

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 11.45 (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)		

10 November 2019 – 32 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Fay Dunphy (rec dec), Brian Crawford (ann.16/11), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Alice Nelson, Sr Gabriel OLN, Genevieve Shipton, Denise Bailey.

GOD OF THE LIVING: An old man who was dying asked his Christian doctor if he knew what happened after death. The doctor thought for a moment and during the silence there came a scratching at the door of the room. "That's my dog", said the doctor, "he hears my voice but he has no idea of what is happening in the room". In the same way we have no idea of what is happening behind the door of death, but we do know that Christ awaits us".

Scripture expresses it this way "Eye has not seen nor ear heard what things God has prepared for those who love him". What we do know is that God has prepared wonderful things. We know that death is not a dead end; it is a door opening out to a splendid existence. Christ has told us that "God is not the God of the dead but of the Living, for all live in him". We share in the resurrection of Christ. All our hopes are centred on him. Death has been transformed by him into a way of life. His death overcame all deaths; his resurrection gave hope of resurrection to all. The Sadducees denied all this. They refused to accept Christ as their Messiah and therefore would not believe his words. To try and trick him into the denial of the resurrection they posed an absurd argument. Christ quickly silenced them to the admiration of those who were listening.

The resurrection is the joy and hope of all Christians. Death for them is not like a broken pillar or a burnt-out torch that we sometimes see on monuments in graveyards. It is not all tears and sorrow and frustration. Some saint wrote "If Christ be the period, the end and lodging-home at the end of your journey, there is no fear; you go to a friend; you may look death in the face with joy". This was Christ's guarantee at the last supper to his friends "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am you also may be".

New Catechists Required in 2020: Last year and in the current year, all scripture classes have been covered by some catechists teaching more than one class. In fairness, this situation cannot be expected to continue indefinitely. Accordingly, up to 3 new catechists are required to commence from around mid February next year. Being a catechist is very rewarding. If you would like to join our friendly and committed team of catechists in bringing the "Good News" to Catholic students in the three local State primary schools and are available for a 30 minute class on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning, please contact Fr Paul (9580 1864) or Mike Cummins (0413 586870 or cummism@optusnet.com.au). Free training and resources are provided.

CWF Pastoral Appeal: Thank you to all the parishioners who supported last weekend's special collection. If you missed the appeal, there are still envelopes available in the porch of the Church. To give is to trust God, His love that embraces us all and His power to provide. Thank you again for making that choice.

November is the month of the Holy Souls: I will offer all my Masses during November for the repose of the souls of all your deceased relatives and friends. Fr. Paul.

Father Paul warmly invites you and your Family on Sunday the 1st December at 2pm to join us for the **Blessing and Children decorating the Christmas Tree**. Afterwards please join us in the Marian hall for afternoon tea. There will be a raffle, lucky door prizes etc. For catering purposes please put your names down with number of people attending on the sheet provided in the foyer. Please also for dietary requirements. Sue Vit President SVDP Oatley

GIVING TREE: We will be supporting our Farmers this Christmas with Vouchers which can be IGA, WOOLWORTHS and COLES, Christmas food items and unwrapped toys for children 3-16yrs. Please take a tag from our Christmas Tree and place your return in the basket no later than Friday the 22nd November. If you are giving Vouchers could you please put them on the plate at the MASSES marked FARMERS. We have been very fortunate and appreciative to have a Parishioner and his Friends to drive to Dubbo for us and take these items with also the support of St Joseph's School. We would appreciate if chocolates were not given because of the heat and the travelling time to Dubbo. Sue Vitt President SVDP Oatley.

First Reconciliation Program for 2019

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.

1st \$777		2nd: \$547		Envelopes \$1834	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 12 Nov	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan			
	Sun 19 Nov	George & Kathy Novak			
Masses	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 9 Nov 5pm	Joe Shakkal	Mirjana Males	Declan & Sorcha McIntyre	Richard McMillan	
Sun 10 Nov 8am	Robert Dimeo	Ainsley Wilson	No Servers	Mark Shad	
Sun 10 Nov 10am	Danny Clark	George Battikha	Zamarah Verlinde Simon Nadile	David Lee	
Sat 16 Nov 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Brian & Marcia Smith	TBC	Brian Smith	
Sun 17 Nov 8am	George Lazar	Damian Callinan	No Servers	Seb Arena	
Sun 17 Nov 10am	John Romanous	Joseph Lucero	TBC	George Battikha	
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader		Altar Society	
Sun 10 Nov	Angela Nadile	Lewis De Gabriele	Lynne Ekholm		

Sun 17 Nov	Natalia Greguric	Marcia Smith	Margaret Rayment , Kath Richardson
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