

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.

26th February 2023 – First Sunday of Lent

Masses for the Deceased: (Patricia) Jean Devine, Norman Joseph Windred, Cardinal George Pell, recently deceased; Patricia Freeman, Raymond Mercer, Derice Mercer, Bishop Bede Heather, Denise Caramsing, Andja Dzajic, Faustine D’Silva, Cajetan D’Silva, Marcia June Elliott, Mary Helen Shearing, Grace Washington, Mia van der Velden, Rory Buchanan, Sonja Moore anniversaries.

MORTIFICATION: Lent is the time of the year for penance and mortification. It is a time of mourning for the Passion of Christ. The word mortification can take on a gloomy and even frightening aspect. Does it mean that we have to scorn delights and live laborious days? Are we always to chew the pills administered to us by that stern matron life? Are we to admire the monk in Lord Byron’s poem:

*Deep in that cell Honorius long did dwell
In hope to merit Heaven by making earth a Hell?*

The first point to note is that self-inflicted pain of any kind has no spiritual value in itself. It is the motive that inspires it that provides its value. Spiritual writers have given several motives for mortification. Some say it is to keep “Brother Ass” in order by subduing rebellious flesh. Others say it is a form of reparation for sin and other a means of averting the anger of God.

There is clearly validity in these motives. But surely the best and most inspiring is to be found in the meaning of the word itself. The word means literally a doing to death. It is that losing of one’s life, of which Christ spoke, to gain it. ‘This implies the destruction of egoism and the putting on of a new ego so that we can say with St. Paul: *It is no longer I who live but Christ Jesus who live within me.* Our Lord was tempted, as we are tempted, to put one’s selfish interests before our duty to God. It is He who has given us the power to overcome the temptation.

Mortification then, in its essence, means the clothing of oneself with Christ; with the Christ of Nazareth with his prayer and ordinary

round of duties; with the Christ of the public life who went about doing good, with his compassion and service of others; with the Christ of Calvary with its darkness and its pain; and with the risen Christ in glory. So, Christ can grow in us through both our joys and our suffering.

The Pascal precept binds all Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday (22nd February) and Trinity Sunday (4th June). The faithful are also obliged to confess their grave (mortal) sins individually in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

The practice of almsgiving during Lent is recommended by contribution to **Project Compassion**. Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes are available this Sunday in the foyer of the Church.

Stations of the Cross: This beautiful devotion apt for the season of Lent will be conducted in the Church each Friday during Lent at 7 pm. Come and walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified.

Altar Servers Training: We require anyone who may be interested in becoming an Altar server at the parish to attend the upcoming training sessions. All trainees must attend two afternoon training sessions. The next training sessions are on Tuesday the **28th February 2023, at 4-5pm & also Friday the 3rd March 2023, at 4-5pm. Training will be held in the Church at St Joseph's Oatley.** For further information, please contact the office on **9580-1864** or eatleycc@bigpond.net.au.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church Oatley on **Friday 3rd March at 10am.** It will be followed by the Parish Morning Tea in the Marion Hall. Everyone is welcome. For any queries, please ring Marcia on 95792174.

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**



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

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 \(stjosephschurch.com.au\)](#)

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Kindergarten 2024 enrolments are now open: Please submit applications **online via the enrolment portal** on the St Joseph's School or Sydney Catholic Schools websites. Kindergarten applications will be due **BY Monday the 3rd of April 2023**. Please contact the school office if further information or assistance is required on Phone: 9580 6588. Alternatively, click on the following link for further information [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Oatley | Enrolment Information \(syd.catholic.edu.au\)](#)

Welcome to
Children's Liturgy



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are looking forward to our young parishioners to join Children's Liturgy on **Sunday 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.

Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish. If you wish to support your Parish, St Joseph's Oatley, please click on the tab below.

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