

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)

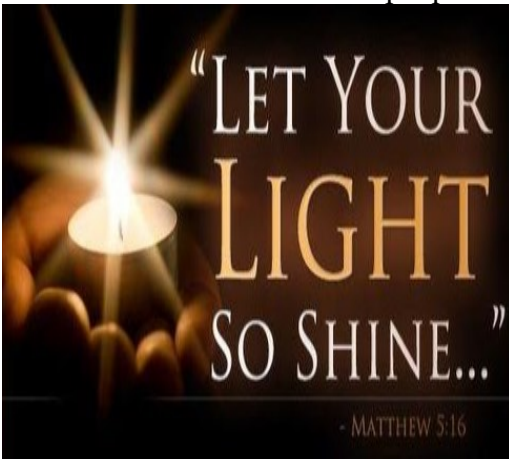
WELCOME

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.

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 5th February 2023

Masses for the Deceased: (Patricia) Jean Devine, Norman Joseph Windred, Antonius Arifin, Cardinal George Pell, Amadeo Alvaro, Mila Lukas, recently deceased; Wadjh Ramia, Maura Lumapac, Joseph Gatt, Father Andrew Quinn, Brian Purdon, Vilma Burns, Josephine Tesoriero, Frederika Streff, Buyung Elias, Pauline Elias, Christine Salim, Agnes Arifin, Alexander Arifin, anniversaries, and Mary Elias and Josephine Wong.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD: St. Thomas Aquinas said: “it is better to illuminate than to shine”. This of course is true, but it is also true that one cannot illuminate unless one shines first. If we are to follow Our Lord’s word in today’s Gospel telling us to let our light shine before men, we must first produce the fuel of good works so that we can become, like John the “Baptist, burning and shining lamps. Good works seen to dispel darkness in the world and in people’s minds and hearts. People become



inspired to do good works by seeing the good works performed by others. Mother Theresa’s splendid work in India, for example, has so shone forth in the world that people have responded generously with help, not so much because she has made appeals for money, but because people have seen or heard of her sheer dedication of herself to the sick, the diseased and the dying.

There is nothing so infectious as complete unselfishness in the service of others. There is fundamental goodness in nearly all people, but it often needs the example of others to bring it into action. Christianity is not a religion of pious gesticulations and words. Love, which is at its heart, must show itself in deeds. Only then will others be drawn to it and see

its truth. Our Lord said that his followers would be judged not by the number of times they cried out: *Lord, Lord, but* whether they have helped to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and given shelter to the homeless. Jesus, who said of himself: *I am the light of the world*, went about doing good. Christians must reflect that Light in their lives by carrying on the work of Christ who put himself completely at the service of others. We must not then, in Our Lord's words, hide our light *under a bushel*. At the same time, we must not, like the Pharisees, perform good deeds with the sole purpose of "showing off".

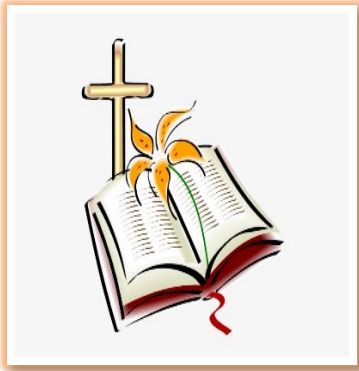


Our Next Parish Morning Tea will be on **Tuesday, 14th February (St Valentine's Day)** at **10.30 am** in the Marion Hall. All our welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an easy and informal way.

Josephite Missions (Stamp Team): Will be resuming on the **6th of February at 10am till noon** in Marion Hall. The volunteers will be trimming all the used stamps collected over the past year. The stamps are then sold and funds are given to the nuns who donate the money to their many missions overseas. Everyone is welcome.

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**





URGENT CALL FOR NEW LECTORS 2023: Several of our readers have dropped off during the previous years and this has made the number of readers now available greatly reduced. We are urgently calling for good readers to come forward to offer themselves for this important ministry. If you can help, please email Caroline Dimeo: caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com. Ideally readers are allocated 5-6 readings per year.

Welcome to Children's Liturgy



oatleycc@bigpond.net.au if they are able to assist in this important ministry.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: We are looking forward to welcoming our young parishioners back to Children's Liturgy during the 10am Sunday Mass in February. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work and we would be grateful for any interested parishioners to contact the office on 9580-1864 or

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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