

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.

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 12th February 2023

Masses for the Deceased: (Patricia) Jean Devine, Norman Joseph Windred, Cardinal George Pell, Amadeo Alvaro, Mila Lukas, recently deceased; Denise Caramsing, Andja Dzajic, John Richard Hilder, Timothy Alen Vasquez, Rory Buchanan, anniversaries.

BITTERNESS: One of the big differences between the Old Testament and the New is given to us in the prologue of St. John's Gospel: *For the law was given by Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.* Our Lord emphasises this in today's Gospel. In the Old Testament the accent was very much on external conduct – the keeping of the Law. In the New it is on the internal spirit, a person's motives, attitudes of inner life.

The ancient dispensation taught: *Thou shalt not kill.* This still holds in the New, but more is added. One must get rid of thoughts of enmity; one must not kill another in one's mind. Nor must one look upon another person as a fool in a contemptuous manner. If one has deep and bitter feelings and expresses them in words about one's neighbour, then you would be in danger of eternal enmity with God. Our Lord adds that to harbour any ill will towards others cuts one off from God so that such a person coming to God's altar to make an offering would be rejected until peace has been made between them.

Bitterness is a contraction of the heart. It is a poisoning of human personality. Bitterness breeds bitterness. Dr. Martin Luther King showed his nobility of character by his refusal to become bitter in spite of hatred and persecution directed against him. He was imprisoned twelve times; his home was bombed twice; threats of death were constantly hurled against him and his family. In one of his sermons, he said: "As my suffering mounted, I soon realised that there were two ways in which I could respond to my situation, either to react with bitterness or seek to transform the suffering into a creative force. I decided to follow the latter course." The source of his power to do so he found in Christ. "I have learned now that the Master's burden is light

precisely when we take his yoke upon us". Where Christ is there can be no bitterness, only love.



Our Next Parish Morning Tea will be this **Tuesday, 14th February (St Valentine's Day)** at **10.30 am** in the Marion Hall. All our welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an easy and informal way.

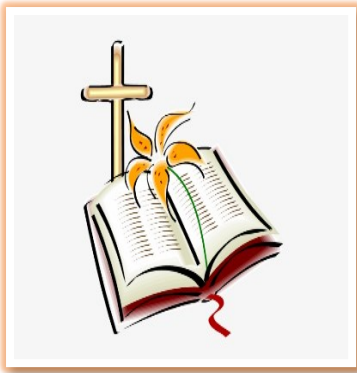
Altar Servers Training: We require anyone who may be interested in becoming an Altar server at the parish to attend the upcoming training sessions. All trainees must attend two afternoon training sessions. The training sessions are scheduled for either **Tuesday the 14th and 21st February 2023, at 4-5pm OR Friday the 17th and 24th February 2023, at 4-5pm. Training will be held in the Church at St Joseph's Oatley.** For further information, please contact the office on **9580-1864** or eatleycc@bigpond.net.au.

Jean Devine's funeral will be held at the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church, Taree, on Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 11am and the burial will take place afterwards at the Dawson River Cemetery.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated here (St. Joseph's, Oatley) on Saturday, 18th February 2023 at 10 am.

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**





URGENT CALL FOR NEW LECTORS 2023: Several of our readers have dropped off during the previous years and this has made the number of readers now available greatly reduced. We are urgently calling for good readers to come forward to offer themselves for this important ministry. If you can help, please email Caroline Dimeo: caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com. Ideally readers are allocated 5-6 readings per year.

Welcome to Children's Liturgy



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY
STARTING SUNDAY 19TH
FEBRUARY:** We are looking forward to welcoming our young parishioners back to Children's Liturgy on the **19th of February during the 10am Sunday Mass**. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work where the Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings.

Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish. If you wish to support your Parish, St Joseph's Oatley, please click on the tab below.

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