

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)

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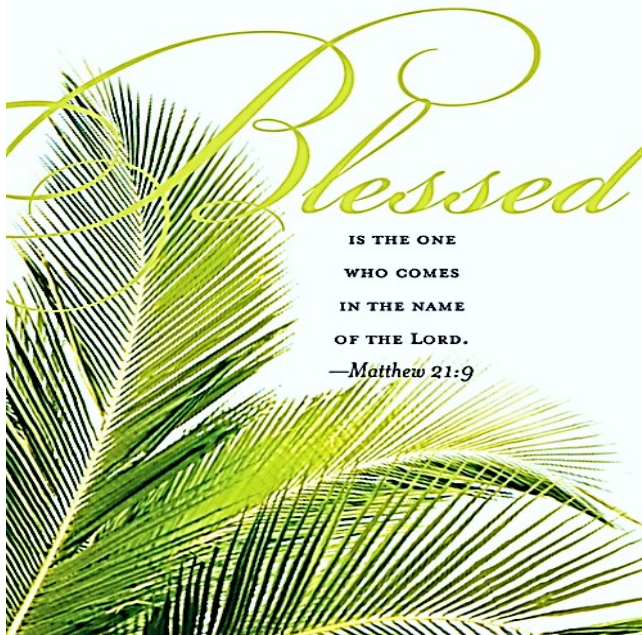
St Joseph's Church is open from 7 am to 6 pm daily, and the usual Mass timetable as above apply. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

2nd April 2023 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD.

Masses for the Deceased: Warren Saunders, Mary Comerford, Geoff Eales, recently deceased; Fr. Michael McCarthy, Fr. Michael Foster, Carl Owens, Elias Francis, Jannette Battikha, Pedro Lumapac snr, Giovanni Tesoriero, John Gower, Robert Toth, Paul Goodchild, Bertram Williamson, Leonie Peake, Ruzica Prnjak, anniversaries.

ROYAL ROAD TO CALVARY: Our Lord's life is reaching its climax of a crucifixion death. But before he ascends the hill of Calvary to perform his redemptive work, he makes his triumphant way into the city of David to claim it as his own. But he does not make his entry, as his Jewish contemporaries expected their Messiah would do, to take possession of the city and proclaim it the capital of a great earthly empire. He enters *meek and riding on an ass* as was consonant with a king of a great world-wide spiritual kingdom. This solemn entry was no chance

occurrence. From the time he sent the two disciples to collect the ass there was design in all he did. Those who shouted their Hosannas and strewed their palms on his path recognised greatness and dignity in him, but were not aware of his true mission. Jesus accepted their acknowledgement of him; he wished at this moment to demonstrate his messiahship, but his face was set towards Jerusalem to claim it, not as a worldly capital, but to give it spiritual significance. On



—Matthew 21:9

its future ruins would rise a new Jerusalem – the city of God. And this would come about through death – the death of the Messiah king himself. The true recognition of the Messiah would not come in this moment of triumph and glory, but only after this had passed and darkness had enveloped the earth.

Palm Sunday then is a day of glory and triumph but always it must be seen against the background of the ultimate victory. It was like a resplendent sunset, for a short time filling the sky with its splendours of colours only to die away into an oblivion of darkness. It was from the darkness that the king would conquer and be recognised as the true Son of David. Christian people through the ages would raise their voices in praise for their king who won them for himself by death. After the sunset would come the sunrise. The Light of the World would illumine those who come into it.

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 \(stjosephschurch.com.au\)](https://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.](#)

Daylight Saving ends this Sunday: Please turn your clocks back one hour before retiring on Saturday evening (1st April).

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



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.

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 click on the tab below.

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