

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	Exposition	Thursday 9am to 11.45 (with benediction at 11.30am)
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)		
Saturday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

15 September 2019 – 24 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Patricia Doepel (rec dec), Bernard Jenner (ann.20/9), Phyllis Buchanan (ann.18/9), Ray Doughan (ann. 19/9), Paul Pickering (ann.22/9), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Alice Nelson, Sr Gabriel OLN, Genevieve Shipton, Denise Bailey.

FORGIVENESS: Running through the whole of Scripture like a scarlet thread is forgiveness. The bible is the book of forgiveness. From its first pages to the end God is forgiving those who have sinned. In spite of all the infidelities of the people who came out of Egypt, even to the worshipping of a golden calf (the similitude of a beast that eats grass), God forgives them at the request of Moses.

Christ is the personification of forgiveness. God sent his Son into the world to take away its sins and show us the way to true sorrow.

In the Gospel we are given three very attractive parables of forgiveness. Christ is the good shepherd who hunts for the lost sheep to bring it back to the fold. We are given the beautiful comforting picture of the shepherd carrying the sheep on his shoulders symbolic of the love of Christ for the sinner. Christ too is the woman who searches for a lost coin and rejoices when she finds it. The Gospel ends with the most attractive parable of them all – the welcoming back home of the Prodigal son in spite of all his ingratitude. In all these parables there is a tremendous note of joy. The heart of Christ is filled with happiness when he wins over a sinner.

God knows us through and through. He knows our weaknesses and our selfish dispositions but at the same time he knows that we can rise to greatness and holiness with his help. The relationship of God to those whom he has made is indeed a great mystery, but then God's love is a mystery; but at least we can see how it reveals itself in kindness and mercy towards the greatest sinners. Everyone who has sinned will be welcomed back to his arms if, like the Prodigal Son, they are truly sorry for what they have done.

Stand for Life Rally

This is our last chance to have a huge public gathering to oppose the extreme abortion bill that is being rushed through NSW Parliament. Join religious leaders, politicians, pro-life advocates and everyone who stands for women and children for a rally on Sunday, 15 September 2019 at 2.30pm in Hyde Park, Sydney. More information www.stand4.life

St Mary's Cathedral Is Recruiting For New Volunteers

If you have a love of history and architecture, these passions can be brought to life by becoming a St Mary's Cathedral Volunteer Tour Guide. St Mary's Cathedral welcomes thousands of visitors on a daily basis, and Volunteer Tour Guides play an important role in helping visitor groups and tourists to explore the largest Cathedral in the Southern hemisphere. All are welcome to apply, as previous experience is not required. Tour guide training and induction will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the Special Liturgies Officer via email jennifer.foe@stmaryscathedral.org.au or phone 02 9220 0453.

Chorister for a Day

St Mary's Cathedral invites boys aged between 6 and 8 to be a 'Chorister for a day' on Saturday 21st September. Meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life and perform with the Choristers. To register your son or for more information, please contact our Music Administrator at music@stmaryscathedral.org.au or by phoning (02) 9220 0481. There are only 40 places available.

This Weekend there will be an **appeal for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese**. This appeal is usually made on Father's Day. Envelopes are available on the pews.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 22/9/2019 at 1.30 and 4pm.

Collections and Rosters

	1st \$731	2nd: \$430	Envelopes \$ 1560	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 17 Sept	George & Kathy Novak		
	Sun 24 Sept	Vince & Jenny Elliott		
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 14 sept 5pm	Vince Elliott	Brian & Marcia Smith	Ana Beretin L Livia V	John Perkins
Sun 15 Sept 8am	George Lazar	Damian Callinan	No Servers	Seb Arena
Sun 15 Sep 10am	John Romanous	Jelena Suto	Anna & Grace C	George Battikha
Sat 21 sept 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Patrick Salonga	Amber L Gaia el K	Bill Quigley
Sun 22 Sept 8am	Anne Lee	Richard McMillan	No Servers	Mario Cuenca
Sun 22 Sep 10am	Phillip Merrick	Joseph Lucero	Alana Green Mavina K	Lewis DeGabriele
	Children's Liturgy	Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 15 Sept	Alison Felici	Marcia Smith	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	
Sun 22 Sept	No Liturgy	Lewis DeGabriele	Marcia Smith	