

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		
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)		

14 July 2019 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Francis Stewart (rec dec) Luigina Domeheghini (rec dec), Mary Murray (ann.17/7), Bessie McPhee (ann.14/7), Maureen Gardiner – Oliver (ann.20/7), Kevin McMullen (ann.17/7), Winifred Bartlett (ann.18/7), Beatrice Rolleston (ann.17/7), Terrence McKeon (ann.14/7), John Francis Perkins (ann.19/7), Ellen Perkins (ann. 9/7), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR: A book was written recently by a man who related in it a terrible experience he had at Waterloo station in London. While drinking a cup of tea alone he went suddenly blind in a matter of seconds. When it happened he reached out in his terrible fear to a man standing next to him, explained what had happened and asked him to fetch help. The man said he would and left. He did not come back. After a time the blind man clutched at someone else and went through the same explanation, with a like promise and a like result. In all he asked seven people to help him, all seven said they would, and went away, leaving him alone. The eighth man said he would get help and did. When the blind man tried to thank him, he would have none of it. "Good heavens", he said, "that's nothing. Anyone would have done the same."

We all know the answer to the question arising from that story "Who was the neighbour to the blind man? Who acted the part of the Good Samaritan?" It is clear from Christ's parable that our neighbour is not just the person who lives in our neighbourhood. Everyone, even the perfect stranger, is our neighbour in Christ's use of the word. Why is this so? Simply because all people are united together in one big family, both by the creative power of God and the blood of Christ. They are all therefore the objects of God's love and what God loves we must love also. God willed that the incarnation should become, in some real sense, a re-incarnation in every person, so that all should live by the life of Christ. Fundamentally, therefore, the reason why we should look on all people as neighbours is because Christ wishes to identify himself with them. It is Christ who lives in the poor, the wretched, the hungry, the lonely and the homeless. And it is our duty, as far as we are able, to act the Good Samaritan towards them. Just as Christ healed our wounds by dying for us, so should we heal his wounds in others.

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Father Paul will be on his annual retreat on Norfolk Island and ministering to the Catholic Community there. He will return on *Tuesday 16th July*. Father Pat Keenan cssr will be locum during his absence.

Archbishop Fisher's Pastoral Letter from Rome to the people and pastors of Sydney. Copies of the Archbishop's Letter are available on the table in the foyer.

CWL will hold their next meeting on Saturday 20th July at 10 am in the Marian Hall.

Collections and Rosters

1st \$665		2nd: \$358		Envelopes \$ 1201	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 16 July	George & Kathy Novak			
	Sun 23 July	Vince & Jenny Elliott			
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 13 July 5pm	Phillip Merrick	George Novak	TBC	Bill Quigley	
Sun 14 July 8am	George Lazar	Norm Windred	No Servers	Seb Arena	
Sun 14 July 10am	John Romanous	Lewis DeGabriele	TBC	George Battikha	
Sat 20 July 5pm	Danny Clark	Brian & Marcia Smith	Anthony A Lachlan H	Rafe Kowron	
Sun 21 July 8am	Anne Lee	Damian Callinan	No Servers	Mario Cuenca	
Sun 21 July 10am	Phillip Merrick	Jelena Suto	Zamarah V Simon N	Lewis DeGabriele	
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 14 June	School Holidays	Marcia Smith	Lynne Ekholm		
Sun 21 July	School Holidays	Lewis DeGabriele	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson		