

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
<b>Saturday</b>	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8 am, 10 am	<b>Exposition</b>	Thursday, 9am to 11.45am (with benediction at 11.30am)
<b>Monday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
<b>Thursday</b>	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
<b>Friday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Saturday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

### 24th February 2019 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses and Prayers;** Grace Washington (rec dec), Rita Briscoe – Hough (rec dec), Raymond Mercer (ann.18/2), Patricia Freeman (ann. 21/2), Greg Harle (ann.14/2), Paul Ryan (ann.27/2), Eileen Murphy (ann.26/2), members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

**HONEY NOT VINEGAR:** St. Francis de Sales wrote “You will catch more flies with a spoonful of honey than with a barrel of vinegar”. People are far more attracted to a person with sweetness of disposition than they are to one who is bitter. Christ’s kindness of heart won the allegiance of many. He never flavoured his words with vinegar. He could be and was angry over hypocrisy and injustice, but he was never bitter. Always he was willing to receive anybody into his friendship, provided they were people of good will. He was attacked for consorting with publicans and sinners who were in a sense at enmity with him, but he won them over by his love.

This is what Christ wants from us. We are to have that kindness of disposition which will attract others even those who are our enemies. We are never to be revengeful or contemptuous towards them. We are to season our words with honey and not spice them with vinegar. So much enmity or even hatred is the result of ignorance. Rudyard Kipling said “We are like islands and we shout at one another across a sea of misunderstanding”. Our duty as Christians is to try and understand others, to see their point of view and not get hot under the collar or lose our tempers because we don’t agree with it. If we are ill-treated by someone Christ tells us in the Gospel what our reaction should be. He speaks of someone striking us on the cheek. We should do our best to disarm such a person by our refusal to hit back. And if we have the opportunity we should even go further by performing some act of generosity for him. A visit to someone we dislike who is sick in hospital can work wonders. Certainly we must not harbour thoughts of hatred. Again Christ tells us that we must pray for our enemies. Prayer purifies hateful thoughts; it is the generator of love; love of God and hence necessarily love of one’s neighbour ‘just or unjust’.

**AV persons are required for the Slide Presentations at the 5pm Vigil Mass and 10am on Sunday:**

I am looking for volunteers who can assist with this important function of the music ministry of the parish. I already have a couple of parishioners I can call on an *ad hoc* basis, but I would like to formalise it by a roster. If you can help out in this regard I would like to hear

from you. I will give you instructions regarding the computer and the screens for the projection of the hymns. Fr. Paul

**WORLD DAY of PRAYER** will be celebrated on Friday 1st March at 10am by St Paul’s Oatley Anglican Church (Corner Rosa and Neville Sts). The country of study is Slovenia. All Welcome.

**Marist College, Kogarah (32 Wolseley Street, Bexley)** is holding an open afternoon on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, 3.00 pm to 6.00pm.

### Catholic Schools’ Week - 2020 Kindergarten Enrolments

Catholic Schools week will be held from 3- 9 March. The theme for Catholic Schools Week is *Discover our difference at your local Catholic School*. The 2020 Kindergarten Enrolment Period commences during this week. School tours will be available on the following afternoons for new families interested in enrolling their children at St Joseph’s. Please contact the School Office on 9580 6588, if you wish to attend one of the school tours.

**Enrolment Packs will be available from Monday 4 March for collection. School Tour Dates; 3.30 each day, Monday 4 March, Tuesday 5 March, Thursday 7 March and Friday 8 March.**

### COLLECTIONS AND ROSTERS

1st 854	2nd: \$394	Envelopes \$1819
Money Counters Roster	Sun 26 Feb	Vince & Jenny Elliott
	Sun 5 Mar	Marcia & Brian Smith

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 23 Feb 5pm	Vince Elliott	Emma Bennett	Ivan G Alex P	Bill Quigley
Sun 24 Feb 8am	Anne Lee	Mirjana Males	No Servers	Maria Pak
Sun 24 Feb 10am	Danny Clark	George Novak	Alana G Sophia Si	George Battikha
Sat 2 Mar 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	George Lazar	TBA	Rafe Kowron
Sun 3 Mar 8am	Robert Dimeo	Gerry Triani	TBA	Mark Shad
Sun 3 Mar 10am	Phillip Merrick	Emma Bennett	TBA	Lewis DeGabriele
Children’s Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 24Feb	No Liturgy	Lewis DeGabriele	Marcia Smith	
Sun 3 Mar	Leilah Nelson	Brian Rayment	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	