

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
Saturday	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Sunday	8 am, 10 am		
Monday	9am (Rosary 8.45)	Exposition	Thursday, 9am to 11.45am (with benediction at 11.30am)
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Wednesday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Thursday	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
Friday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Saturday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

27th January 2019 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Masses and Prayers, Montague Williams (rec dec), Rita Briscoe-Hough (rec dec), Eileen Harland (rec dec), Mia Van der Velden (rec dec), Ignatius McCristae (rec dec), Josephine Sidoti (rec dec), Valerio Domene – Ghini (rec dec), John Machart (ann.29/1), Ellen Munroe (ann.31/1), Janice Anderson (ann.3/2), Mary Stephenson (ann.28/1), Alice McMullen (ann.30/1), Betty Chapman (ann.31/1), members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

Freedom: Somerset Maugham wrote a fairy tale entitled “Princess September and the Nightingale”. The nightingale used to come and sing to the princess every day. This roused the jealousy of her sisters who suggested that the bird might fly away. So the princess caught the nightingale and put it in a golden cage. But once the nightingale was caged up and thus unable to be free it could not sing. When the princess says that she will take him out every day he replies that he cannot sing without freedom. He must enjoy the rice fields and the lake and the willow trees without looking at them through the bars of a cage. “I cannot sing unless I am free”, he says “and if I cannot sing I die”. So the princess gives him his liberty. Freedom is God’s greatest gift to humanity but it is a dangerous gift. Christ in today’s Gospel quotes the Prophet Isaiah about himself saying that one of the reasons for his coming was to set at liberty those who are oppressed. Thus Christianity became the religion of freedom and an enemy of slavery in any form. Where there is oppression men “cannot sing” and there is lack of love. Love is the keynote of Christianity and love is a liberating power. Love too is the enemy of evil. Christ said “Truly I say to you that whoever commits sin is the slave of sin”. Christ certainly came to free us from this form of slavery. He also came to show the value of each individual in the sight of God and that therefore there should be no tyrannizing over him by unjust treatment or insulting his person dignity. Today liberty is often simply another word of permissiveness or licence. But liberty to be true liberty must have boundaries. There is no liberty without law. Refusal to obey the laws, for example, governing sex or the dignity of the person, only results in the end in misery and a form of slavery. Christ is the great champion of freedom. He is the Truth, and the Truth will make us free.

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 10 February 2019 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via

St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Terry Brady. Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

Monday, 28th January is a Public Holiday. Mass will be at 9am instead of 8am. (Public Holiday Mass timetable).

St Joseph’s Primary School will resume on Wednesday 30th January.

Money Counters 2019: Due to retirements and people moving away, we require, four volunteer money counters for this year and onward. Please see Fr Paul if you are interested.

Urgent Call for New Lectors 2019: Nine readers have requested to retire from reading duties. Could anyone that can be of any assistance please email Caroline Dimeo urgently - caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com. Any help would be appreciated. Ideally readers are allocated 5-6 readings per year.

COLLECTIONS AND ROSTERS

1st: 686	2nd: \$394	Envelopes: \$11501
Money Counters Roster	Sun 29 Jan Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan	
	Sun 5 Feb Brian & Marcia Smith	

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 26 Jan 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Brian & Marcia Smith	Declan & Sorcha McIntyre	Rafe Kowron
Sun 27 Jan 8am	Robert Dimeo	Sandra & Audrey Green	No Servers	Seb Arena
Sun 27 Jan 10am	Joe Shakkal	Michael Gleeson	Simon Nadile Zamarah Verlinde	George Battikha
Sat 2 Feb 5pm	Danny Clark	TBA	David Childs Lachlan Hoy	Brian Smith
Sun 3 Feb 8am	Anne Lee	TBA	No servers	Maria Pak
Sun 3 Feb 10am	TBA	TBA	Livia Zuvic Ana Beretin Licha	Lewis DeGabriele
Children’s Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 27 Jan	School Holidays	Marcia Smith	Marcia Smith Marg Vella	
Sun 3 Feb	Angela Nadile	Lewis DeGabriele	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	