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)

11th July 2021 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FREEDOM FROM WANT:** There was a well-known carton in a newspaper of a monk with a big grin on his face wandering through a store in which were displayed all kinds of expensive goods, clothes, jewellery, etc. Underneath was the caption “Freedom from Want”. This freedom can give both happiness and power. The Roman writer Seneca said “if you want to make a man happy do not add to the sum total of his possessions but subtract from the sum total of his desires.”

 In today’s Gospel Christ is telling the apostles that they are to have this freedom from want and that it would be weapon in spreading the good news of the kingdom. It would be a manifestation of their sincerity. If they were to go about surrounded by wealth and many personal comforts, Christ’s message would not have been preached very convincingly. What would the poor and helpless think of them? Freedom from want meant power because if they had nothing to lose, they would be able to gain much.

 Christ is not telling us that we must follow what he asked the apostles to do, but what he said certainly contained a message for us. St. Ignatius of Loyola expressed very well what that message was when he described the right use of things. He said that they should be used in so far as they are a help to salvation and should be left alone in so far as they are a hindrance to it. This is surely to put possessions in the right light. They must not become a fetish crushing the spiritual lifeblood out of a person. We must learn the lesson of freedom from want of things which are harmful to us which become a barrier between ourselves and God. This is what Christ meant when he said that we must be poor in spirit. Even a rich man can be that. It is within every person’s grasp, though it is not easy to attain.

**Masses for the Deceased:** Fr. Anthony (Tony) Simari, Brian Rayment, Peter Rayment, Walter Ryan,recently deceased. Peter Convento, Fr. Leo Purcell, Fr. Francois Roesch, Fr. Patrick O’Rourke, Terrence Joseph McKeon, anniversaries.

**The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses:** You can access this on YouTube by following this link:

 [bit.ly/stjoatley](http://bit.ly/stjoatley) or



**You can also access it by going to the Archdiocese of Sydney website where there is a list of Churches who stream their Masses each week. Just click on the link for St. Joseph’s Parish, Oatley.**

**Sacramental Program for 2021:** Please visit the Parish website: [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au)

**Closure of Churches due to the recent spread of the Corona virus.**

As from 6pm on Saturday, 26th June 2021, Greater Sydney (which includes the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong, and Shellharbour) has gone into lockdown until midnight on Friday, 16h July. Consequently, the Church is closed until further notice though Services are livestreamed from the parish. You can access this on YouTube by following this link: [bit.ly/stjoatley](Bulletin%2011th%20July%202021.pdf)

However, from 11th July 2021 *funerals are permitted* with a limit of 10 attendees.

Weddings, however, *are not permitted.*

Baptisms *are not permitted*, except in case of emergency. Similarly, the anointing of the sick, and sick calls generally, are permitted in case of emergency only.

It seems clear that, because the new Delta strain of Covid virus is so infectious, we are being asked to be even more cautious than during the previous lockdown. “Stay home” means “avoid all unnecessary contact with other people.”

During the lockdown, the Sunday Mass will be live streamed on YouTube, and you are encouraged to connect prayerfully to this medium. The streaming will begin at 5pm on Saturday and can be accessed at any time after the Mass has concluded.



**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.**

**Envelope Contributors:** Please pick up your packs today in the church foyer**.**

**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**](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 put your completed form in the second collection, otherwise email it 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

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**TAX RECEIPTS for 2020-2021 will be available in August**. 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.**

**11th July 2021 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Procession**

***As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;***

***I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.***

**Penitential Act**

I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned,

in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault,

through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy.  **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

**Collect**

Let us pray.

O God, who show the light of your truth

to those who go astray,

so that they may return to the right path,

give all who for the faith they profess

are accounted Christians

the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ

and to strive after all that does it honour.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** (Refer to your Sunday Missal or Liturgy Sheet)

**PROFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)**

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDANY OF ORDINARY TIME.**

 ***My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people redeemed and forgiven, let us earnestly pray to God, who freely bestows the riches of grace on all in Christ the Beloved.***

1. That the Church, sent by God for the healing of the nations, may proclaim Christ with courage and conviction, and in simplicity and service. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That God’s people may not fear or silence prophetic voices who challenge us to be more faithful to the gospel covenant. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That our communities may be fitting places for the building of God’s Kingdom by our respect, love, and concern for one another. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That the sacrament of anointing and our community’s compassion may bring healing and strength to those who are sick. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That parents and children brought together by adoption may see in their relationship a living image of God’s adoption of each one of us in Christ Jesus. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That we who are redeemed in Christ’s blood and forgiven our trespasses may eagerly make known to all the mystery of God’s saving love for them. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That those departed who believed in Christ and were sealed with the Holy Spirit may now receive the promised inheritance of redemption. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. May the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, make us worthy of the promises of Christ. **HAIL MARY.**

 ***Heavenly Father, listen to the prayers we have made with sincere hearts. Help us to grow in holiness as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.***

**Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith. You, our Salvation, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**Our Spiritual Communion**

***My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.***

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be *etc.*

**Communion Antiphon**

***The sparrow finds a home,***

***and the swallow a nest for her young:***

***by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.***

***Blessed are they who dwell in your house,***

***for ever singing your praise.***

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,

that, by our participation in this mystery,

its saving effects upon us may grow.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**BLESSING**

May the Lord bless us and keep us

May he let his face shine upon us

and show us his mercy.

May he turn his countenance towards us

and give us his peace.

And may Almighty God bless us all, in the name of the Father, and of Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Let us praise the Lord and glorify him in our lives.*** Thanks be to God.