

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: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 11 am and
Mass at 12 md

Public Holidays: 9 am only

Confessions are available before the 5 pm Vigil Mass (4 pm to 4.45 pm)

8th August 2021 – Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP: In the time of the prophet Elijah, during a severe drought and period of famine, a widow in the Sidonian town of Zarephath responded hospitably towards a stranger wanting a drink of water. She was less able to share what little food she had for herself and her son. Nevertheless, trusting the prophet she shared her meagre resources. It is easy to deduce from today's Old Testament reading and the Gospel, the hardships faced by St. Mary of the Cross and her sisters in the early years of the Josephites. The order was founded in 1866 when the colony of South Australia was only thirty years old. Social infrastructure does not spring up overnight, and South Australia did not have the wealth derived from gold discoveries that the other colonies had. Their colony was free, but poor, so hardship was a shared reality, as it was throughout much of Australia and New Zealand outside the fledgling cities. St. Mary and her founding sisters willingly shared the poverty of others while also trusting in the provident goodwill of others. It takes much courage and trust to embrace such a life of poverty and a mendicant lifestyle in order to provide education for disadvantaged children in particular, and then give attention to the many needs of others in isolated areas as well. It is the same courageous trusting sentiment found in today's Gospel from Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus said: *If you wish to be a follower of mine, you must take up your cross.* This has never been understood as indicating a need to be crucified, but rather as a commitment to living the way of Christ whatever difficulty that may entail. The story Mary MacKillop is one witness to living that commitment through adversity and placing one's trust entirely in the will of God and his providence. In Mary's story we find one who, while facing adversity due to opposition from at least some in the Catholic leadership, found remarkable kindness from the Jewish community, from Emanuel Solomon in particular. It seems an unusual

reversal of the model in today's first reading. Instead of the Jewish prophet Elijah finding hospitality with a Gentile widow, the Christian Sister finds hospitality with the Jewish ex-convict. However, both stories testify to human goodness being found beyond one's own "tribe". St. Mary's story is one of kindness in hardship shared, for it was marked by a willingness not only to share the poverty of the poor but the richness of education that is needed by all. (*cf. Homily Help: Rev. Barry Craig – Saint Mary of the Cross*).

Masses for the Deceased: Leo McInerney, Hugh d'Apice, recently deceased. John and Ellen Perkins, Cardinal Edward Bede Clancy, Fr. William Evans, Fr. George Connolly, Linda Ellen Hilder, Lina Kolozsi, anniversaries.

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



You can also access it by going to the Archdiocese of Sydney website where there is a list of Churches who stream their Masses each week. Just click on the link for St. Joseph's Parish, Oatley.

Sacramental Program for 2021: Please visit the Parish website:
www.stjosephschurch.com.au

Dear Parents and Carers, it is with regret that I advise, due to the recent COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the NSW government, the balance of our 2021 Sacramental Program for Confirmation and Reconciliation will be suspended. At this stage, no program will be run in Term 3. If the restrictions are lifted, we may run the Confirmation program in Term 4, 2021 (revised dates to be advised) and move the reconciliation program to Term 1, 2022. Please email our sacramental program coordinator Sandra Green on sandragreen@optusnet.com.au should you have any questions. Fr. Paul.

SRE classes in public schools are postponed for the time being. However, SRE Learning from Home lessons are available.

Catholic SRE Learning from Home materials can be accessed by clicking on the following link:
<https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

New Learning from Home lessons have been uploaded this week and are available for parents to access across NSW. These include user-friendly Click & Learn PowerPoints and home activity sheets.

The NSW Department of Education will also advise schools to inform families of the availability of these resources.

Closure of Churches due to the recent spread of the Corona virus.

As from 6pm on Saturday, 26th June 2021, Greater Sydney (which includes the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong, and Shellharbour) is in lockdown until Saturday, 28th August at 12.01am. Consequently, the Church is closed until further notice.

However, funerals are permitted with a limit of 10 attendees.

Weddings, however, are not permitted.

Baptisms are not permitted, except in case of emergency. Similarly, the anointing of the sick, and sick calls generally, are permitted in case of emergency only.

It seems clear that, because the new Delta strain of Covid virus is so infectious, we are being asked to be even more cautious than during the previous lockdown. “Stay home” means “avoid all unnecessary contact with other people.”

During the lockdown, the Sunday Mass will be live streamed on YouTube, and you are encouraged to connect prayerfully to this medium. The streaming will begin at 5pm on Saturday and can be accessed at any time after the Mass has concluded.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – BISHOPS’ STATEMENT

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 29th of August. The Australian Bishops’ Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis’ invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven *Laudato Si* Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 6201 9845.

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.



TAX RECEIPTS for 2020-2021 are available. If you wish to receive an emailed tax receipt, please email the parish office. Once again, we would like to thank all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley.

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.

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was sick, and you visited me.
Amen, I say to you: whatever you did
for one of the least of my brethren,
you did it for me.*

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
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Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, source of all goodness,
who have show us in Saint Mary
a woman of faith living by the power of the Cross,
teach us, we pray, by her example
to live the Gospel in changing times
and to respect and defend
the human dignity of all in our land.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Refer to your Sunday Missal or Liturgy Sheet)

PROFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. MARY OF THE
CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP).**

The Lord has continually raised up men and women full of love for him and the Church. In Communion with all the saints and especially St. Mary of the Cross, let the incense of our prayer, in the name of Jesus, ascend to God, whose children we are.

1. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishop Anthony, and all who have promoted the cause of Blessed Mary MacKillop. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That all who inspire and are prophets in society may serve the world's peoples in right judgment and a leadership that is wise. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That we may always give thanks to God for raising St. Mary of the Cross as a saint for Australia. May we learn from her example, gain strength from her courage and fortitude, and obtain help by her intercession. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. Acknowledging our complete dependence on God's gracious gifts, may we learn once again to live in simplicity and gladness of heart as Mary MacKillop and her sisters of St. Joseph have taught us. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For all who work for the education of the young. May they be helped by the inspiration of St. Mary of the Cross who promoted the education of the poor with such enthusiasm. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. For the poor and marginalized; for all indigenous Australians; for all who work for social justice; for the sick and powerless. May the good work begun by Mary MacKillop be continued by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. For the Josephite family, that faithful to the charism of Mary MacKillop, they may live personally and communally their consecration to the Lord and proclaim to the world the infinite love of Christ, who came to spend his life in love and service for all. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. The sisters of St. Joseph taught us a special love for the Holy Mother of God. We honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, the glory of all the saints in heaven, as we pray:
HAIL MARY.

As these prayers come before you, gentle Father, with the help of St. Mary of the Cross, teach us to care for others and to trust in your providence. We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, our Salvation, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be *etc.*

Communion Antiphon

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

May the Sacrament we receive, Lord God,
on this Feast of Saint Mary
strengthen us to walk the way of the Cross
and bring us to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord bless us and keep us

May he let his face shine upon us
and show us his mercy.

May he turn his countenance towards us
and give us his peace.

And may Almighty God bless us all, in the name of the Father, and of Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord and glorify him in our lives. Thanks be to God.