

# 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.**

# 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Masses for the Deceased:** Father Peter Maher, Alessio Puopolo, Yvonne Hoskins, Therese Foster, recently deceased, John Grenfell Hilder, Brian Henry Lee, anniversaries. And all the Holy Souls, especially the ones most forgotten.

**Holy Souls:** During the month of November (the month of the Holy Souls), I will be offering all my Masses for your deceased relatives and friends.

**Christ the King:** It is very important in these days of liturgical renewal to see this Solemnity of Christ the Universal King with its special liturgical significance. We must not think of Christ merely as an historical figure who one lived and assumed a position of authority. For us now, he is the risen Lord. *He is risen and is still with us.* In St. Paul's words he *takes precedence of all.* Our Lord is at the head of humanity. He is its king. He has won humanity for himself by his death and resurrection and now draws them closely to himself through the liturgy of the Church and thus brings them to the throne of God. "Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord" is the ending of the liturgical prayers of the Church. Our king is our mediator. Through his glorious humanity we come to God. *The glory you have given to me, I have given to them,* he said to his



Father at the last supper. At the Eucharist the people gather around the altar to take part in the sacrifice of salvation. Physically, they are separated from the altar but always they are caught up in the mystery of Christ.

They are with him on the altar as he offers himself up to the Father. They are drawn there by the love of the Holy Spirit so that they are caught up in the very life of the Blessed Trinity.

One must not think then of the Solemnity of Christ the King merely in terms of external glory or simply in terms of homage paid to kings. When the thief on the cross asked Our Lord to remember him when he came into his kingdom, the thief had an insight into the love of his sacred heart. He realised that Christ the King was someone to whom one paid a homage of love. This day then is one of union with our king. We are chosen in Our Lord. In him and through him, and only in this way, does a Christian obtain power.

**Confirmation Photos are available:** The photos of Confirmation celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 22 are now available at the Parish. You are invited to pick up the photos and collect your packs (and certificates for those of you who have not yet done so). Please note you will need to provide identification to pick up your pack. Also, if your pack is to be collected by someone other than a parent, we require written permission from the parent (as we cannot hand over photos of your child without the written permission).

Please contact the presbytery directly on 9580 1864 to arrange collecting of the photos.

**VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2022** will be held next weekend on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. As we all know it has been another difficult year but for our vulnerable it has been traumatic not knowing how they can afford to put food on the table for their families and just surviving. We are reaching out to our Parish Community to donate and give these families a Christmas that will be blessed with joy and happiness they deserve.

There are Christmas items displayed in the foyer for you to purchase, alternatively you may wish to donate money in the Poor, Piety and Catholic Weekly Boxes which also will go towards the Christmas Appeal. The Christmas Tree will be assembled on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November with gift tags attached asking for vouchers for children, boys and girls of all ages, please

put these on the plate at each Mass. Thank You for your support and let this be a Joyous and Blessed Christmas for all. *St Vincent de Paul Society Oatley Conference.*

**On the 12<sup>th</sup> of November, John Altham received the Cook Community Award** from the Hon. Scott Morrison, MHR. This was for his outstanding work in sourcing so many stamps for *Mary MacKillop Today*. This year over \$40,000 was made, and since 2001, \$485,000. The money goes to the Peru Mission where people are taught how to run a small business and students learn leadership skills. Thanks to everyone for their help. *Annette Rowley and Sr. Helen Saunders RSJ.*



**Parish Christmas morning tea:** Please join us on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, at 10.30 am in the Marion Hall. All are welcome.

**MASS READERS: Volunteers are needed** to read at the Masses on the weekend. Please contact the office 9580-1864 or email [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au) if you are able to assist on some weekends.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY during the Sunday 10am Mass:** We look forward to seeing our young parishioners attend Children's Liturgy during the *10am Sunday Mass*. Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings. **For any interested parishioners able to assist in this important ministry please contact** [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.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](https://bit.ly/stjoatley) **OR**



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