

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

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.

6th February 2022 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Peter Lyle, Patricia Anne McCusker, Laurence Richardson, recently deceased; Mark Gerard Smith, John Bernard Briscoe-Hough, Father Peter Leonard, OFM, anniversaries.

FEAR OF GOD: Fear of God is based on reverence and a realisation of the great gulf that separates sinful man from God. It was realised in the cry of Abraham: *I will speak to my God though I am but dust and ashes.* Moses too had this fear at the burning bush: *Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look on God.* Those who have this fear of God are those who have a real insight into his holiness. This holiness of God comprises several elements. It is mysterious, full of majesty, attractive yet frightening so that one faced with it has a sense of his own nothingness.

Peter experienced this fear of God in today's Gospel but mingled with it was a great love. Peter certainly loved the Lord when he knelt at his feet and said: *Depart from me because I am a sinful man, O Lord*. He felt at that moment his own weakness in the face of such great power: he realised how unworthy he was in the presence of the holiness of Christ. He had fished all night and brought his nets back empty. He contrasted that with the full nets that Christ had given him. At the same time, he was drawn to Christ by his love for him, and certainly did not mean his words to be taken literally. His joy must have been complete when he heard Christ's reassuring words: *Fear not, for henceforth you shall catch men*. "Admire", said St. John Chrysostom, "the dispensation of the Lord; how he draws each by the art most familiar to him and natural to him: the Magi by a star, the fishermen by fish". For what was happening was a living parable. For a time, the lake of Galilee became a world wide ocean, and the fish the people who live in it. Christ and his apostles are to draw them into their net. This scene is a wonderful revelation of the power and holiness of the personality of Christ.

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 for 2021: Please visit the Parish website:
www.stjosephschurch.com.au

Invitation to St Joseph's Parishioners

Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor at 35 Dudley St., Coogee are having a FINAL GARAGE SALE. Sat. 12 February. 8.30 - 1pm.
Lots of bargains.



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CHURCH OPEN

Our church is 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.

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.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to Mass and we will be doing all that is reasonably possible to keep everyone safe who attends Mass. There will be good ventilation, hand sanitiser available 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>

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.



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.