

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.

30th April 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Deceased: John Yassa, recently deceased; Martin Avendano, Alfio and Rosaria Mangano, Mary Smith, Jack Saunders, Dorothy Rowley, Dora Altham, Jesus Manglicmot, Rogelio Uy snr, Fr. Gerald Walsh, Brian Patrick Rayment, Fr. John Pearce, Carol Rigby, anniversaries.

THE INDIVIDUAL: In modern factory raw materials are manufactured into a finished product by a process of mass production. Millions of articles are turned out exactly similar, according to a certain size, shape, and content. When God makes a human being, he does not mass produce. He is not a manufacturer – he is an artist who does not repeat himself. Of all the countless millions of men and women that he has created there have never been two of the same. It is true that they have a common nature and therefore to some extent are similar in appearance, but their difference lies in that divine spiritual quality in them which makes them unique. It is for the recognition of this fact that the Catholic Church had to fight so often through the ages. Others make men and women into cogs in some harsh mechanical system whose sole occupation is to serve their iron master until they are worn out and useless. The German filmmaker, Fritz Lang, made this point powerfully in his famous silent movie “Metropolis”.

Our blessed Lord emphasises the value of each person when he speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and knows each of them by name. He loves each one to the extent that he will go after it when it is lost and will even go as far as dying for it. This then is the value of each human being that, not only are they a special creation of God, with all God’s love centred on them, but also, they are the object of the death of God upon a cross. This gives us immense dignity. This should also give us great consolation. Whatever natural talents or make-up we have, however inferior in intellect or opportunity, we may be in comparison with those about us, we have always the knowledge that we are the object of God’s special love. Well might we pray with the psalmist exultantly: *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want, near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.*

Retirement of Father Paul: As announced at all the Masses on Easter Sunday, Father Paul will be leaving Oatley in October this year, to go on Lesser Duties in retirement. An Archdiocesan process can now begin to appoint a new Parish Priest for Oatley. Father Paul will be moving to a private villa unit in Beverly Hills.



You are all invited to our next MORNING TEA-FRIDAY 5th MAY at 10.30am: Following on from the very successful World Day of Prayer at St Joseph's, we now extend an invitation to all the local church members to get together once

again at St Joseph's Oatley Church, 21C Frederick Street, Oatley. The morning tea is for all our local residents to come together in community friendship. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please, if you can, bring a small plate of food to share.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OATLEY
INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO
OUR NEW

Family Mass

HELD ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5PM.
Live music by talented musicians from our community.

For more information please email
rebecca.edgell@syd.catholic.edu.au

An illustration of a church building with a family standing in front of it. The church has a large blue rose window and two yellow stars on its facade. A man in a green shirt, a woman in a pink shirt, and two children in blue and green dresses are looking at the church.

FAMILY MASS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

The next Family Mass at the Parish will be next Saturday the 6th of May at the 5pm Vigil Mass. Also, we are looking forward to our young parishioners joining in the Children's Liturgy group on **Sunday's during the 10am Mass.** We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work where the Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings. Please encourage your children to join the group.

Lamington Drive -is being held at our Parish this **weekend at the Masses on the 29th and 30th April**. The Ex Marist-Mothers of Marist College North Sydney are initiating this fundraising project and we are helping by selling lamingtons on their behalf. **We have been advised that the lamingtons are bigger and more delicious than ever!**

Orders and payment will be taken this weekend Masses on 29th and 30th April (Cash only). Lamingtons can then be collected from the Marian Hall before and after the weekend Masses on 13th and 14th May.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH OATLEY: The sacramental program has recently been published on the St Joseph's website. Please refer to the following link for further details [SACRAMENTAL DATES 2023 | St Josephs \(stjosephschurch.com.au\)](https://stjosephschurch.com.au)

Also, the website provides you with the application form and further information for the upcoming First Holy Communion. Alternatively, click on the following link [First Holy Communion 2023 Information & application form.](#)

EASTER DUES ENVELOPES are on the tables in the foyer of the Church. Easter dues support the Priests of the Archdiocese, including your own Parish Priest.

The Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal will be held on the weekend of the 6th and 7th May. Envelopes are available on the tables in the foyer. The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is a centralised fund for the support of the charitable and pastoral activities of the Sydney Archdiocese that extend beyond the limits of any single parish. Please be generous in giving to this appeal. Any Donation \$2 and over is 100% tax deductible.

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

