

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: Mass at 12 md

Public Holidays: 9 am only

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

WELCOME

St Joseph's Church is open from 7 am to 6 pm daily, and the usual Mass timetable as above apply. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.



14th May 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Deceased: Joan Sproule, Daniel Andreallo, Anthony Constantine, Marie Wakeham Carol Rigby, Lucia Tesoriero, Brian Patrick Rayment, Danielle Kelly, Leanne Kelly, Rev. Ronald (Les) Campbell, Lucy McCallum, Rev. Edward (Ted) Kennedy, Sister Rose Anne Croke rsc anniversaries.

THE SENDING OF THE SPIRIT: Our Blessed Lord tells us in today's Gospel that he sends his Spirit to those who love him. People are at their spiritual best when they love because love is a purifying and unifying force. True love, in other words, makes for the perfection of the individual. Hence, love of a country imparts courage to defend its interests; love of husband and wife creates unselfishness and a power to face life together with a all its "slings and arrows"; love of others results in a urge to help them.

All true love results from the coming of Our Lord's Spirit who is the Spirit of love. The power of this Spirit within a human being does not cease at the limits of the human heart. It radiates outwards transforming everyday activities and human relationships, enriching them by his presence. This presence of the Holy Spirit enables a person not only to face up to the harsh realities of life which press upon us but also to see their true worth and purpose. Jesus said of himself that he was the Spirit of truth. The Spirit then gives life – the kind of life of which Our Lord so often spoke. He is the unseen presence in the seen – the eternal in the temporal. Worldly lives have been defined as looking at things which are seen but only closely enough to see their market value. The spiritual person looks at them and sees their eternal value without in any way detracting from their temporal worth. "We are all in the gutter but some of us are looking at the stars", said Oscar Wilde. The worldly person stays in the gutter and keeps the eye on the earth; the spiritual person sees the stars and beyond. Our Lord said to the apostles: A little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me---. The "world" does not

see Christ but we, like the apostles, see him because we have within his Spirit who inspires us with the vision of faith.

Annual Holidays: Father Paul will be away on annual leave and will return to the parish on Friday afternoon, 19th May. There will be no weekday Masses during his absence. Father Peter Gardiner, a priest of the Passionist Order from Marrickville, will supply for this weekend Masses. Father Peter is an old boy of Oatley Parish.



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."

THE FRESH LAMINGTONS HAVE ARRIVED: Lamingtons may be collected from the Marian Hall this weekend 13th and 14th May after each Mass. We wish to thank all the volunteers who assisted in organising the lamington drive and the making of the delicious slices. A record number of lamingtons was bought from all our parishioners this year- **THANKYOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link: bit.ly/stjoatley OR





CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are looking forward to our young parishioners joining in the Children's Liturgy group on **Sunday's during the 10am Mass**. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work where the Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings. Please encourage your children to join the group.

The Charitable Work's 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 tables in the foyer. Any Donation \$2 and over is 100% tax deductible.

EASTER DUES ENVELOPES also are on the tables in the foyer of the Church. Easter dues support the Priests of the Archdiocese, including your own Parish Priest.

Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish. If you wish to support your Parish, St Joseph's Oatley, please pick up a copy of the application form in the Church Foyer. Alternatively, you may wish to go to our website www.stjosephschurch.com.au for a copy, or if you are online click on the tab below.

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