

# 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)

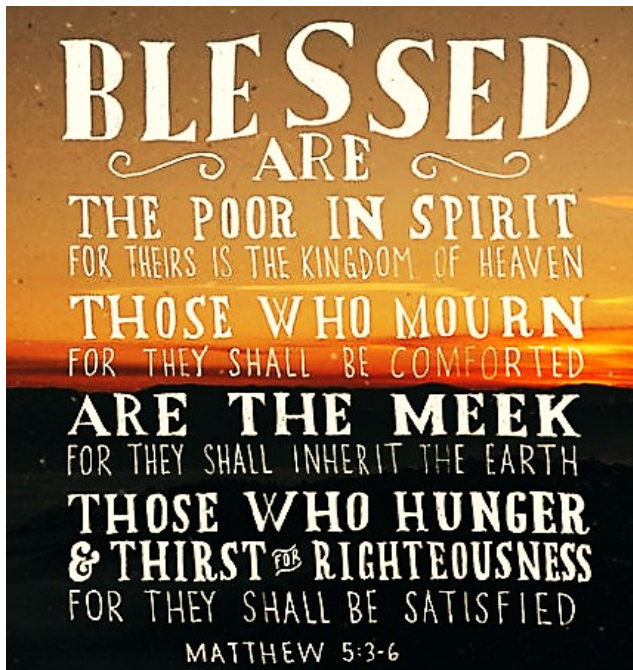
## WELCOME

**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.**

# 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Deceased:** Norman Joseph Windred, Cardinal George Pell, Amadeo Alvaro, Mila Lukas, recently deceased; Maura Lumapac, Joseph Gatt, Father Andrew Quinn, Brian Purdon, Vilma Burns, Josephine Tesoriero, anniversaries.

**THE SERMON PREACHED TO THE WORLD:** If a general council of humankind could be brought together to discuss what is the best way of running the world for its future peace and happiness where would it find the answers? It is easy to generalise and say through peace and justice. But abstractions do not usually inspire enthusiasm. There must be inspiration derived from leadership.



Our Lord's sermon on the mountainside was addressed to the whole world. He was giving guidance to the whole community of humankind and proclaiming himself as their head and master. He was instructing them how to act, what to value and the standards they must aim at. He showed them the correct attitude they

should have to love and hatred, to purity and possessions. He was no dreamer or visionary or merely a poet. The propositions he put forward name came him as a challenge, as one who could and did enkindle

enthusiasm. He spoke of peace and justice, of what to love and what to hate and how to inherit the land. And the proof that his words were not just abstractions was the impact they have made upon people's minds, their culture and their civilisation. He insisted on the link that must exist between God and humankind, between divine and human love. He was eager to show that to love God means that all love of possessions must be subordinated to that love. He spoke of that inner truth of existence which can only be probed by those who are pure in spirit.

This sermon, though preached to the world, was not preached to a herd, it was a sermon for everyone. Our Lord was telling each of us where to find our identity, our destiny, our happiness, and the part we must play in helping others about us to build a better world where his kingdom will be revered and loved. We know that this world will never be a perfect place, but our task is to do our best to lessen its imperfections by carrying the message of Christ to others by the example of our lives.

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL, OATLEY**, resumes on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023, for years 1 to 6, and on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023, for kindergarten. We welcome our children, teachers and staff back to begin the new School term and hope they had a relaxing and safe break during the summer holidays.

**CATECHIST SUNDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY:** we recognise all our volunteer Catechists, e.g. children's liturgy catechists, parish sacramental program catechists, and public school catechists for the valuable work they do in the parish. At the Vigil Mass next weekend our State School Catechists will be commissioned to continue their important work of teaching the faith to our children.

**FUNERAL OF CARDINAL GEORGE PELL, EIGHTH ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY.** A Solemn Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial for Cardinal Pell will be celebrated at **St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, 2nd February, at 11 am.** After the Mass his body will be interred in the Crypt of the Cathedral with his predecessors. His body

will lie in state in the Cathedral on Wednesday for the faithful who wish to pay their respects. May he rest in peace.

**As Father Paul will be concelebrating with other priests of the Archdiocese at the funeral Mass, there will be no midday Mass in the parish. Mass will be celebrated at 8am instead on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February.**

**URGENT CALL FOR NEW LECTORS 2023:** Several of our readers have dropped off due to the Covid pandemic and this has made the number of readers now available greatly reduced. We are urgently calling for good readers to come forward to offer themselves for this important ministry. If you can help, please email Caroline Dimeo: [caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com). Ideally readers are allocated 5-6 readings per year.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:** We are looking forward to welcoming our young parishioners back to Children's Liturgy during the 10am Sunday Mass in February. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work and we would be grateful for any interested parishioners to contact the office on 9580-1864 or [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au) if they would be keen to assist in this important ministry.

**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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