

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	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Wednesday	8am (Rosary 7.45),		
Thursday	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
Friday	8am (Rosary 7.45)	Exposition	Thursday 9am to 11.45 (with benediction at 11.30am)
Saturday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

8 December 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent

Masses and Prayers :Fr John Flynn LC (rec dec) Fr Paul Stenhouse MSC (rec dec), Marie Monica Brymer (rec dec).

THE JESSE TREE. The idea of the Jesse Tree for Advent comes from the traditional window in many medieval Cathedrals whose design is based on the descent of Jesus from the royal line of King David in most cases springing from Jesse, the father of David, and ending in Jesus or the Virgin and Holy Child, with intermediary descendants placed on scrolls of foliage branching out of each other. Some have the descent as recorded in St. Luke's Gospel and others recorded in St. Matthew's Gospel. A simple Jesse tree for children in primary school has cards the children have prepared and coloured, representing Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, Moses, Jesse, David, Solomon, Jonah, Mary and Joseph. Famous Jesse windows can be seen in the cathedrals of Wells, in England, and Chartres, in France. There is a depiction of a Jesse Tree in the window of St. Joseph's Church porch. Last Sunday, some of the Children of the Parish beautifully decorated and trimmed with tinsel our Parish Tree the foyer. This was the tree that provided the gifts for the Children of Farmers in drought affected areas doing it tough at present.

SINGERS REQUIRED TO FORM A CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Gosh it's only three weeks before Christmas! An appeal is made for singers to form a Choir for the 9.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Marion Binns, our Organist at the 10 am Mass on Sunday, would like to hear from you if you can help out in this regard.

New Catechists Required in 2020: Last year and in the current year, all scripture classes have been covered by some catechists teaching more than one class. In fairness, this situation cannot be expected to continue indefinitely. Accordingly, up to 3 new catechists are required to commence from around mid February next year. Being a catechist is very rewarding. If you would like to join our friendly and committed team of catechists in bringing the "Good News" to Catholic students in the three local State primary schools and are available for a 30 minute class on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning, please contact Fr Paul (9580 1864) or Mike Cummins (0413 586870 or cummism@optusnet.com.au). Free training and resources are provided.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will be made this weekend. (7/8) December.

Our Parish Group of the Life Ascending Movement, meets in the Marian Hall on Friday 13 Dec 2019 from 10.30am to 12.30pm. (and the 2nd Friday of each month except January)

If you are retired or nearing retirement, you are invited to join with like-minded parishioners in prayer and friendship and in gaining much from the fruits of this new Movement within our Church, with its special spirituality for older people.

important features are; it offers the development of new friendships among retirees, who sometimes experience a lonely stage of life.

It provides scope for retirees to contribute to the work of our Church within their own circumstances; It was introduced into Australia only 20 years ago - from the work of the Second Vatican Council.

New Lectors : I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our current lectors and I would love to welcome any new readers that would like to be included in the next roster. Please email - caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com and include your mass time preferences. Proclaiming the work of the Lord is a rewarding way to be involved in our parish and everyone is welcome including members of our parish currently in high school or starting high school in 2020.

Church Wardens Wanted: Over recent months our parish has lost three rostered Church Wardens. Wardens are required for three Masses over the weekend - 5.00pm Vigil on Saturday and 8.00am and 10.00am Masses on Sunday. The duties involve managing the collections and attending to the sale of the Catholic Weekly at the table in the foyer. Initially experienced assistance will be provided.

As a reminder, the first collection supports the daily living expenses of the parish clergy and the second collection including planned giving program is the main source of income for the daily running of the parish. Parishioners are asked to consider this request and advise John Perkins on 0409077490 or Richard McMillan on 9580 5778. Enquiries close 14 Dec 2019.

Collections & Rosters

1st 737		2nd: \$444		Envelopes \$ 1519	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 10 Dec	Lynne Ekholm & Leo Sullivan			
	Sun 17 Dec	Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Carol Harland			
Masses	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 7 Dec 5pm	Joe Shakkal	George Novak	Luca J John M	Rafe Kowron	
Sun 8 Dec 8am	George Lazar	Ainsley Wilson	No Servers	Seb Arena	
Sun 8 Dec 10am	Phillip Merrick	Francis D'Silva	Declan M	George Battikha	
Sat 14 Dec 5pm	Vince Elliott	Lewis DeGabriele	Anthony A Ivan G	Richard McMillan	
Sun 15 Dec 8am	Anne Lee	Vesna Zovic	No Servers	Mario Cuenca	
Sun 15 Dec 10am	John Romanous	Jamie Dimeo	Lachlan H Ana Beretin L	Lewis DeGabriele	
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 8 Dec	Kylie Brakel	Marcia Smith	Lynne Ekholm		
Sun 15 Dec	Leilah Nelson	Lewis DeGabriele	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson		