

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.

15th May 2022 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Deceased: Sister Patricia O’Loughlin rsc, Rafael Skowronski (Rafe Kowron), Carl Anthony Owens, recently deceased; Leanne Kelly, Jannette and Habib Battikha, Daniel Andreallo, Joan Sproule, Lucy Mei Niu Mc Callum, Rev. Edward (Ted) Kennedy, Sister Rose Anne (Doreen) Croke rsc, anniversaries.

LOVE: There is no word in the English language which when it is used is so much abused as the word “love”. One hears it used in all kinds of ways on the television and film screens; one reads it in newspapers and magazines and the pop tunes are full of it. And so often it is simply a misnomer for sentimentality, sensuality, or even lust. What then is love? Can it be defined? It is much too much of a mystery for that. It is so bound up with human personality which is itself a mystery. That master of insight into human nature St. Ignatius of Loyola did not attempt to define love but he did say how it manifests itself. He said it shows itself in two main ways, in the desire to give, and the desire to share. When two people love each other they love to make gifts to one another and they long to share their lives together.

And what is true of human love is also true of the divine. God too loves to give and to share. And his greatest gift and his greatest act of sharing was Christ. In today’s Gospel, Our Lord says: *A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.* What is new about this commandment? It is surely the sharing of Christ’s love. The little community gathered together were to love one another, not in a purely human way, but in a divine way. Our Lord himself was to be the bond of union. Their love for one another was to be of the same kind that Christ had for them.

We too must have this kind of love. At the Last Supper when Our Lord instituted the Eucharist, he spoke of a new covenant. His new commandment is bound up with this new covenant. It is through the Eucharist that Christians are given the power to love one another in a Christ like way. There is nothing sentimental, sensual, or lustful about this love. It is a love that makes great demand upon the Christian as it did with Our Lord.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL (14th/15th May) will be made at all Masses, this Sunday. CWF envelopes are available on the table in the foyer of the Church. This appeal is for the support of the various agencies of the Archdiocese of Sydney that provide for the pastoral needs of the people.

EASTER DUES ENVELOPES are on the table in the foyer of the Church. Easter dues support the Priests of the Archdiocese, including your own Parish Priest.

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.

PARISH MORNING TEA: After an extended period of isolation over the past two years, there is a need for parishioners to reconnect and come together again. It is therefore proposed to have a morning tea on Wednesday, 18th May in the Marian Hall at 10.30 am. This is for no other reason than for parish members to come together and mix with each other socially. No RSVP is required, just turn up.



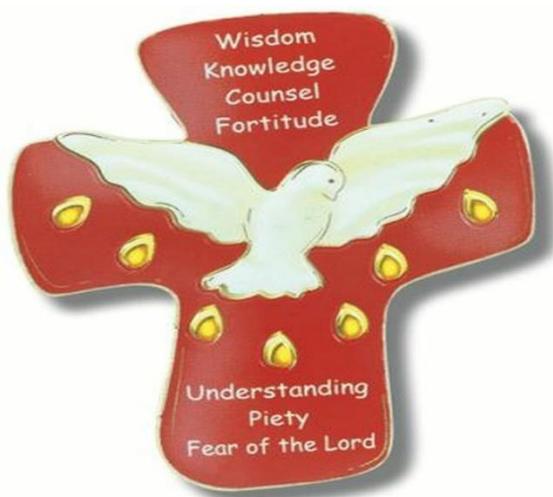
The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link:

bit.ly/stjoatley OR



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

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).



Our Children will begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to take this special step on their faith journey.



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connect@catholiccare.org

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.