

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	9am (Rosary 8.45)		
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)		

6 October 2019 – 27 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Ignatius McCrystal (rec dec) John Bernard McMillan (ann.26/9), John Kevin McMillan (ann.2/10), Brian Lonergan (ann.13/10), Adrian Cowper (ann.12/10), William Parkin (ann.13/10), Violet Goulden (ann.13/10), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Alice Nelson, Sr Gabriel OLN, Genevieve Shipton, Denise Bailey.

THE POWER OF FAITH: Christ is telling us in the Gospel that faith is an explosive power. He uses the image of an uprooted tree to express it. Its violence transforms a man, uproots him from the soil of complacency and egoism and imparts to him new powers and insight. Now he can rise from the grave in a resurrection of glory; now life for him takes on a new significance, now he lives by principles which are flowering forth from the rich soil of the grace and love of Christ. This living powerful faith enables him to view the world with new vision. He has “the evidence of things which do not appear”. For him ordinary water becomes “living water”; bread is converted into “Bread from Heaven” and a vine is transformed into the being of Christ.

But though he has these new powers within him it does not cause him to run away from life. It does not confine him to an ivory tower in some castle in Europe. Faith has to do with ordinary living. It is not a starry-eyed affair. The man of faith remains very much down to earth engaged amid the dust of everyday activities but with new strength and vision. Thus life for him is no longer meaningless. *“I am the Resurrection and the Life”*, said Christ, *“he who believes in me though he be dead shall live”*. It is Christ who is the power within faith. He uproots what is dead and causes it to live in a new splendour of existence. Faith keeps a man *“rooted and founded in Christ”*. He gives the grace to believe; but there must be a response of acceptance from the heart of man. Christ lays the trail but we, in the end must ignite the explosive force. Even Saul, who was knocked down on the Damascus road, by the violence of God’s grace, was able to accept it because fundamentally he was a man of good will. The more we make ourselves ready to receive the grace of faith the greater will be its explosive power in us.

Daylight saving begins this Sunday. Clocks should be put forward one hour before retiring on Saturday evening.

As Monday is a Public Holiday in New South Wales (Labour Day), Mass will be at 9 am instead of 8 am.

Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering: “Making it Real Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World:” Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year. We will

have speakers on a variety of topics related to the 2019 Social Justice Statement “Making it Real Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World:” Speakers will talk about risks posed by social media and digital technologies as well as a general overview of Catholic Social Teaching.

We will also have copies of the Statement and practical resources to take home with you. Our full line-up of speakers will be announced shortly!

Lunch and refreshments throughout the day. All welcome.

WHEN: Saturday 19th October 2019, 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm

WHERE: St Columba’s Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North

COST: Free .RSVP: Essential for catering: email jpinfo@sydneycatholic.org or call 9307 8465

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 13 October, 2019 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Richard Umbers.

Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

Our Parish Group of the **Life Ascending Movement** meets in the Marian Hall on Friday 11 October from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. All retirees are invited to join in prayer and friendship within the spirituality of this new movement.”

Collections and Rosters

1st \$596	2nd: \$301	Envelopes \$ 1281		
Money Counters Roster	Sun 08 Oct	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan		
	Sun 15 Oct	Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Carol Harland		
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 5 Oct 5pm	Phillip Merrick	Richard Mcmillan	Grace & Anna C	Richard McMillan
Sun 6 Oct 8am	George Lazar	Ainsley Wilson	No servers	Seb Arena
Sun 6 Oct 10am	Glenn McLachlan	Jamie Dimeo	Alana & Felicity G	George Battikha
Sat 12 Oct 5pm	Vince Elliott	Lewis DeGabriele	Declan & Sorcha M	Brian Smith
Sun 13 Oct 8am	Anne Lee	Susan Canham	No Servers	Mario Cuenca
Sun 13 Oct 0am	John Romanous	Jade Serban	Paris S Gaia el K	David Lee
Children’s Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 6 Oct	School holidays	Marcia Smith	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	
Sun 13 Oct	School Holidays	Lewis DeGabriele	Lynne Ekholm	