

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms
Monday	8 am (Rosary 7.45)	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	
Wednesday	6.45am, 8am, 9.15am	Confessions Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Thursday	No Mass	Weekend Masses
Friday	No Mass	Saturday 5pm Vigil
Saturday	8am (Rosary 7.45)	Sunday 8am & 10am

23 February, 2020 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary time

Masses and Prayers: Florence Anderson (dec), Paul Ryan (ann.27/02), Umberto Torresan (ann.1/3), Eileen Murphy (ann. 26/2), Josephine Doughan (ann.24/3), members of CWL and those who are sick especially Emma Viera.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent begins next Wednesday (26th February, 2020). Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others (almsgiving). In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Law of fasting binds those who have completed their *eighteenth* year, until the beginning of the *sixtieth* year. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their *fourteenth year*. The rationale behind the Church's law is an invitation for us to join ourselves to Jesus in his forty days of self-denial in the desert. As we imitate our Saviour we confront our own human weakness and remind ourselves of the brevity of life and our need for salvation which only come through faith and imitation of Christ.

The **Pascal precept** binds all Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (7th June). The faithful are also obliged to confess their grave (mortal) sins individually in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

The practice of almsgiving during Lent is recommended by contribution to **Project Compassion**. Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available this Sunday in the foyer of the Church.

Ash Wednesday Masses with the blessing and imposition of ashes are at 6.45 am, 8 am and 9.15 am (with the School Children).

Stations of the Cross: This beautiful devotion apt for the season of Lent will be conducted in the Church each Friday during Lent at 7 pm. Come and walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified.

I will be away from the Parish on Thursday (27th February), and Friday (28th February). **There will be no Masses in the Parish Church on those days.** Those who regularly like to attend daily Mass.

World Day of Prayer 2020 will be held on Friday 6th March at 10am in All Saints Anglican Church Oatley West. The country of study is Zimbabwe.

Catholic Schools Week – 2021 Kindergarten enrolments.

Catholic Schools week will be held from 1-7 March. The 2021 Kindergarten Enrolment period commences during this week. Enrolment packs will be available from Monday 2 March for collection from the school office.

School Tours will be held on the following afternoons for new families interested in enrolling their children at St Joseph's.

School Tour Dates – 3.30pm each day (30mins)

Monday 2 March, 3.30 to 5pm, and 5 to 5.30pm.

Tuesday 3 March, 3.30 to 5pm

Thursday 5 March, 3.30 to 5pm

Friday 6 March. 3.30 to 5pm

Please contact the school Office if you would like to attend one of the tours on 9580 6588 or email info@stjoatley.catholic.edu.au

Marist Catholic College Penshurst Open Day that takes place on Wednesday 4 March between 3pm-6pm at the South Hurstville Campus.

Collections & Rosters

1st \$969		2nd: \$492		Envelopes \$1688	
Money Counters Roster		Tues 25 Feb Vince & Jenny Elliott			
		Tues 3 March Brian & Marcia Smith			
Masses	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 22 Feb 5pm	Vince Elliott	George Battikha	Zamarah V Ivan G	Tom Ryan	
Sun 23 Feb 8am	George Lazar	Mirjana Males	No Servers	Mark Shad	
Sun 23 Feb 10am	Danny Clark	George Novak	John M Simon N	David Lee	
Sat 29 Feb 5pm	Phillip Merrick	Rosemary & Justin Cordi	Amber L Gaia	Brian Smith	
Sun 1 Mar 8am	Anne Lee	Selina & Alessia Colagiuri	No Servers	Seb Arena	
Sun 1 Mar 10am	Glenn McLachlan	George Battikha	Anna & Grace C	George Battikha	
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 23 Feb	Audrey Green	Lewis DeGabriele	Marcia Smith		
Sun 1 March	Leilah Nelson	Brian Rayment	Susan Canham & Angela Nadile		