

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 opened from 7 am to 6 pm daily, and the usual Mass timetable as above apply. Will look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

16th January 2022 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Fr. Michael Butler, recently deceased, Brian McCudden, Ted Murphy, Christopher Trimboli, anniversaries, Lucia Tesoriero, Giovanni Tesoriero, Rosina Trimboli, Salvatore Trimboli, Gaetano Trimboli, grandparents Antonio, Maria Grazia, Angelina and Gaetano.

I will be away from the Parish from Monday to Friday next week and consequently there will be no daily Masses on those days. Mass will resume at 8 am on Saturday, 22nd January.

ENRICHMENT: For Saint John the Evangelist Christ's miracles are called signs. They have varied significance. In today's Gospel Christ turns water into wine. He enriches something very ordinary make it more precious. This he does with the contract of marriage. He enriches it by his presence, giving it sacramental power so that it becomes a permanent union of love. He does the

same with people's lives if they allow it. Life for most people is made up of very ordinary occupations. They may work in an office, or on a building site, or a farm, or in many other places, a great deal of the day may be taken up with house-work or shopping and looking after children. Everyone has to find some means of livelihood. Even those who have more exciting and interesting occupations can have their moments of boredom and perhaps ill health, so that for a while life may seem not be worth living.

But for those who have a living faith in Christ all this takes on a very different colour. He turns ordinary occupations, trials, difficulties into something richer and valuable just as he turned water into wine. He gives an eternal value to what in itself may be only trivial and commonplace. The water that flowed in Baptism was the making of a Christian. Henceforth, if one lives their life according to their Christian character, he turns the water of their daily tasks into the wine that is of eternal value. Now a shopping basket, a broom, and office desk, a kitchen become the conductors of the eternal.

All this does make life worth living. It makes of it a spiritual adventure. It does not mean that the Christian lives in a cloud-cuckoo land of escapism, but rather that in the midst of the hard facts of life, there is a word, unfelt and most unrealised, a power which transfigures all he does and raises it to heights he is quite unaware of.

THE DATE OF EASTER AND MOVEABLE FEASTS FOR 2022

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars as December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move based upon the date that Easter is set. In the Western Church Easter is determined as the Sunday falling after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall on any Sunday between 22nd March and 25th April.

Most missals and Christian Calendars (e.g. Columban Calendar) will include these dates from year to year, but in earlier days before calendars were common, most people would not have known the dates for the upcoming year. It was a time-honoured custom that on the Feast of the Epiphany, the important dates of the *moveable* Feasts of the Church's year were solemnly proclaimed by the Deacon at High Mass after the singing of the Gospel. We no longer follow this quaint and antique practice, but it is good to know what these dates will be this year, 2022.

The centre point of the Liturgy is always Easter, and this year it will be observed on the **17th April**. The beginning of the Lenten Season in preparation for Easter will be on **2nd March, Ash Wednesday**. **Ascension Day** in Australia will be celebrated on the **29th May**. **Pentecost Sunday** will on the **5th June**, **Trinity Sunday, on the 12th June**, and the **feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** will be on **the 19th June**, and the Friday following, **the 24th June**, will be the Solemnity of **the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. The Last Sunday of the Church's year, **the Solemnity of Christ the King**, will be celebrated on **the 20th November**, and a new Church year will commence with the **First Sunday of Advent on the 27th November**.

During the course of the year, we will celebrate Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles, and the Saints on fixed days. There are four days of special significance for all Australians, Australia Day 26th January, Anzac Day 25th April, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia 24th May, and St. Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) 8th August.

As a serious obligation, the Church enjoins on all the faithful to attend and assist at Mass on **all Sundays of the Church's year** and on **Holy Days of Obligation**. The Holy Days of Obligation in Australia are: Christmas Day, 25th December, and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15th August. This obligation has been relaxed during the current pandemic.

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: Please visit the Parish website:
www.stjosephschurch.com.au

CHURCH OPENING

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.



TAX RECEIPTS for 2020-2021 are available. If you wish to receive an emailed tax receipt, please email the parish office. Once again, we would like to thank all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley.

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.



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