

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)	Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Sunday	8 am, 10 am		
Monday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Wednesday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Thursday	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
Friday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Saturday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

7 July 2019 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Sr Ann Derwin rsj (rec dec), Francis Stewart (rec dec) Pietro Convento (ann.(7/7), Luigina Domeghini (rec dec), Salvina Gatt (ann.7/7). dec members of CWL, and those who are sick.

THE HARVEST: There is a little verse in the eighty-fourth psalm that can provide much matter for reflection. "The Lord will make us prosper and our earth will yield its fruit". To a people of the land like the Israelites these words would have been heard in terms of a temporal blessing. God who is the source of all life would make their barren land fertile. Their ancestors had been a desert community without any of the benefits of fine luscious farm produce. They had longed for the flesh-pots of Egypt and in spite of their infidelities and grumbling complaints, God in his goodness had blessed them by bringing them to a land of promise – a rich fertile country where they could settle down and till the soil.

Yet in reality all this was a remote preparation for the far greater harvest. The land they tilled, the fruits of which they ate, the battles they fought for their survival, were used in the designs of God for the preparing of the ground for the coming of the Lord of the harvest himself. It was to be a bed got ready so that one day a splendid vine would grow in it of which man would be branches; in it a grain of wheat would be planted which would die and then spring up and produce great fruit; in it a seed was to fall which was to grow into a tree to be cut down and shaped into a cross so that the Lord of the harvest from whom all fertility springs might shed his blood upon it. The whole purpose of God delivering this Middle Eastern kingdom to the Israelites was, so that one day a world made sterile by sin, might be fertilised by the grace of God through Christ. This work of harvesting goes on year by year in the Church's history. Christ said that "the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few; you must ask the Lord to whom the harvest belongs to send labourers into the harvesting". The Lord relies upon his labourers. He will supply the means to gather in the harvest, but he does rely on his followers to help.

Over this weekend and next, Father Paul will be on his annual retreat on Norfolk Island and ministering to the Catholic Community there. He will return on *Tuesday 16th July*. Father Pat Keenan cssr will be locum during his absence.

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will commence this weekend, the 6th and 7th of July. This winter thousands of Australians will be struggling and facing isolation with nowhere to live. Let us help end the pain of poverty and help these people in need. **Envelopes are available on the church pews and will be collected at the door after the Sunday Masses.** President: Sue Vit, Oatley Conference.

Thank you to all Planned Giving subscribers for your continued generosity. Your donations are vital to the ongoing mission of our Parish. For the **2019-20** financial year, parishioners who participate in the **Planned Giving program** via credit card or envelope system will be automatically eligible for a **30% tax deduction**. Envelopes for the 2019-20 year are currently available in the church foyer in alphabetical order. If you are a parishioner or friend of St Josephs Parish who is not part of the planned giving program, please consider joining. Forms are available in the Church foyer which you may submit at the parish office or email to oatleycc@bigpond.net.au Could you switch to Credit Card giving? The monthly credit card method provides a much simpler process for increasing your contribution as well as providing your ongoing contribution to the parish throughout the year. So, if you would like to make the switch, as many others have done in the past year, please fill in the form available in the church foyer. Credit card contributions are processed in the 3rd week of each month. Thank you to those who have submitted their forms last week.

Today is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. "Peace to this house and all who dwell within." We celebrate today the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the Australian Catholic Church. We also acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Archbishop Fisher's Pastoral Letter from Rome to the people and pastors of Sydney. Copies of the Archbishop's Letter are available on the table in the foyer.

Life Ascending Movement: meets in the Marian Hall on Friday 12 July from 10.30 -12.30.

Collections and Rosters

1st \$652		2nd: \$340		Envelopes \$ 1213	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 9 July		Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan		
	Sun 16 July		George & Kathy Novak		
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 6 July 5pm	TBC	Patrick Salonga	Declan M Luca J	John Perkins	
Sun 7 July 8am	Robert Dimeo	Damian Callinan	No Servers	Mark Shad	
Sun 7 July 10am	TBC	Joseph Lucero	Felicity & Alana G	David Lee	
Sat 13 July 5pm	Phillip Merrick	George Novak	TBC	Bill Quigley	
Sun 14 July 8am	George Lazar	—	No Servers	Seb Arena	
Sun 14 July 10am	John Romanous	Lewis DeGabriele	TBC	George Battikha	
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 7 June	School Holidays	Brian Rayment	Susan Canham Angela Nadile		
Sun 14 July	School Holidays	Marcia Smith	Lynne Ekholm		