

# 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 BACK

**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.**

## 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Masses for the Deceased:** Rafael Skowronski (Rafe Kowron), Carl Anthony Owens, Herry Soerlianto, recently deceased; Carl Devine, Fr. Ronald (Les) Leslie Murray Campbell, Daniel Andreallo, Joan Sproule, Brian Rayment, anniversaries.

**THE PROMISE OF LIFE:** Part of the fascination of the words of Our Blessed Lord is that they promise life and have the power to give it. His words are like no other words in that they are loaded with grace and, if accepted, have a transforming quality. They make life worth living because they impart a wholeness, a fullness, an abundance to it. They promise a life beyond a life. *I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly*, he said. In today's Gospel, he tells us: *I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me*. Without Christ life tends to take on animal form. He is the key to human existence and the reason why it exists at all. *I am the Resurrection and the Life*, he said. What is dead, meaningless, unproductive, become alive, fruitful and significant in him.

It is not simply that his words give a promise of the future, but they give eternal life now. A superhuman power is imparted by them, a power which can indeed impel a person across the grave to a new and finer existence but which, at the same time, gives to their present life a glory and a splendour beyond human comprehension because it is a sharing in the life of God. We can now say with St. Paul: *I no longer live, but Christ lives in me*. The power of Christ envelops us- not that we lose our identity, our personality, but that it is caught up in the life of Christ is such a way that they become one, not in identity but in unity of purpose and love. St. Thomas More awaiting his execution in the Tower of London wrote "The sayings of Our Saviour Jesus Christ were not a poet's fable nor a harper's song, but the very holy word of Almighty God himself." This is what give them such power; all the might of God is contained in them. Our part is to respond to them and this we do when we try our best to live in accordance with their teaching and exhortation.

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL (14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> May)** will be made at all Masses, next Sunday. CWF envelopes are available on the table in the foyer of the Church. This appeal is for the support of the various agencies of the Archdiocese of Sydney that provide for the pastoral needs of the people.

**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 Pascal precept** binds all Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. The faithful are also obliged to confess their grave (mortal) sins individually in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY:** Today we acknowledge all mothers and the special role they have in our lives. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the model of all mothers: *Of all the special joys in life, the big ones and the small, a mother's love and tenderness is the greatest of them all.*

**PARISH MORNING TEA:** After an extended period of isolation over the past two years, there is a need for parishioners to reconnect and come together again. It is therefore proposed to have a morning tea on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May in the Marian Hall at 10.30 am. This is for no other reason than for parish members to come together and mix with each other socially. No RSVP is required, just turn up.



**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



**Sacramental Program for 2022** has been recently updated, please visit the Parish website: [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) and click on the tab *Sacrament Dates 2022* for further information.

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Please note that Parish Confirmations this year will be at St. Mary's Cathedral on the *7<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 at 3.30pm* (St. George's Deanery parishes).

## **CHURCH OPEN**

Our church is open each day for weekday Masses and Sunday Masses at 5pm (Saturday Vigil), 8am and 10am, Sundays. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

**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 [oadleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oadleycc@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 [oadleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oadleycc@bigpond.net.au) or contact 9580 1864.



*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.*



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