

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

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.

26th March 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Masses for the Deceased: Warren Saunders, Geoff Eales, recently deceased; Carl Owens, Elias Francis, Jannette Battikha, , John Gower, Giovanni Tesoriero, Pedro Lumapac snr, Robert Toth, Paul Goodchild, Bertram Williamson, anniversaries.

LAZARUS: The raising of Lazarus from his grave was both a miracle and a parable. It was a miracle of compassion as Christ's tears revealed. Why did Our Lord weep? Not, as we might do, because of the death of a friend that we would not see any longer, but because of the sorrow brought upon those he loved. The Gospel tells us that *Jesus loved Mary and her sister Martha*. His tears were a reaction to theirs. At the same time they were tears tempered by joy like sunshine amid rain. He knew that life was to rise out of death. Soon their dead brother would be restored to them: *I am the Resurrection and the Life*, he said.

All of us are identified with Lazarus. He is the parable of our lives. Like him we will be pulled back from the tomb. Our Lord is the vital spark who ignites the immortal flame in us. Death and resurrection are the lot of the Christian. *If you believe in me*, he said, *you will never die*. To many, life is simply a process from birth to dust; to the Christian, it is a journey from earth to eternity. Lazarus was already, according to the onlooker, in the process of corruption leading to complete dissolution into dust. We too like him return to the dust from which we were made, but Christ will take hold of the dust; his splendour and power will raise it up to share his glory. Just as he died and rose again so will we, united with him rise in glory.

What were the feelings of Lazarus after his resurrection? How did he view the world? We do not know, but surely this much is certain, he saw its divine proportions much more clearly. He must have had a new vision of life. Some part of this vision must be with every Christian whom Christ has risen from the state of sin. Sin is a kind of death and Christ alone can give new life.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH OATLEY: The sacramental program has recently been published on the St Joseph's website. Please refer to the following link for further details [SACRAMENTAL DATES 2023 | St Josephs \(stjosephschurch.com.au\)](#)

Also, the website provides you with the application form and further information for the upcoming First Holy Communion. Alternatively, click on the following link [First Holy Communion 2023 Information & application form.](#)

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Kindergarten 2024 enrolments are now open: Please submit applications **online via the enrolment portal** on the St Joseph's School or Sydney Catholic Schools websites. Kindergarten applications will be due **BY Monday the 3rd of April 2023**. Please contact the school office if further information or assistance is required on Phone: 9580 6588. Alternatively, click on the following link for further information [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Oatley | Enrolment Information \(syd.catholic.edu.au\)](#)

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**



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Holy Week and Easter Services at St. Joseph's Oatley 2023

Palm Sunday: 1st April 5pm (Vigil- Saturday)
: **2nd April** - 8am & 10am

Holy Thursday: 6th April (Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral
10.30am)

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: 7th April 10am Stations of the Cross (followed by
confessions)

3pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (followed by
Confessions).

Holy Saturday: 8th April - 7pm Easter Vigil (until approximately
8.30pm)

Easter Sunday: 9th April - 8am Easter Mass & **10am** Easter Mass.

Easter Monday: 10th April - 9am Mass only.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Each Sunday at the 10am Mass our young
parishioners are invited to join the Children's Liturgy group, held in the
Church Hall during Mass. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers
to lead this work where the Children are led through prayer, songs, craft,
and readings. All children are welcome to join.

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.

*Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish. If you wish to
support your Parish, St Joseph's Oatley, please pick up a copy of the
application form in the Church Foyer. Alternatively, you may wish to go to
our website www.stjosephschurch.com.au for a copy, or if you are online
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