

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms
Saturday	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
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)	Exposition Thursday, 9am to 11.45am (with benediction at 11.30am)
Thursday	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)	
Friday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	
Saturday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	

13th January 2019 – The Baptism of the Lord.

Masses and Prayers, Mia Van der Velden (rec dec), Fr Kevin Muldoon (ann.2/1), John Francis Hannon (ann.28/12), Walter Hollis (ann. 7/1), Christopher Trimboli (ann.), Rita Cutelli (ann.), dec members of the Toscano family, Erwin Krakhofer(ann.18/1), Alveen Laing (ann.15/1), Vida Kennedy (ann.8/1), John Lloyd (ann.17/1), Ronald Needs (ann.17/1), John King (ann.13/1), members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from original sin and re-born as adopted sons and daughters of God. We become members of Christ, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that we may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9). Baptism is aptly called by the Church, the Sacrament of Regeneration through water and the word.

Usually the Church requires that a child or adult be baptized in his or her own Parish Church. Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish at Oatley should contact the Parish Office to make an appointment to speak with Father Paul about the requirements for baptism. Baptisms are held every Sunday at 11am, after the 10am Parish Mass. It is customary to give an offering (Stole Fee) to the Priest after the ceremony.

Baptism of Infants

Infants are baptized at the request of their parents who consciously wish to share their faith with their children. The parents must understand that Almighty God holds them responsible for the Christian upbringing of the baptised infant. They will acknowledge how the child's first school is the home where they will endeavour to set a pattern of true Catholic living, and in particular, they will acknowledge their duty to promote family prayer and to **be faithful to their Sunday Mass obligation**.

It is also required that there should be two Godparents to assist the parents in the Christian upbringing of the child and to profess, with the parents, the Church's faith, in which the child is baptised. Godparents chosen by the parents should be Catholics. A baptised and believing Christian who is not a member of the Catholic Church may act as a Christian witness along with a Catholic godparent.

Baptism of children of catechetical age (7 years or over)

Before these children are baptised they are required to undergo a period of instruction in the truths held and taught by the Catholic Church. This period will depend upon the understanding of the Child. Usually this instruction would be part of the religious curriculum in the parish School, or a Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program.

Baptism of Adults

Candidates for adult Baptism are prepared through a Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). This process usually takes one year and the Sacrament of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) are usually administered as part of the Easter Vigil ceremonies on Holy Saturday night.

Catechist required for 2019: It is very gratifying that three people have recently volunteered to become catechists. Now only one more catechist is required for next year. If anyone else is interested in becoming a catechist and joining our friendly team, please contact Mike Cummins on 0413 586870 or cumminsm@optusnet.com.au.

Money Counters 2019: Due to retirements and people moving away, we require, four volunteer money counters for this year and onward. Please see Fr Paul if you are interested.

Urgent Call for New Lectors 2019: nine readers have requested to retire from reading duties. Could anyone that can be of any assistance please email Caroline Dimeo urgently - caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com. Any help would be appreciated. Ideally readers are allocated 5-6 readings per year.

COLLECTIONS AND ROSTERS

1st: 686	2nd: \$675	Envelopes: \$1571
Money Counters Roster	Sun 15 Jan	Vince & Jenny Elliott
	Sun 22 Jan	Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Maria Pak

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 12 Jan 5pm	Vince Elliott	Ana Simurina	Alex Purser	John Perkins
Sun 13 Jan 8am	Robert Dimeo	Darren McDowell	No Servers	Maria Pak
Sun 13 Jan 10am	John Romanous	Damian & Niamh Callinan	Sophia Siamprakos	David Lee
Sat 19 Jan 5pm	Danny Clark	Francis D'Silva	Grace & Anna Childs	Bill Quigley
Sun 20 Jan 8am	Anne Lee	Jade Serban	No Servers	Mark Shad
Sun 20 Jan 10am	Phillip Merrick	Krystelle Boulos	Luca Johnson John Mercieca	Maureen Owens
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 13 Jan	School Holidays	Lewis DeGabriele	Lynne Ekholm	
Sun 20 Jan	School Holidays	Brian Rayment	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	