

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: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 11 am and
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.

13th February 2022 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Peter Lyle, Brian Purdon, Josephine Tesoriero, Laurence Richardson, recently deceased; John Richard Hilder, Margaret Mary Irving, Timothy Alen Vasquez, Fr. Andrew Quinn, Marcia June Elliott, anniversaries.

THE FOOLISH AND THE WEAK: Superficially, Our Lord's words during his sermon on the mountain-side sound foolish. They seem to be advocating what is contrary to common sense. How can poverty of spirit, meekness, the willing suffering of persecution, be a source of power? Surely the very opposite is the case. This would certainly be accepted by the Caiphases, Herods and Pilates in Our Lord's day. Yet the history of Christianity has proved the opposite. *God has chosen, in St. Paul's words, the weak in the world to shame the strong.*

Who would have thought it possible that a few fishermen in an out-of-the-way province of a great empire would light a fire that would burn, not only in the heart of Rome, but would spread far and wide throughout the world and would never be extinguished.

Christ's words have again and again shown their power, The early Christians martyrs' cry: "You slay us but we conquer by your slaying," revealed the fact that suffering for justice's sake can become the seed of a powerful growth. The lives of many saints provide more proof of the truth of what Christ said. One has only to think of the influence for good that the poor man Francis of Assisi has had, or a Bernadette, whose innocence, poverty, and weakness drew Our Lady to Lourdes and the immense spiritual good that has resulted. It makes one think of those other words of St. Paul: *The wisdom of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is more powerful than men.* And the supreme example of those words is Christ himself. He was poor, was led like a lamb to the slaughter. He humbled himself even to death on the cross, he suffered persecution and as a result of it all has become the most powerful force in the world. *If I be lifted up, he said, I will draw all to myself.*

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 2021: Please visit the Parish website:

www.stjosephschurch.com.au



CCareline: helping Sydney families with relationships, parenting, ageing services, disability, addictions and mental health concerns.
connect@catholiccare.org

Church Open

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

When you arrive for Mass at the Church or the Hall, you will also need to use the QR code OR use the 'pen and paper' system for official registration. This is the NSW Government compliance requirement.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to Mass and we will be doing all that is reasonably possible to keep everyone safe who attends Mass. There will be good ventilation, hand sanitiser available and cleaning of the church between Masses. For regular updates on the current restrictions in the Church please refer to:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions>

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 oatleycc@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 oatleycc@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.