

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 BACK

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.

28th August 2022 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Janice Scully, recently deceased; Richard Potter, James Bartholomew (Bart) Cummings, Bishop Patrick Dougherty, Bishop Henry Kennedy, Florence Lindsay, anniversaries.

PLACES OF HONOUR: The Cure of Ars once said “I received two letters by the same post; one said that I was a great saint, and the other that I was a hypocrite and an imposter. The first added nothing to me, and the second took nothing away from me. We are what we are before God, and nothing more”. Egotistical persons like to push themselves forward. They love to be in the limelight. They are the kind of people about whom Our Lord is speaking that take it for granted they are going to sit in the places of honour at a feast, so they push others aside. But such a one is not great in God’s eyes. They take a very low place in his estimation.

All of us must try to see ourselves as God sees us. In one sense we are worthless. We are dust as we hear on Ash Wednesday. Yet there is another sense in which we are great and important. But this is so only when we recognize that this is the work of God. He took hold of worthless dust and gave it value by making it to his own image and likeness. Our Lord tells us today: *Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.* We can only exalt ourselves with God’s help. If we attempt to lift ourselves up by our own efforts we are bound to fall, we must have the humility to see that without Christ we can do nothing. The proud persons are so full of themselves that there is no room for God in their lives. They are the ones who will eventually be humbled. We must, as the Cure said, put ourselves in the right relationship with God; then we will be our true selves and worthy to be exalted. Our Lord gave us the example of this himself; He *emptied himself coming down in the form of a servant.* He continually humbled himself. But in the end, he was raised up and every knee *in heaven, on earth and under the earth* bowed down before him.

Father Paul will be on annual leave until Friday, 2nd September. Father Hugh Thomas, a Redemptorist Priest from Kogarah, will supply for the weekend 27th and 28th August. There will be no weekday Masses during Father Paul's absence. These Masses will resume on Saturday, 3rd September, at 8 am.



PARISH MORNING TEA: Our next parish Morning Tea will be on Friday the 16th of September, at 10.30 am in the Marion Hall (go through the Church). All are welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an informal and social gathering.

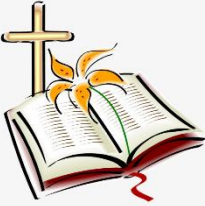


Over the past few Sundays, the Children in our parish celebrated their Confirmation or Reconciliation Sacraments. **Thank you** to all the Sacrament Team: Jane and Michael Gleeson, Yvonne and Andrew Laming, Lucy Doan, Susan Canham, Lucas Di Ciccio, Kylie Strode and Sandra Green the Parish Sacramental

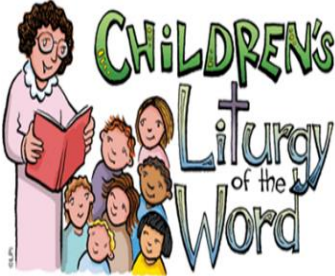
Co-ordinator who all worked tirelessly to ensure our Sacramental programs run smoothly and our children are well prepared.

RECONCILIATION 2022 (Year 2 and above) Term Four:

Applications open at **the end of Term 3**. (See details on the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au) in the tab Sacramental Dates 2022.



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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY during the Sunday 10am Mass: We look forward to seeing our young parishioners attend Children's Liturgy during the *10am Sunday Mass*. Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND: Thanks to all the people who gave generously to the appeal last weekend. The money collected for this Appeal assists in the furthering of the Church mission and service for the people of the Archdiocese. If you missed the opportunity to give to the appeal, envelopes are still available on the tables in the Church foyer.

TAX RECEIPTS for parishioners' part of the envelope or credit card giving program for 2021-2022 are available. Please email oatleycc@bigpond.net.au if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

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 clicking on the following [APPLICATION FORM](#). Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley. *Fr. Paul*

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**

