

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)		
Sunday	8 am, 10 am		
Monday	8am (Rosary 7.45)	Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Wednesday	8am (Rosary 7.45),	Exposition	
Thursday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Friday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Saturday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

3 November 2019 – 31 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Denise & Raymond Caramsing (dec), Sr Majella Tracey F.M.M. (ann 25/10), Salvatore Ippolito (ann.5/02) Rita Fleming (ann. 10/11), Laraine Edmonds (ann.9/11), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Alice Nelson, Sr Gabriel OLN, Genevieve Shipton, Denise Bailey.

THE MAN WHO CLIMBED THE TREE: God's providence often makes use of very small incidents in a person's life to give it a completely new direction. It may simply be a few wise words spoken that have made an impression; it may be an unexpected meeting or some examples given by a friend. Certainly this was the case with Zacchaeus. He was only a little man and when he heard that Christ was coming his curiosity led him to climb a sycamore tree. No doubt he had heard of the wonders Christ had performed and of the stir he had made in the countryside. But he never expected his tree-climbing was to have such an astounding impact on his life as to change it completely.

He climbed the tree as a rich man, soon, because of his climb; he would be a much poorer one. He climbed it as a tax collector and a sinner; soon all would be forgiven. His extortion and bribery would be no more. The little man was to grow up into a greatness he little expected. It must have been an exciting moment for him when he peered down from the tree into the welcoming eyes of Christ and hear him ask for hospitality. It must have sounded almost incredible that he, a tax collector, should be asked to act as a host to such a man. And what a fascinating experience it must have been to have Christ as his guest. We know that the personality of Christ had such an effect upon him that he was willing to give half of his goods to the poor and to make restitution for any frauds he had perpetrated. And his reward was immediate. "This day salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham."

How easily does Christ offer his friendship. He is so willing to forgive injuries, so happy to forget wrongs. **Christianity is a religion of forgiveness.** No one should ever despair. Zacchaeus certainly came down from the tree a much happier man than when he climbed it!

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 12 MD MASS NEXT THURSDAY. MASS WILL BE AT 8 AM INSTEAD FOR THIS WEEK ONLY.

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) appeal will be made this weekend and we need your help. Envelopes are set out at the end of the Church pews. The work of the CWF benefits agencies representing our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion. Donations of \$2 or more are 100 per cent tax deductible. Please be generous.

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.

Our **Life Ascending Movement** meets in the Marian Hall on Friday 8 November from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm (*and on each second Friday*)

We hope to see you next Friday at 10.30 am in the Marian Hall.

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 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.

1st \$1032	2nd: \$360	Envelopes \$1428		
Money Counters Roster	Sun 5 Nov	Brian & Marcia Smith		
	Sun 12 Nov	Lynne Ekholm	Leo Sullivan	
Masses	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 2 Nov 5pm	Danny Clark	Alison Felici	Amber Lee Gaia El Khabbaz	Rafe Kowron
Sun 3 Nov 8am	Anne Lee	Jean Devine	No Servers	Mario Cuenca
Sun 3 Nov 10am	Glenn McLachlan	Brian & Marcia Smith	Lachlan Hoy John Mercieca	Lewis DeGabriele
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	Melissa Dimeo	Zamarah Verlinde Simon Nadile	David Lee
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 3 Nov	Joseph Lucero	Marcia Smith	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	
Sun 10 Nov	Angela Nadile	Lewis De Gabriele	Lynne Ekholm	