Sun 27 Oct | Alison Felici | Brian Rayment | Marcia Smith | |