

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

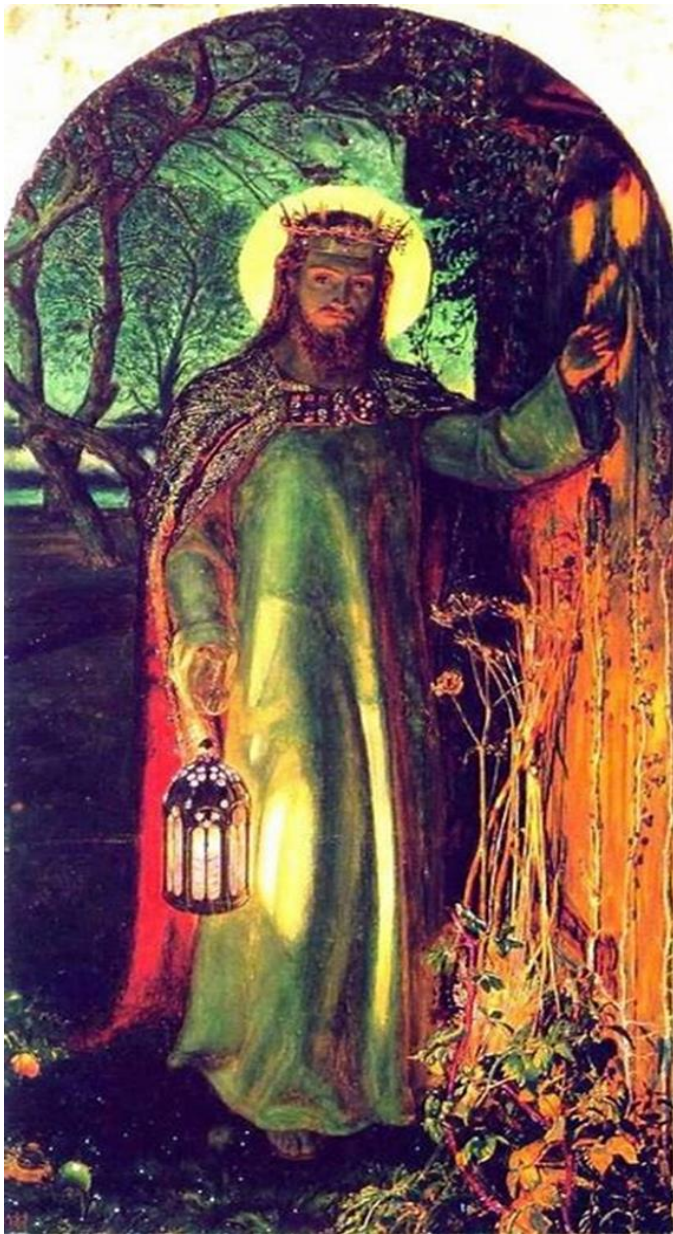
Confessions are available before the 5 pm Vigil Mass (4 pm to 4.45 pm)

WELCOME BACK

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.

24th April 2022 – Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday or
Divine Mercy Sunday)

Masses for the Deceased: Rafael Fkowronski (Rafe Kowron), Carl Anthony Owens, recently deceased; Jack Saunders, Dorothy Rowley, Joseph Santos Phillips, Marija Obrovac, Steve Nekich, John King, Jean Curlisa, Miroslav Kalic, anniversaries, deceased members of the Beljo family and all the Holy Souls.



FAITH: Faith is an adventure of the spirit. It is the breaking through of the world of the senses to the unseen world beyond. It is, in St. Paul's words: *the substance of things to be hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* It is an encounter with God. The acceptance of a gift offered. For faith is a gift and thus must be accepted. It is a cooperation between God and the individual. There is a well-known story concerning a painting by Holman Hunt representing the text of the book of Revelations: *Behold I stand at the door and knock.* Christ is shown with a lantern knocking at a door. It is said that when the painting was in the artist's studio someone said to him: "You have made a mistake in the picture. You haven't put a handle on the door". And the artist is supposed to have replied: "No, I have made no mistake. This door only opens from the inside." Christ will knock but he will not force an entrance.

The trouble with Thomas in today's Gospel was that he wanted the evidence of his senses before he would accept that Jesus had risen. His faith had been darkened by the gloom of Golgotha. A dead body on the cross was something he could understand and believe in, but a body risen from the dead, that was unbelievable though his best friends had told him it was true. Also, he must have heard Our Lord's prophecies about himself. Thomas had a touch of the humanist in him. He would not even trust his eyesight. He must not only see Christ but also touch his wounds before he would believe in him. We have not seen Christ or touched him, but we believe. Why? Because the Christ we know from Scripture is one who cannot deceive us, cannot let us down. Our faith in him is not static. It is a living force in our lives. It gives significance to our decision and encouragement when life becomes difficult. It is our faith that ultimately makes life worth living. Without it, it would be "full of sound and fury signifying nothing."

Thank you to all who were involved in making our Easter Triduum ceremonies a prayerful and moving experience: Acolytes, Readers, Audio/ Visual and streaming technicians, Organist and Singers, Wardens, and members of the Altar Society.

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

ANZAC DAY 25th APRIL: Monday is a Public Holiday and a day of special commemoration on which we remember the men and women of our Defence Forces and all those who have given their lives in love and service to our country. *Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9 am in our Parish on Monday* for our ANZACS and all those who have died in the defence of the freedom of our nation.

Anzac Day: 9am Mass only.

The Pascal precept binds all Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. The faithful are also obliged to confess their grave (mortal) sins individually in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

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



Sacramental Program for 2022 has been recently updated, please visit the Parish website: www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click on the tab *Sacramental Dates 2022* for further information.

Applications for the ***Sacrament of Confirmation 2021 & 2022*** are now open and will close Sunday 17 April 2022. Please visit the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click on the tab *Sacramental Dates 2022* for further details. The parent information evening is scheduled for 28 April @ 7.30pm via ZOOM[®]. All families registered will be sent the ZOOM[®] link by email from the sacramental coordinator after applications close

Please note that Parish Confirmations this year will be at St. Mary's Cathedral on the **7th of August 2022 at 3.30pm** (St. George's Deanery parishes).



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Church Open

Our church is open each day for weekday Masses and Sunday Masses at 5pm (Saturday Vigil), 8am and 10am, Sundays. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

Planned Giving: Your contribution to the 2nd collection goes towards the running and upkeep of our parish, and 30% of what you donate is eligible for a tax deduction.

New Contributors: If you wish to become part of our regularly giving programme at St Joseph's Parish Oatley, please fill in the planned giving form, which can be accessed by opening the attached hyperlink <https://www.stjosephschurch.com.au/donations>.

Click on the button planned giving program to access and fill out form. Otherwise, you may obtain the form from the church foyer or contact the parish office for the application.

Please email the form to oadleycc@bigpond.net.au or drop it in to the Parish Office.

Alternatively, you can post it to: St Joseph's Parish, 21C Frederick St, Oatley NSW 2223.

If you wish to donate to the Church Account (Second Collection) please scan the encryption below, with your mobile phone. This automatically directs you to the parish's Bpoint facility. Please follow the links. If you do not wish to make an internet or online payment, please email the office oadleycc@bigpond.net.au or contact 9580 1864.



Thank you for contributing to St. Joseph's Parish. I am very appreciative of your ongoing generosity and commitment to support our Parish in achieving its Pastoral Mission and meeting ongoing expenses. Fr. Paul.