

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.

9th October 2022 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Dominic Davino, Violet Mary Goulden, Ralph Morris, Fr. Kevin Burton, Fr. John O'Donovan, Fr. John (Jack) Haseler, Fr. Emmet Costello sj, Fr. Roth Delaney, John Bernard McMillan, John Kevin McMillan, Rita Cutelli, anniversaries; deceased member of the Toscano family.

GRATITUDE: A fable has it that a spider made its way down from the ceiling of a room by a single thread and spun its web on a lower level. There it grew fat, sleek and self-satisfied until one day as it was moving about its web it saw the single tread stretching down from on high. Stupidly it gazed at it and said: “What’s the use of that?” and broke it. Immediately all its web collapsed, and the spider was sent hurtling down into the depths below.



That fable is a parable of many peoples’ lives. They have come from on high, have made a comfortable position for themselves, have become so complacent and egocentric that they have forgotten the connection between themselves and God. They do not realise that the whole of their existence depends upon

the single thread of the will of God. They do not grasp the fact that the thread is their life-line, that they depend upon it for every step they take, every breath they breathe, every morsel of food they eat. But every now and again, God gives a jerk to the life-line – something unpleasant happens, illness perhaps or loss of money. For a short while they turn to him for help. But then, when the trouble vanishes, with it goes the

memory of what has been done for them. The nine lepers in Today's Gospel had something of this attitude. Their terrible disease caused them to turn to Christ for help, but once they were cured, they went their way without a word of thanks to their benefactor. The lesson for us is obvious. Like the leper who returned, we must be thankful for God's benefits. Prayers of thanksgiving are far less self-centred. They help our hearts to expand, to get rid of what is narrow in our makeup, to look outward away from self to God. We should not let a day pass without thanking God for all the good things he has given us. We should even have the courage to thank him for the hard things which put us to the test.

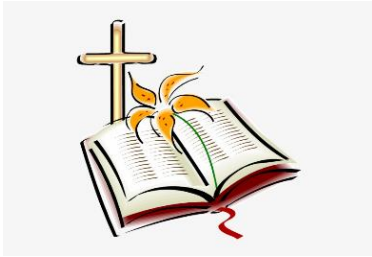
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Applications for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation 2022** (Year 2 and above) are now open and will close on the 14th of October 2022. Please visit the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click on the **tab Sacramental Dates 2022** for further details. Alternatively, click on the link attached for the [Reconciliation 2022 program and application form](#).



JOIN US AT THE PARISH MORNING TEA: it is on Tuesday the **18th of October, at 10.30 am** in the Marion Hall (go through the Church). All are welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an informal and social gathering.

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**





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

Catholic Mission Church Appeal: This appeal is held this weekend. The Parish's funds will go towards assisting the households in Ethiopia. With over 70% of households in the remote township of Emdibir unable to provide enough nutritious food to their families, malnutrition and health issues have become a significant problem. In collaboration with the local community in Ethiopia, the Church, led by Fr Habtesilassie Antuan (Hab-tay-si-lassie An-twan), hopes to establish a goat rearing centre, where nutritious milk will be produced and distributed to families in most need to help reverse and prevent illness and malnutrition.

We invite you to donate to this essential program which can bring hope to those in most need.

TAX RECEIPTS for parishioners' part of the envelope or credit card giving program for 2021-2022 are available. Please email eatleycc@bigpond.net.au if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

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 clicking on the following [APPLICATION FORM](#). Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley. *Fr. Paul*

Also, If you wish to make a one of contribution to support your Parish St Joseph's Oatley, please click on this link:

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/OATLEYPARISH>