

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms
Monday	8 am (Rosary 7.45)	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	
Wednesday	8am (Rosary 7.45)	Confessions Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Thursday	12md (Rosary 11.45)	Weekend Masses
Friday	8am (Rosary 7.45)	Saturday 5pm Vigil
Saturday	8am (Rosary 7.45)	Sunday 8am 9am & 10am

22 March, 2020 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Masses and Prayers: Anselmo Tony Anzellotti (rec dec), Robert Toth (ann 28/3), Paul Sinclair (ann.10/3), Ivy Gladys Phillips (ann.17/3), Leo LeHane (ann.22/3), Pierre Bourdon (ann.25/3), Clifford Chapman (ann. 25/3), (members of CWL and those who are sick especially Teresa Liu, Kevin Jewell & Gary Shipton.

Pastoral Letter of the Archbishop of Sydney regarding the current Pandemic: Copies of the Archbishop's Letter are available at the entrance of the Church. The Archbishop has also circulated directions for the Parishes of the Archdiocese. At this stage the celebration of Masses has not been suspended but in accord with the instructions no inside gatherings exceeding 100 people are allowed. For outside gatherings, no more than 500 people.

Changes for St. Joseph's at Oatley: From the weekend 28th and 29th March, there will be an extra Mass on Sunday morning at 9am. Parishioners are asked to consider attending the extra Mass to spread out the number who attend. If the number of parishioners attending any specific Mass exceeds 100, then unfortunately that Mass will have to be either cancelled or the overflow directed to another Mass.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism will still be celebrated provided the number attending does not exceed 100.

Funerals in the parish Church will be possible provided the number in the congregation does not exceed 100. The advice is that those attending should be limited to immediate family members only.

Weddings: Usually there are not many weddings in our Parish Church. However, should a wedding proceed in the Church it will be limited to the same provision of no more than 100 in the Church.

Confessions: Individual Confession will still be available as usual.

Collections: Collections plates are not be passed from person to person. Wardens will be at the Church entrance to receive your offering when leaving the Church.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies: Due to the large number of people who usually attend these ceremonies, including Mass on Easter Sunday, these may have to be suspended this year. However, this will be reviewed in the coming weeks.

In the event of the public celebration of Masses being suspended indefinitely, all of the faithful are dispensed from attending Sunday Mass but encouraged to keep Sunday holy by setting aside time for prayer, reading the Scriptures of the day, and making a Spiritual Communion. Of course, the Parish Church will remain open from 7am to 5pm daily for visits to the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer. In times of stress and danger, it has always been a Catholic tradition to seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Recitation of the Rosary is especially commended during these troubling times.

Sunday Mass and Holy Week services will be celebrated privately at St. Mary's Cathedral and be live-streamed or available on demand at <https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>

It is important that during this pandemic we take heed of the instructions issued by the Authorities, maintain good personal hygiene, avoid handshakes, hugs, etc., unnecessary travel and have regard to those members of our community who require assistance: the young, the elderly, the homeless, people with disabilities, the poor and the sick.

Collections & Rosters

1st \$657	2nd: 353	Envelopes \$1616		
Money Counters Roster	Tues 24 March George & Kathy Novak			
	Tues 31 March Vince & Jenny Elliott			
Masses	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 21 March 5pm	Danny Clark	Rosemary & Justin Cordi	All	John Perkins
Sun 22 March 8am	Anne Lee	Avaleigh Rock	Altar	Seb Arena
Sun 22 March 10am	Phillip Merrick	Sandra Green	Servers	George Battikha
Sat 28 March 5pm	Danny Clark	George Novak	Activities are cancelled until further notice	Bill Quigley
Sun 29 March 8am	Robert Dimeo	Damian Callinan		Mario Quenca
Sun 29 March 10am	Vince Elliott	Mirjana Males		Lewis DeGabriele
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 22 March	All children's liturgy	Marcia Smith	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	
Sun 29 March	Activities are cancelled until further notice	Lewis DeGabriele	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	