

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.

30th October 2022 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Alessio Puopolo, Anne-Maree Purgauer Noel Smith, recently deceased; Joseph Degabriele, Marie Therese Jeanine Leeyee, Kathleen Feely, Father Francis Xavier Roberts, anniversaries, Dorothy Neylan and Elias Francis and his family.

THE MAN WHO CLIMBED THE TREE: God's providence often makes use of very small incidents in a person's life to give it a completely new direction. I may simply be a few wise words spoken that have made an impression; it may be an unexpected meeting, or some examples given by a friend. Certainly, this was the case with Zacchaeus. He was only a little man and when he heard that Christ was coming his curiosity led him to climb a sycamore tree. No doubt he had heard of the wonders Christ had performed and of the stir he had made in the countryside. But he never expected his tree-climbing was to have such an astounding impact on his life as to change it completely.

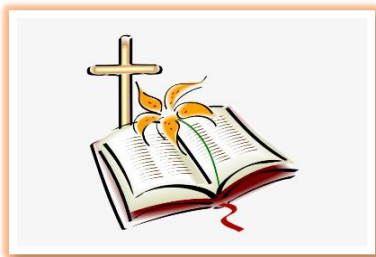
He climbed the tree as a rich man, soon, because of his climb, he would be a much poorer one. He climbed it as a tax collector and a sinner; soon all would be forgiven. His extortion and bribery would be no more. The little man was to grow up into a greatness he little expected. It must have been an exciting moment for him when he peered down from the tree into the welcoming eyes of Christ and heard him ask for hospitality. It must have sounded almost incredible that he, a tax-collector, should be asked to act as a host to such a man. And what a fascinating experience it must have been to have Christ as his guest. We know that the personality of Christ had such an effect upon him that he was willing to give half of his goods to the poor and to make restitution for any frauds he had perpetrated. And his reward was immediate. *This day salvation has come to this house since he also is a son of Abraham.*

How easily does Our Lord offer his friendship. He is so willing to forgive injuries, so happy to forget wrongs. Christianity is a religion of forgiveness. No one should ever despair. Zacchaeus certainly came down from the tree a much happier man than when he climbed it.

Tuesday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints. On this day we commemorate all the faithful who have passed from this life and are now enjoying the vision of God in heaven. ***The Parish Mass will be at 8 am.*** All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, it is a day of special devotion where it is fitting for us to attend Mass on this day.

Wednesday 2nd November is All Souls Day, when we remember with affection all our departed relatives and friends, especially the Holy Souls in Purgatory. ***Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed will be at 8 am.*** During the month of November (the month of the Holy Souls), I will be offering all my Masses for your deceased relatives and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS MIKE CUMMINS on receiving the Apostolic Blessing for 20 years of service as a Parish Catechist at St Joseph's Oatley. Mike will be presented with the award for his 20 years of service on the 6th of November at St Mary's Cathedral. We thank Mike and all our catechist at the parish who have shared their faith and guided their students over the years.



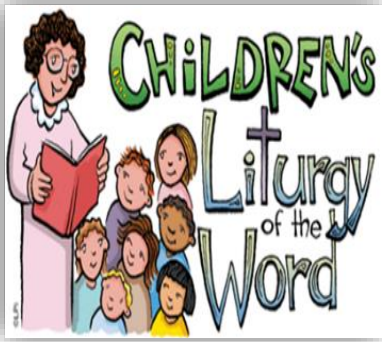
MASS READERS: Volunteers are needed to read at the Masses on the weekend. Please contact the office 9580-1864 or email oatleycc@bigpond.net.au if you are able to assist on some weekends.

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**





SAVE THE DATE: The next parish morning tea is on Tuesday the 15th of November, at 10.30 am in the Marion Hall. All are welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an informal and social gathering.



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. **For any interested parishioners able to assist in this important ministry please contact oatleycc@bigpond.net.au**

Invitation to St Joseph's Parishioners: a weekly Retreat is being held over 4 Thursdays hosted by St John Bosco Parish Engadine, Prayer Group. There will be different speakers, to further inspire and nurture your faith. For further information please refer to the parish notice board in the church foyer.

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal will run next weekend, Sunday 6th November. The CWF is the premier charity for the Archdiocese of Sydney and our parish is asked to play an important role in supporting this initiative. Appeal envelopes are available in the foyer.

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