

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 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.

11th September 2022– Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Janice Scully, Bartolo Alessi recently deceased; Raymond Byers, Patricia Doepel, Gregory Boyd, Peter Nelson, Father Kevin Starkey, Father John Joseph Fitzgerald cssr., Tony Kilgannon, June Roebuck, David McIntosh, anniversaries.

FORGIVENESS: Running through the whole of Scripture like a scarlet thread is forgiveness. The bible is the book of forgiveness. From, its first pages to the end, God is forgiving men and women. Despite all the infidelities of the people who came out of Egypt, even to the worshipping of a golden calf, God forgives them at the request of Moses.

Christ is the personification of forgiveness. God sent his Son into the world to take away its sins and to show us the way to true sorrow.



In today's Gospel, we are given three very attractive parables of forgiveness. Our Lord is the good shepherd who looks for the lost sheep to bring it back to the fold. We are given the beautiful comforting picture of the shepherd carrying the sheep on his shoulders, symbolic of the love of Our Lord for the sinner.

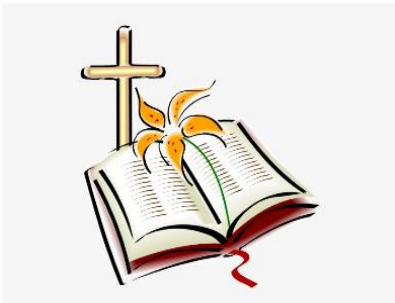
Jesus too is the woman who searches for a lost coin and rejoices when she finds it. The Gospel ends with the most descriptive parable of them all – the welcoming back home of a lost son in spite of all his transgressions and ingratitude. In all these parables there is a tremendous note of joy. The heart of Our Lord is filled with happiness when he wins over a sinner.

God knows us through and through. He knows our weaknesses and our selfish dispositions but at the same time he knows that we can rise to greatness and holiness with his help. The relationship of God to those whom he has made is indeed a great mystery, but then God's love is a mystery; but at least we can see how it reveals itself in kindness and mercy towards the greatest sinners. Everyone who has sinned will be welcomed back to his arms if, like the Prodigal Son, they are sorry for what they have done.

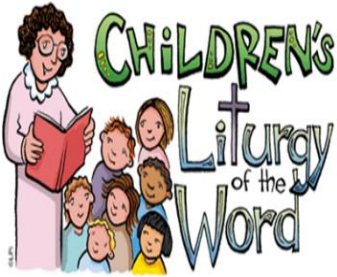
2022 Archbishop's Awards for Student Excellence: Once again one of our young parishioners has been given the Archbishop's Award for Student Excellence. *Ivan Greguric* has been selected for this award. Ivan is a year 12 student at St. Mary's Cathedral College and is actively involved in our parish as a Server and a facilitator of the Children's Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass. This award recognizes his positive contribution to the life of faith community by the way in which he gives witness to Christian values in the life of the parish and school. Congratulations to Ivan and his family.



PARISH MORNING TEA: Our next parish Morning Tea will be on this Friday the 16th of September, at 10.30 am in the Marion Hall (go through the Church). All are welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an informal and social gathering.



MASS READERS: Volunteers are needed to read at the Masses on the weekend. Please contact the office 9580-1864 or email oatleycc@bigpond.net.au if you are able to assist on some weekends.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY during the Sunday 10am Mass: We look forward to seeing our young parishioners attend Children's Liturgy during the *10am Sunday Mass*. Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings.

RECONCILIATION 2022 (Year 2 and above) Term Four: Applications open at the end of Term 3. (See details on the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au) in the tab Sacramental Dates 2022.

Pastoral Appeal for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Sydney: This appeal will be made at the Masses next weekend. We recognize the pastoral care given by our retired Priests over many years and continue to support them in their retirement by generously responding to this appeal each year. Envelopes are available on the tables in the foyer of the Church.

TAX RECEIPTS for parishioners' part of the envelope or credit card giving program for 2021-2022 are available. Please email eatleycc@bigpond.net.au if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

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 clicking on the following [APPLICATION FORM](#). Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley. *Fr. Paul*

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

