

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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

### 10th February 2019 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses and Prayers;** Grace Washington (rec dec), Rita Briscoe – Hough (rec dec), Ignatius McCristal (rec dec), John Briscoe – Hough (ann.), Allan Bible (ann.8/2), Wadih Ramia (ann.2years), Alice Delaney (ann.14/2), Linda Snell (ann.17/2), Marjorie Keating (ann.12/2), Virginia Cameron ann.14/2), members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

**Fear of God:** Fear of God is based on reverence and a realisation of the great gulf that separates sinful man from God. It was realised in the cry of Abraham "I will speak to my God though I am but dust and ashes". Moses too had this fear at the burning bush "Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look on God". Those who have this fear of God are those who have a real insight into his holiness. This holiness of God comprises several elements. It is mysterious, full of majesty, attractive yet frightening so that one faced with it has a sense of his own nothingness.

Peter experience this fear of God in today's Gospel but mingled with it was a great love. Peter certainly loved Christ when he knelt at his feet and said "Depart from me because I am a sinful man, O Lord". He felt at that moment his own weakness in the face of such great power; he realised how unworthy he was in the presence of the holiness of Christ. He had fished all night and brought his nets back empty. He contrasted that with the full nets that Christ had given him. At the same time he was drawn to Christ by his love for him and certainly did not mean his words to be taken literally. His joy must have been complete when he heard Christ's reassuring words "Fear not, for henceforth you shall catch people". "Admire", said St. John Chrysostom, "the dispensation of the Lord; how he draws each by the art most familiar to him and natural to him: the Magi by a star, the fishermen by fish". For what was happening was a living parable. For a time the lake of Galilee became a world-wide ocean, and the fish the people who live in it. Christ and his apostles are to draw them into their net. This scene is a wonderful revelation of the power and holiness of the personality of Christ.

### Catholic Schools' Week - 2020 Kindergarten Enrolments

Catholic Schools week will be held from 3- 9 March. The theme for Catholic Schools Week is *Discover our difference at your local Catholic School*. The 2020 Kindergarten Enrolment Period commences during this week. School tours will be available on the following afternoons

for new families interested in enrolling their children at St Joseph's. Please contact the School Office on 9580 6588 if you wish to attend one of the school tours.

**Enrolment Packs will be available from Monday 4 March for collection.**

**School Tour Dates; 3.30 each day.**

Monday 4 March, Tuesday 5 March, Thursday 7 March and Friday 8 March.

**A Remembrance Service will be held in the Calvary Hospital Chapel** An invitation is extended to all who have suffered grief or bereavement and especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary. Saturday 16 February 2019 Service Commences at 2.00pm Followed by a light refreshments Calvary Hospital Chapel of the Resurrection 111 Rocky Point Road, Kogarah. Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of their loved one.

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

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Enrolment packs will be available from

### COLLECTIONS AND ROSTERS

1st 990	2nd: \$446	Envelopes 1536
Money Counters Roster	Sun 12 Feb Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan	
	Sun 19 Feb Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Maria Pak	

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 9 Feb 5pm	Vince Elliott	Sandra Soldo	Amber L Gaia el K	Richard
Sun 10 Feb 8am	Robert Dimeo	Vesna Zovic	No Servers	Mark Shad
Sun 10 Feb 10am	Phillip Merrick	Ana Simurina	Marita B Mavina K	David Lee
Sat 16 Feb 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Richard McMillan	TBA	John Perkins
Sun 17 Feb 8am	George Lazar	Jean Devine	TBA	Seb Arena
Sun 17 Feb 10am	John Romanous	Jade Serban	TBA	Maureen Owens
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		<b>Rosary Leader</b>	<b>Altar Society</b>	
Sun 10Feb	Alison Felici	Brian Rayment	Lynne Ekholm	
Sun 17 Feb	N/A	Marcia Smith	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	