

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.

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



11th December 2022 – Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Masses for the Deceased: Ruzica Rados, recently deceased; George and Marie Nol, Elias Francis, Emilia Kolesynk, Maria (Mia) Van Der Velden-Hundscheid, John Saunders, Ronald Rowley, Max Rowley, Judith Sinclair, anniversaries.

THE CHRISTMAS NOVENA

This begins on the 17th of December. At this point the Advent proclamation of the coming of the kingdom by the Prophets and John the Baptist gives way to the Christmas story in which the impending birth of Saviour and the Blessed Virgin Mary take centre stage. These days serve to prepare us more directly for Our Lord's birth. During this time it is customary to erect the Christmas crib, to decorate the tree and to sing Christmas Carols.

THE O ANTIPHONS

These are also known as the greater Antiphons. In the Roman rite they are sung with the Alleluia as the verse before the Gospel on the seven days before the vigil of Christmas (17th December to 23rd). Each antiphon begins with the interjection "O". During the season of Advent the Old Testament readings announce the coming of the Messiah, and the closer the feast of Christmas approaches, the more the liturgy accentuates the call of the Saviour with the cry "Come".

The seven antiphons: *O Sapientia* (Wisdom), *O Adonai* (the Lawgiver), *O Radix Jesse* (tree of Jesse), *O Clavis David* (Key of David), *O Oriens Splendor* (Dayspring from on high), *O Rex Gentium* (King of the Nations), *O Emmanuel* (God with us); in verse order form an acrostic from the initials of each invocation "ERO CRAS" (tomorrow I shall be there). This is the Lord's response to those who have faithfully prepared for His coming during the season of Advent through prayer and penitence.

A metrical version of the “O” antiphons is the hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”.



The Third Candle: is for the Shepherds and for all who seek the Lord in humility.

The Fourth Candle: is for the Angels who heralded Christ's birth and sang their hymn of joy.



St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Appeal: Beautiful handmade Angel jewellery and gifts will be available for sale this weekend the 10th & 11th December after Mass. All funds collected will go to St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Appeal. The Angels have been made into earrings and can also be used for either a mobile phone case tag, a Christmas tree decoration or to put in a Christmas card for someone special. Prices range from \$6 to \$4 for each individual angel.

Confirmation Photos are available: The photos of Confirmation celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on the 7th of August 22 are now available at the Parish. Please contact the presbytery directly on 9580 1864 to arrange collecting of the photos.



PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA: Please join us [THIS TUESDAY the 13th of December](#), at 10.30 am in the Marion Hall. All are welcome.

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

SINGERS REQUIRED TO FORM A CHRISTMAS CHOIR: As Christmas is nearly upon us (in four weeks' time), an appeal is made for singers to form a Choir for the 9pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Marion Binns, our Organist at the 10am Mass on Sunday, would like to hear from you if you can help in this regard.



ST JOSEPH'S OATLEY CHRISTMAS MASSES 2022

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th of December: 5pm, 7pm, 9.30pm Mass (carols at 9.00pm). **NO MIDNIGHT MASS.**

Christmas Day, Sunday 25th of December: 8 am and 10 am.

Monday 26th December (Feast of St. Stephen): 9am only

Tuesday 27th December (St. John the Evangelist): 9 am only.

Friday 30th December 2022- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: 9am only

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