

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)

WELCOME BACK

In line with the present guidelines regarding the opening of Churches, St Joseph's Church is now opened from 7 am to 6 pm daily, and the usual Mass timetable as above will apply. Sunday Masses have now resumed for both 8am and 10am Mass times. We look forward to warmly welcoming everyone back to Mass.

21st November 2021 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Father Paul on annual Leave: I will be absent from the Parish from the 19th November until the 3rd December. As a consequence, there will be no weekday Masses from 20th November until Monday 6th December. Weekend Masses will be as usual. Father Peter Gardiner, CP will supply for the two weekends I am away. Father Peter is an old boy of Oatley Parish

Masses for the Deceased: Georgette Awad, Peter Hanrahan, Mario Piller Hoffer, Dominic Davino recently deceased, John Grenfell Hilder, Patrick John Merriman, Brian Henry Lee, anniversaries, all the Holy Souls.

The month of November is traditionally the month of the Holy Souls, and all my Masses will be offered for all your deceased relatives and friends.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING: There are people who project their dark moods upon the world. It sometimes takes the form of illusory reality or, like Hamlet, in the eponymous play by Shakespeare, they see only 'A sterile promontory', a grim and gloomy place in no way redeemed by eternity. Others live, like Alice in Wonderland, in a strange and bewildering world which has little meaning for them apart from their present experiences so that they tend to live a drab and uninspiring existence.

Christ came to open out a vision of a new world for those who had faith in him. For them it became no longer a place of time and limits. He showed that beyond its surface there was eternity; that this world led to another beyond space and time. Everything in it, for those who had vision, became transfigured in some way by a light from another world. It became a kingdom of which Christ was King. *Are you a king then?* asked Pilate. And Jesus replied that he was indeed a king but not a ruler of this world in the sense of exercising political power. Yet all things were under his rule, as St. Paul points out: *He has subjected all things under his feet.* Our Lord viewed the world in terms of a kingdom. Everything in it was subjected to his purposes. After all he was the Word made flesh and it was the Word who made the world. St. John says: *All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.* It was to be the means of leading us to our eternal destiny. Sin ruined the splendour of this purpose, so Our Lord came and allowed the verdict of death to be passed on him in order to restore it. He died to establish his kingdom. He proclaimed that he had come to found a kingdom and to do this he must first destroy the power of evil. So, the cross became his throne, and those who put him to death, the instrument of life for the world.

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

bit.ly/stjoatley OR



Mass will also be streamed on Thursdays at 12 md for the teachers and children of St. Joseph's School.

The Children's liturgy of the word for this Sunday can be access by clicking on the following link:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1SSreao-ldJ7q8me0bn8NUzPOy5uoRoGRNVtbJFF5gml/present?slide=id.gee6f26b3d6_0_58

Sacramental Program for 2021: Please visit the Parish website:

www.stjosephschurch.com.au

Dear Parents and Carers, it is with regret that I advise, due to the recent COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the NSW government, the balance of our 2021 Sacramental Program for Confirmation and Reconciliation will be suspended. The reconciliation program will take place in Term 1, 2022. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place next year at St. Mary's Cathedral with the parishes of the St. George Deanery. Please email our sacramental program coordinator Sandra Green on sandragreen@optusnet.com.au should you have any questions. Fr. Paul.

SRE classes in public schools are postponed for the rest of the year. However, SRE Learning from Home lessons are available.

Catholic SRE Learning from Home materials can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

New Learning from Home lessons have been uploaded this week and are available for parents to access across NSW. These include user-friendly Click & Learn PowerPoints and home activity sheets.

The NSW Department of Education will also advise schools to inform families of the availability of these resources.

CHURCH OPEN

So it is with great excitement that we can let you know that our church is now open for weekday Masses and Sunday Masses at 5pm (Saturday Vigil), 8am and 10am, Sundays. We look forward to warmly welcoming everyone back to Mass.

From Monday 8 November, a two- square metre rule has applied, except for members of the same household. Face masks are still mandatory as well as registering your attendance. There can only be a maximum of 60 people in the church for each Mass. To help with numbers, we will also be opening Marion Hall for the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday Mass. People there will be able to view the livestreamed Mass and receive Holy Communion. This venue is limited to 30 people.

When you arrive for Mass at the Church or the Hall, you will also need to use the QR code OR use the 'pen and paper' system for official registration. This is the NSW Government compliance requirement.

It has been previously announced that everyone, whether fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, or unvaccinated, will be able to attend Mass. We will be doing all that is reasonably possible to keep everyone safe who comes to Mass. There will be mask-wearing, good ventilation, hand sanitiser available, the enforcing of social distancing and cleaning of the church between Masses. For regular updates on the current restrictions in the Church please refer to: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions>

Live streaming

The Vigil Mass will continue to be live streamed on YouTube, and if you are unable to attend Mass physically, 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 via [bit. /stjoatley](https://bit.ly/stjoatley) Or



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.

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>.

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 email the form 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.



TAX RECEIPTS for 2020-2021 are available. 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.



The St. Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal will be on the 20th November. We are asking for vouchers for adults and children. Please take a tag off the Christmas tree and then place it on the plate at your designated time you come to Mass. Please put it in an envelope marked St. Vincent de Paul. If you are not yet coming to Mass, you can also donate by clicking the GIVE NOW icon above.

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