

# 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

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.

## 7th May 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Masses for the Deceased:** Martin Avendano, Alfio and Rosaria Mangano, Carol Rigby, Lucia Tesoriero, Brian Patrick Rayment, Danielle Kelly, Leanne Kelly anniversaries.

**CHRIST AND WORRY:** We live in age when drug dependency seems to be the norm, rather than the exception – an age of uppers and downers, illicit recreational drugs such as cannabis, methamphetamine, cocaine, etcetera. Dependency on drugs for those who use them seems to be an escape from the realities of life and are seen as an antidote to anxiety-complexes, fear-fixations, work-tensions, worry in its multiple forms. It has become the recognised remedy for heartaches, headaches and most of the other aches which affect the human body and spirit. Drugs seem to be the tonic for the neurotic, the balm for the balmy, the narcotic for the sleepless. Millions of pills are poured down human throats every day, smoked or injected. Licit and prescribed tranquillisers certainly have their place in curing human troubles, ills, and anxieties, but their indiscriminate use should have no place at all.

So many unnecessary worries arise from a false philosophy of life or from a wrong way of living. Sometimes it is because a person tires to live on a purely material level without giving any outlet to their spiritual nature. Man cannot live on bread alone. If he attempts to do so disaster can easily follow. Our blessed Lord, on the eve of his departure, told his apostles: Let not your hearts be troubled or upset; believe in God, and believe in me. They had ever reason to be sad; no doubt they felt the impending loss of leadership. They were bewildered, not knowing what was going to happen to them. Our Lord was telling them not to worry but to have confidence in him and in the providence of God.

This is a lesson we can all do well to learn. It is a lesson of peace of heart. Prayer is the best tranquilliser and stimuli in the world, especially prayer of complete trust in God. This is a great help in creating that deep-down inner peace that is a requisite for good bodily and spiritual health. Our Lord said: I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. If we really

believe that it should give us a tremendous confidence and strength of purpose and hence far fewer pills to swallow.

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PRAYER IN ACTION IS LOVE, AND LOVE IN ACTION IS SERVICE.  
TRY TO GIVE UNCONDITIONALLY WHATEVER A PERSON NEEDS  
IN THE MOMENT. THE POINT IS TO DO SOMETHING, HOWEVER  
SMALL, AND SHOW YOU CARE THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS BY  
GIVING YOUR TIME... DO NOT WORRY ABOUT WHY PROBLEMS  
EXIST IN THE WORLD - JUST RESPOND TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS...  
WE FEEL WHAT WE ARE DOING IS JUST A DROP IN THE OCEAN,  
BUT THAT OCEAN WOULD BE LESS WITHOUT THAT DROP.

- MOTHER TERESA -

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**Annual Holidays:** Father Paul will be away on annual leave for the next two weeks and will return to the parish on Friday afternoon, 19th May. There will be no weekday Masses during his absence. Father Peter Gardiner, a priest of the Passionist Order from Marrickville, will supply for the weekend Masses on the 13th and 14th May. Father Peter is an old boy of Oatley Parish.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH OATLEY:** The sacramental program has recently been published on the St Joseph's website. Please refer to the following link for further details [SACRAMENTAL DATES 2023 | St Josephs \(stjosephschurch.com.au\)](https://stjosephschurch.com.au)

Also, the website provides you with the application form and further information for the upcoming First Holy Communion. Alternatively, click on the following [link \*\*First Holy Communion 2023 Information & application form.\*\*](#) The closing date for applications for The First Holy Communion this year was the 26th of April. If you have not completed the First Holy Communion application form as yet please complete and email to Kylie (Sacramental Coordinator) at [strode74@gmail.com](mailto:strode74@gmail.com) no later than the 8th of May 2023.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We are looking forward to our young parishioners joining in the Children's Liturgy group on **Sunday's during the 10am Mass**. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work where the Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings. Please encourage your children to join the group.

**EASTER DUES ENVELOPES** are on the tables 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 this weekend (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May). Envelopes are available on the church pews, and tables 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.

The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link: [bit.ly/stjoatley](https://bit.ly/stjoatley) OR



*Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish. If you wish to support your Parish, St Joseph's Oatley, please pick up a copy of the application form in the Church Foyer. Alternatively, you may wish to go to our website [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) for a copy, or if you are online click on the tab below.*

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