

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)		
Sunday	8 am, 10 am		
Monday	8am (Rosary 7.45)	Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7.45)		
Wednesday	8am (rosary 7.45)		
Thursday	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)	Exposition	Thursday, 9am to 11.45am (with benediction at 11.30am)
Friday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Saturday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

28 April 2019 – Second Sunday of Easter

Masses and Prayers; Terence & Babs Rodrigues (rec dec), Joseph Phillip (ann. 13/4), Leodegario Gillego Jr (ann.16/4), Nenita de los Reyes (ann). Lucio Tesoriero (ann.), Bede Smith (ann.18/4), Carl Devine (ann.26/4), Doris Covick (ann.1/5) members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

FAITH: Faith is an adventure of the spirit. It is the breaking through of the world of the senses to the unseen world beyond. It is, in St. Paul's words "The substance of things to be hoped for, the evidence of things not seen". It is an encounter with God. The acceptance of a gift offered. For faith is a gift and thus has to be accepted. It is cooperation between God and the person. There is a well known story concerning the picture by Holman Hunt representing the text of the book of Revelations "Behold I stand at the door and knock". Christ is shown with a lantern knocking at the door. It is said that when the picture was in the artist's studio someone said to him "You made a mistake in the picture. You haven't put a handle on the door". And the artist is supposed to have replied "No, I have made no mistake. This door only opens from the inside". Christ will knock but he will not force an entrance

The trouble with Thomas in the Gospel was that he wanted the evidence of his senses before he would accept that Christ had risen. His faith had been darkened by the gloom of Golgotha. A dead body on the cross was something he could understand and believe in, but a body risen from the dead that was unbelievable though his best friends had told him it was true. Also he must have heard Christ's prophecies about himself. Thomas had a touch of the humanist in him. He would not even trust his eyesight. He must not only see Christ but also touch his wounds before he would believe in him. We have not seen Christ or touched him but we believe. Why? Because Christ we know from Scripture is one who cannot deceive us, cannot let us down. Our faith in him is not static. It is a living force in our lives. It gives significance to our decisions and encouragement when life becomes difficult. It is our faith that ultimately makes life worth living. Without it, it would be "full of sound and fury signifying nothing".

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest

who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

You don't have to work out the home care system on your own.

Staying independent in your own home is a priority for many Australian Seniors. CatholicCare's Home Care Specialists can guide you through the complicated government systems. Join us and find out how to access in-home support and caring services.

When: Friday 24th May 9:30am

Where: St Joseph's Oatley

RSVP: Parish Office 95801864

EASTER DUES ENVELOPES are on the table in the foyer of the Church. Easter dues support the Priests of the Archdiocese, including your own Parish Priest.

The Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal will be held next weekend 4th and 5th May. Envelopes are available on the table in the foyer. The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is a centralised fund for the support of the charitable and pastoral activities of the Sydney Archdiocese that extend beyond the limits of any single parish. Please be generous in giving to this appeal. Any Donation \$2 and over is 100% tax deductible.

Holy Places Collection: \$1200.55

Collections and Rosters

1st \$1639	2nd: \$1730	Envelopes \$ 1164
Money Counters Roster	Sun 30 April	Kathryn Wojcicki Carol Harland
	Sun 7 May	Brian & Marcia Smith

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 27 April 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Jamie Dimeo	Anthony A Alex P	John Perkins
Sun 28 April 8am	Anne Lee	Damian Callinan	No Servers	Maria Pak
Sun 28 April 10am	Joe Shakkal	Audrey & Sandra Green	Zamarah V Simon N	Lewis DeGabriele
Sat 4 May 5pm	Danny Clark	Richard McMillan	Luca J Declan M	Bill Quigley
Sun 5 May 8am	Robert Dimeo	Jean Devine	No Servers	Mark Shad
Sun 5 May 10am	Glenn McLachlan	Gerry Triani	Mavina K Alana G	David Lee
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 28 April	School Holidays	Lewis Degabriele	Marcia Smith	
Sun 5 May	Kylie Brakel	Brian Rayment	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	