

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 BACK

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.

10th April 2022 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Masses for the Deceased: Carl Anthony Owens, recently deceased; Marija Obrovac, Cardinal Idris Edward (Bill) Cassidy, Monsignor Patrick Flanagan, Monsignor Alexander (Lex) Johnson, anniversaries.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST COURT CASE: On Palm Sunday we read the history of the Passion of Our Blessed Lord and the events leading up to his conviction and death. This was his trial – the world's greatest. It was the greatest because the prisoner at-the-bar was the greatest man who has ever lived, in him alone the human and the divine were united. Another reason also was because all of humanity was involved in the trial and all of us are affected for good or evil. The Court room was in reality, the whole world.

The case was tried by the supreme court judge, Caiphas, but it had wider implications. Caiphas, in a sense, was the representative of humankind since it was humankind that put the incarnate God on trial, and the verdict that was

eventually imposed, death by crucifixion, was passed by the sinful. And what person is not sinful? Yet paradoxically, the very ones who were responsible for the verdict were its beneficiaries.

When Caiphas passed sentence with the help of the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, the stream of human history was diverted into a new channel. Because God was going to die, every person was going to be given the opportunity of receiving eternal life. The cross, which was the instrument of death, would be the means of life. This was the amazing outcome of the verdict. The condemned man was going to die, and to all appearances this was the end of him. And yet in fact, it was only a beginning. Death was to be his crowning glory and the means by which he would win over the world which had condemned him: *if I be lifted up I will draw all men to myself*, he said. From that time onward every generation would look to the cross for consolation and salvation. The blood that fell from it on the ground renewed the world – made what was a barren waste-land into a fertile field. The mystery of the verdict that passed the sentence of death is that the human race who were the authors of it were reconciled by it.

Holy Week and Easter Services at St. Joseph's Oatley

- Holy Thursday:** (Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral 10.30 am. All welcome).
7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with the *Mandatum* and procession to the Altar of Repose – Adoration until 10.00pm.
- Good Friday:** 10am Stations of the Cross (followed by confessions)
3pm Solemn Liturgical Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (followed by Confessions).
- Holy Saturday:** 7pm Easter Vigil (until approximately 8.30pm)
- Easter Sunday:** 8am Easter Mass
10am Easter Mass.
- Easter Monday:** 9am Mass only.

THE SEASON OF LENT: Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others (almsgiving). In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their *eighteenth* year, until the beginning of their *sixtieth* year. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their *fourteenth* year. The rationale behind the Church's law is an invitation for us to join ourselves to Jesus in his forty days of self-denial in the desert. As we imitate our Saviour, we confront our own human weakness and remind ourselves of the brevity of life and our need for salvation which only comes through faith and imitation of Christ.

The Pascal precept binds all Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. The faithful are also obliged to confess their grave (mortal) sins individually in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

The practice of almsgiving during Lent is recommended by contribution to Project Compassion. Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available this Sunday in the foyer of the Church

Stations of the Cross: This beautiful devotion apt for the season of Lent will be conducted in the Church each **Friday during Lent at 7 pm**. Come and walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified.

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



The Children's liturgy of the word for this Sunday can be access by clicking on the following link:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qz8NVivBYAUb1NqqBTB41BkaswXRKtKKpXZhV-4qoHk/present?slide=id.gee6f26b3d6_0_58

Sacramental Program for 2022 has been recently updated, please visit the Parish website: www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click on the tab *Sacramental Dates 2022* for further information.

Applications for the *Sacrament of Confirmation 2021 & 2022* are now open and will close Sunday 17 April 2022. Please visit the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click on the tab *Sacramental Dates 2022* for further details. The parent information evening is scheduled for 28 April @ 7.30pm via ZOOM®. All families registered will be sent the ZOOM® link by email from the sacramental coordinator after applications close

Please note that Parish Confirmations this year will be at St. Mary's Cathedral on the *7th of August 2022 at 3.30pm* (St. George's Deanery parishes).

Thank you

A big thank you to St Joseph's Parish Community involved in the selling and those who bought lamingtons to raise funds for Trinity College Lismore which was lost in the recent floods.

In Oatley, 226 dozen lamingtons and overall, 500 Dozen were sold with a net amount of approximately \$4500 sent directly the school.



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Church Open

Our church is open each day for weekday Masses and Sunday Masses at 5pm (Saturday Vigil), 8am and 10am, Sundays. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

Planned Giving: Your contribution to the 2nd collection goes towards the running and upkeep of our parish, and 30% of what you donate is eligible for a tax deduction.

New Contributors: If you wish to become part of our regularly giving programme at St Joseph's Parish Oatley, please fill in the planned giving form, which can be accessed by opening the attached hyperlink <https://www.stjosephschurch.com.au/donations>.

Click on the button planned giving program to access and fill out form. Otherwise, you may obtain the form from the church foyer or contact the parish office for the application.

Please email the form to oatleycc@bigpond.net.au or drop it in to the Parish Office. Alternatively, you can post it to: St Joseph's Parish, 21C Frederick St, Oatley NSW 2223.

If you wish to donate to the Church Account (Second Collection) please scan the encryption below, with your mobile phone. This automatically directs you to the parish's Bpoint facility. Please follow the links. If you do not wish to make an internet or online payment, please email the office oatleycc@bigpond.net.au or contact 9580 1864.



Thank you for contributing to St. Joseph's Parish. I am very appreciative of your ongoing generosity and commitment to support our Parish in achieving its Pastoral Mission and meeting ongoing expenses. Fr. Paul.