

# 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.

# 2nd July 2023 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Deceased:** Norma Lonergan, recently deceased; Father Basil Jansen (first Parish Priest of Oatley), Millie Saunders, Kathleen O'Brien, James Eagles, Father Francois Mourad, anniversaries.

**One Journey, Together:** This year, Australians will be asked to cast a vote on the proposed alternation to the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Like all Australians, Catholics have an important role to play in the upcoming Referendum.

The tradition of Catholic Social Teaching well-equips Catholics to make informed decisions based on their own faith and moral positions. With these principles in mind and in partnership with Caritas Australia and a number of other Catholic organisations, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Catholic Council have developed a website to host a range of resources to help you decide for or against acknowledging the world's oldest continuing cultures in our Constitution. Our hope is that, however we vote, we take this One Journey, Together.

So, whether you are looking for homilies and reflections by leading Catholic thinkers, interviews and statements from First Nations Community members, links to Referendum information or youth activities or answers to FAQs, learn more at [www.indigenousvoice.church](http://www.indigenousvoice.church).

**Today is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday:** Today we celebrate the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the Australian Catholic Church. We also acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We honour and acknowledge God's presence in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have upheld their rich and diverse cultural traditions for thousands of years. We give thanks for the deep and enduring legacy of these ancient peoples and their contributions to our Continent and we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

**Pope calls St Mary MacKillop ‘an extraordinary religious sister’ who dedicated her life to “the intellectual and religious formation of the poor in rural Australia.”29 June 2023.**



“Mary MacKillop was convinced that the purpose of education is the integral development of the person both as an individual and as a member of the community, and that this requires wisdom, patience and charity on the part of every teacher,” he said.

An essential part of St MacKillop’s zeal for sharing the Gospel, the Pope said, was her dedication to

caring for the poor and marginalised.

“This is very important,” he said. Along “the path to holiness, which is the Christian path, the poor and the marginalised are the protagonists and a person cannot move forward in holiness if he or she does not also devote himself or herself to them in one way or another.” Those in need, he said, “draw attention to injustice, which is the huge poverty in the world. Money is spent on making weapons and not on making meals.” “May St. Mary MacKillop’s missionary discipleship, her creative response to the needs of the church of her time, and her commitment to the integral formation of young people inspire all of us today, called to be a leaven of the Gospel in our rapidly changing societies,” the pope said. May her example and intercession support parents, teachers, catechists and all educators, “for the good of young people and for a more humane and hopeful future,” he added.

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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