

# 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.

## 25th June 2023 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Deceased:** Norma Lonergan, Colleen Curran, recently deceased; Father Basil Jansen (first Parish Priest of Oatley), Anthony Mazzotta, George Darrell-Edwardes, Rosina Trimboli, Janja Bulic, Tony Attard, Father Francois Mourad, Mariangel D’Silva, anniversaries.

**CO-OPERATION WITH GOD:** There is a prayer of an African American slave which goes like this: “O Lord, help me to understand that you ain’t gwine to let nuthin’ come my way that you and me together can’t handle.” Life for each of us should be a cooperative society between ourselves and God. If we act on this principle, it will pay good dividends. We cannot work on our own. We are helpless without God. We cannot breathe or walk or eat or even exist without him. But we can ignore his part in our lives.

Our Lord tells us in today’s Gospel that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without God’s will. Everything is governed by his will. But he has given to human beings the terrible power of refusing to submit. We can tear ourselves away from his embrace and go on our own way. He has given us complete freedom because he wanted from us not forced action, but love. *Child give me your heart;* he says in Scripture. There can be no love without freedom. It is then a tremendous help in life to realise that what we do is done in co-operation with God. Someone once admired a garden and said: “isn’t it wonderful what God has done in producing such splendid flowers?” And the gardener replied: “You should see what happens when he is left on his own.” God and the gardener had to work together if the garden was to be cultivated. Our Lord tells us that we must have complete confidence in God. We must not allow fear to get in the way of trust. Prayer is the great means of getting in touch with God and thus strengthening our realisation of our obligation of co-operating with him in our work in life. St. Teresa of Avila once said: “Teresa and three ducats are good for nothing. But Teresa and

God, and three ducats can do all things.” All of us should strive to realise the presence of God in our lives for this brings strength and contentment.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023- There will be No Morning Mass.**

**The next FAMILY MASS will be on the 1st of July 2023 at the Vigil 5pm Mass.**



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Also, 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.

**USED STAMP COLLECTION:** Annette Rowley advises that the used stamp collection in several parishes throughout Australia, including Oatley, has raised so far over half a million dollars for the Josephite Sisters Charities. Thanks to all who have helped and given to this cause. Every little helps.

**St Vincent de Paul Society NSW** -Thanks the Parish Community for their continued support towards the appeals. The June contribution has raised \$2,100 which will go towards helping the most vulnerable Families. *Oatley Conference.*

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



**CURRENT PLANNED GIVING:** Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are now available in the foyer of the Church, please take your set of envelopes.

**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 clicking on the following [APPLICATION FORM](#). You can choose between making a regular monthly credit card contribution. Whereby, once set up, your contribution is processed each month. This is a good way to "set and forget" you're giving to support the running of our parish. Alternatively, you may wish to contribute via the envelope system or **donate a one off**. If you would like to give, please click on the attached.



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PROGRAM](#)



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**Your contribution to the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection goes towards the running and upkeep of our parish, and 30% of what you donate is eligible for a tax deduction.**

Additionally, you may please pick up a form in the Church foyer. **Upon completion of your details email it to [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au) otherwise place the form in the second collection.**

**TAX RECEIPTS for 2022-2023 will be available in mid-July.** Please email [oatleycc@bigpond.com](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.com) if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Your receipts will be emailed to you. Alternatively, call the office on 9580-1864 for your tax receipt. Once again, we would like to thank all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley.

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