

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.

22nd October 2023 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Dolores Carreon, Amin Boustani, recently deceased; Kathleen Feely, Marie Therese Jeanine Leeyee, Therese Foster, Rev. Laurie Christie, Monsignor John Francis Lyne, Peter West, Denzil Cleur, anniversaries, deceased members of the Valastro, Mangano and Arena families, and Amadeo Alvaro.

CHURCH AND STATE: No man was more loyal to his king than Thomas More, he served him well and conscientiously for many years, but he refused to allow that service to conflict with his duty to God. He would rather die than do it. At the execution block he said, “I die the king’s servant, but God’s first.” Contrast those dying words with those of his contemporary Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, a man who had allowed lust for wealth and power to blind him to his duty to God: “If I had served my God as I have served my king, he would not have given me over in my grey hairs.” Many of the English martyrs proclaimed their loyalty to their sovereign at the very moment when they were condemned to death for refusing to obey state laws which were opposed to the laws of God. Edmund Campion, for example, just before he was hanged, drawn and quartered, said he had prayed and still did pray for the queen. And when asked for which queen, replied “For Elizabeth, your queen and my queen, unto whom I wish a long quiet reign with all prosperity.”

Such men realised, as all Christians must realise, that any law which is opposed to God’s law is bad and adversely affects the spiritual and temporal welfare of humanity.

Our blessed Lord told us that no man can serve two masters. But a person can be both a member of God’s kingdom and at the same time a citizen of his own country. Between the two there should be no conflicts of interest, there are not two authorities in our lives in the sense that they are completely distinct from one another. The Church’s interests are spiritual, her object is to save and perfect our lives. The government of a country exists for the well-being of its people’s lives on earth, for their health and their advancement in culture and so it should not be too

difficult to *render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.*

My final Masses at St. Joseph's prior to leaving the parish to retire will be over the weekend 28th and 29th October. As advised, the parish will be twinned with St. Declan's at Peshurst. Our new Parish Priest will be Father Chris Ryan. As you are aware, Fr. Chris is Parish Priest at St. Declan's at Peshurst, and Parish Priest of Our Lady of Fatima at Peakhurst. He is a Missionary of God's Love and leads a pastoral team of three Priests who will cover the three parishes. I am sure that all will welcome the new direction our parish will be taking and make the Missionaries feel at home here in Oatley. *Fr Paul*



Father Paul's final Mass: Father Paul will be celebrating his last Oatley Parish Mass on **Sunday 29 October at 10am.** Following this Mass there will be a morning tea in the Marian Hall to wish him well and to say farewell. A celebratory cake, tea, coffee and nibbles will be enjoyed at that time. Please join us and all are welcome to attend.

Angels, Bells and wooden Reindeers Christmas Sale: After each Mass on Saturday the 4th and Sunday 5th of November, there will be a sale of Christmas decorations. All the decorations are handmade and each is totally unique. Each decoration is adorned with a 2023 charm. These are a great present to give a special teacher, friend, family member or a new baby. The cost of each decoration ranges from \$5-\$20. **Please only bring cash as we do not have Eftpos facilities. The proceeds from the sales will be sent to the Marist Learning Zone.**



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION-Applications for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 2023 (Year 2 and above) are now open. Please visit the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click on the **tab Sacramental Dates 2023** for further details. Alternatively, click on the link attached for the [Reconciliation 2023 program and application form](#).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are looking forward to our young parishioners joining in the Children's Liturgy group this **Sunday during the 10am Mass**. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work where the Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings. Please encourage your children to join the group each Sunday during the 10am Mass.

CURRENT PLANNED GIVING: Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are now available in the foyer of the Church, please take your set of envelopes.

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 and become one of our regular givers. 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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The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link: bit.ly/stjoatley



DEFIBRILLATOR: Please note a defibrillator is installed in the Parish Church.