

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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<b>Schedule of Masses</b>		<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
<b>Saturday</b>	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8 am, 10 am		
<b>Monday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45),		
<b>Thursday</b>	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
<b>Friday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
<b>Saturday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

### 1 September 2019 – 22 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers Sr John Keenan rsm (rec dec), Sr Joanne Kirk rsm (rec dec), Giuseppe DiMeo (rec dec), Salvatore Ippolito (ann.), Roma Carlton (ann.29/8), dec members of the Beljo, Bagaric and Roso Families, dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Alice Nelson, Sr Gabriel OLN, Genevieve Shipton, Denise Bailey.

**PLACES OF HONOUR:** St. John Vianney, the Cure of Ars, once said “I received two letters by the same post; one said that I was a great saint, and the other that I was a hypocrite and an imposter. The first added nothing to me, and the second took nothing away from me. We are what we are before God, and nothing more”. The egotistic person likes to push himself forward. He loves to be in the limelight. He is the kind of person about whom Our Lord is speaking who takes it for granted that he is going to sit in the place of honour at a feast, so he pushes everybody aside. But such a person is not great in God’s eyes; he takes a very low place in his estimation.

All of us have to try and see ourselves as God sees us. In one sense we are worthless. We are dust as we hear on Ash Wednesday. Yet there is another sense in which we are great and important. But this is only if we recognise that this is the work of God. He took hold of worthless dust and gave it value by making it to his own image and likeness. Christ tells us that “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted”. We can only exalt ourselves with God’s help. If we attempt to lift ourselves up by our own efforts we are bound to fail, we must have the humility to see that without Christ we can do nothing. The proud person is so full of their self that there is no room for God; this is the person that will eventually be humbled. We must, as St. John Vianney said, put ourselves in the right relationship with God; then we will be our true selves and worthy to be exalted. Christ gave us the example of this himself “He emptied himself coming down in the form of a servant”. He continually humbled himself, even unto death. But in the end he was raised up and every knee ‘in heaven, on earth and under the earth bowed down before him.”

**Father’s Day:** Today we honour all Fathers, living and deceased. We are grateful for their example and special care for us. May all the Fathers in our parish community be blessed on this, their special day.

**Ember Days** mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. In Australia, the Church observes the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance, focussing on the environment, the seasons and God’s providence. We

are still experiencing severe drought conditions at present and we should especially at this time reflect on our dependence on God for the gifts of rain and the resources of the earth.

#### Silver Circle results:

Draw 1. 1st Prize No 9. Lyn Ekholm. 2nd Prize. No 11 Lyn Ekholm

Draw 2, 1st Prize. No 33. Irene de Silva. 2nd Prize. No 28 Seb Arena

**Father Paul will complete his Annual Leave** from Monday, and will return on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. During his absence, Father Pat Keenan cssr, will be *locum*.

**Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 22/9/2019 at 1.30 and 4pm. Preparation Workshops;** Saturday 31 Aug 3.30pm – 5.00pm Saturday 7 September 3.30pm – 5.00pm

**Envelope Contributors:** Please pick up your packs today. **New Contributors:** Please pick up a form in the Church foyer or email the office for a copy. Upon completion of your details either place the form in the second collection otherwise email it to [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au) or drop it in to the Parish Office.

**TAX RECEIPTS for 2018-2019** are available for collection Please fill in your details on the form provided in the Church foyer entrance or email [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au) if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Your receipts will be emailed to you if you provide your email address or available in the church foyer in the following weeks, if no email address is noted on the form. Once again we would like to thank all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph’s Oatley.

### Collections and Rosters

1st \$611		2nd: \$548		Envelopes \$ 1323	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 3 Sept	Brian & Marcia Smith			
	Sun 10 Sept	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan			
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 31 Aug 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	George Lazar	Amber Lee Gaia el Khabbaz	Richard McMillan	
Sun 1 Sept 8am	Anne Lee	Lewis DeGabriele	No Servers	Mario Cuenca	
Sun 1 Sept 10am	Phillip Merrick	George Novak	Zamarah Verlinde Simon Nadile	David Lee	
Sat 7 sept 5pm	Joe Shakkal	Emma Bennett	Sophia Siamprakos Sorcha McIntyre	Brian Smith	
Sun 8 Sept 8am	Robert Dimeo	Susan Canham	No Servers	Mark Shad	
Sun 8 Sept 10am	Danny Clark	Melissa Dimeo	Ivan Greguric Lachlan Hoy	Lewis DeGabriele	
<b>Children’s Liturgy</b>		<b>Rosary Leader</b>	<b>Altar Society</b>		
Sun 1 Sept	Leilah Nelson	Lewis Degabriele	Susan Canham Angela Nadile		
Sun 8 Sept	Kylie Brakel	Brian Rayment	Lynne Ekholm		