

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.

4th September 2022–Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

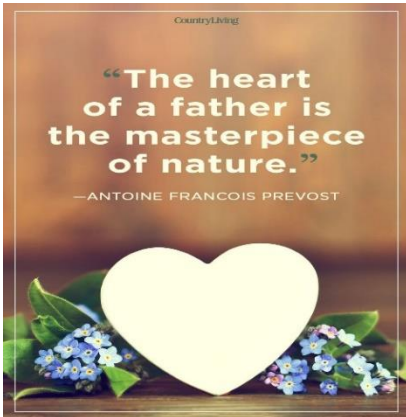
Masses for the Deceased: Janice Scully, recently deceased (Funeral Friday the 9th of September at 10am in the parish); Raymond Byers, Patricia Doepel, Gregory Boyd, Peter Nelson, Father Kevin Starkey, Father John Joseph Fitzgerald cssr., anniversaries.

THE HOUND OF HEAVEN: “I want some more” said Oliver Twist and those words of his changed the whole course of his future life. In Oliver’s case what he wanted was more food, but his words find an echo in every human heart. Everyone wants more joy, more happiness, more of the things that make life worth living and, like Oliver, they are not satisfied. This has its beneficial effect. Dissatisfaction with the present is the spur to greater achievement. If everyone were completely satisfied, there would be no human progress.

The dissatisfaction is God’s pursuit of men. He does not want us to be satisfied completely with things in this world and so he has planted in the human breast a longing for a lost paradise. Even the unbeliever feels at times, though he does not recognise it, some intimations of immortality and it is this that makes him restless for more truth and goodness and beauty. The hound of heaven is pursuing us as he pursues all.

Our Lord says in today’s Gospel that those who wish to be his disciples must renounce all that they have. The disciple must not have such a complete satisfaction with possessions as to make them the master. God must come first in our lives. We must make an offering, in a sense, of all that we have to God in acts of service and love. This is true even of our closest friends and relations. All should be loved in God. Our Lord does not expect every follower of his to give away everything that is possessed, but he does expect that love for him to dominate above all love for them. He does not want half-hearted service. We are not to be like the man in the Gospel who lays the foundation of a tower but was unable to finish it because he had not counted the cost of building it in the

first place. He wants whole-hearted service, and this means counting the cost in self-sacrifice of living for him. Jesus does not offer soft options. To be a wholehearted Christian is not easy. It involves the following of the cross of Christ.



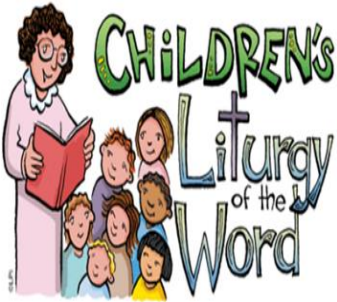
FATHERS DAY: We remember today all our fathers, living and deceased, who have guided us over the years and shaped our character by their faith, industry, and wonderful example.



PARISH MORNING TEA: Our next parish Morning Tea will be on Friday the 16th of September, at 10.30 am in the Marion Hall (go through the Church). All are welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an informal and social gathering.



MASS READERS: Volunteers are needed to read at the Masses on the weekend. Please contact the office 9580-1864 or email oatleycc@bigpond.net.au if you are able to assist on some weekends.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY during the Sunday 10am Mass: We look forward to seeing our young parishioners attend Children's Liturgy during the *10am Sunday Mass*. Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings.

RECONCILIATION 2022 (Year 2 and above) Term Four: Applications open at the end of Term 3. (See details on the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au) in the tab Sacramental Dates 2022.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND: Thanks to all the people who gave generously to the appeal last weekend. The money collected for this Appeal assists in the furthering of the Church mission and service for the people of the Archdiocese. If you missed the opportunity to give to the appeal, envelopes are still available on the tables in the Church foyer.

TAX RECEIPTS for parishioners' part of the envelope or credit card giving program for 2021-2022 are available. Please email otleycc@bigpond.net.au if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

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 clicking on the following [APPLICATION FORM](#). Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley. *Fr. Paul*

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

