

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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<b>Schedule of Masses</b>		<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
<b>Saturday</b>	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8 am, 10 am		
<b>Monday</b>	9am (Rosary 8.45)	<b>Exposition</b>	Thursday, 9am to 11.45am (with benediction at 11.30am)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
<b>Thursday</b>	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
<b>Friday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
<b>Saturday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

### 9 June 2019 – Pentecost Sunday

**Masses and Prayers;** Frances Canham (rec dec), Sr Marilyn Browne (rec dec), Connie Smith (ann.25/5), Johann Sender (ann.16/6), Phyllis Kolega (ann.15/6), Catherine Fowler (ann.13/6), members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

**THE BREATH OF GOD:** To the Israelites of old God spoke in the wind. For them the wind was the breath of God upon the earth. They saw in the wind his breath powerful and invigorating. It was the activity and energy of God at work. The wind moved over the dark waters and barren stretches of a formless universe transforming it so that darkness gave way to light, chaos to harmony and a waste land to cultivated beauty. Then the Lord took the dust and shaped it into the form of a human being and breathed into its nostrils the breath of life “and man became a living soul.”

Thus it was that man, because of the breath of God within him, took on a divine likeness – made to the image of his creator. The scriptures are the record of the Spirit – the word spirit means breath. And this breath of God is felt in all its pages. It is a powerful wind carrying us along, shaping events to accomplish its purposes. The prophets of Israel felt its force. They were inspired men – men in whom the breath of God worked.

But it was not until the Old Law moved into the New and Christ appeared that the wind of God received personified expression and became seen as that holy breath, the person of the Holy Spirit. He manifested himself amid the divine storm that swept through the upper room where the first members of the Church were assembled, giving them courage and wisdom to accomplish the task they had been given to do. Today the Church, as always, is guided by that Spirit and protected from dissolution. It is the task of the Spirit to renew its life throughout the ages. He is the Spirit of holiness whose presence in the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, makes it “a glorious Church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing”. He offers himself also to every member of the Church. “A man cannot belong to Christ unless he has the Spirit of Christ”, wrote St. Paul, and again writing to the Corinthians, “Surely you know that your bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit.”

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Next Sunday (Trinity Sunday) the Children of the Parish who have been so prepared will make their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this important step in their journey of Faith. The First Communion Masses will be the Vigil Mass on Saturday, at 5 pm, and additional Masses on Sunday at 1.30 and 4.00 pm.

**Monday is the Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday:** Mass will be at 9 am only.

**The Catholic Women’s League, Oatley,** will hold their next meeting on Saturday 15th June at 10 am in the MARIAN HALL.

**Catechist required:** As a result of an existing catechist having to immediately step down due to changed work hours, we **urgently** need a new catechist to take a delightful year 4 class at Oatley Public school from 9.50 am -10.20 am on Wednesdays. If you would be interested in joining our friendly and committed team of catechists, please contact Fr Paul (9580 1864) or Mike Cummins ([cumminsm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cumminsm@optusnet.com.au) or 0413 586870).

**Children’s Liturgy.** If anyone can help with the Children’s Liturgy, during Sunday 10am Mass, in the Marion Hall. Once in a school term. All materials are provided. Please contact Fr Paul Hilder.

Our Parish Group of the **Life Ascending Movement** meets in the Marian Hall on **Friday 12 June from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm (and the second Friday of each month except Jan).** *If you are retired or nearing retirement, you are invited* to join with like-minded parishioners in prayer and friendship and in getting to know more about the fruits of this new Movement within our Church, with its spirituality for older people. An important feature is it provides retirees with the opportunity to make worthwhile contributions to our Church within the scope of their individual circumstances.

### Collections and Rosters

1st \$609	2nd: \$465	Envelopes \$ 1628		
Money Counters Roster	Sun 11 June	Lynne Ekholm	Leo Sullivan	
	Sun 18 June	Sandy Cox	Maria Pak	
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 8 June 5pm	TBC	Ana Simurina	Livia Vucic Ana Beretin Licha	Bill Quigley
Sun 9 June 8am	Anne Lee	Susan Canham	No Servers	Maria Pak
Sun 9 June 10am	Vince Elliott	Mirjana Males	Ivan Greguric Simon Nadile	Maureen Owens
Sat 15 June 5pm	Vince Elliott	Alison Felici	No Servers	Rafe Kowron
Sun 16 June 8am	Robert Dimeo	Jelena Suto	No Servers	Mark Shad
Sun 16 June 10am	John Romanous	Patrick Salonga	Grace & Anna Childs	George Battikha
<b>Children’s Liturgy</b>		<b>Rosary Leader</b>	<b>Altar Society</b>	
Sun 9 June	Natalie Greguric	Lewis DeGabriele	Lynne Ekholm	
Sun 16 June	First Communion	Brian Rayment	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	