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)

13th June 2021 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**THE SEED AND THE KINGDOM:** Our Blessed Lord, in today’s Gospel gives a vision of the future. In the picture of a seed, he sees the gradual unfolding of an immense kingdom on earth. There will be, from the time of his coming, a continual evolutionary flow of ever greater and intense upward thrust of vitality. The power of growth in the seed is an illustration of the power of the Spirit of Christ in the kingdom. The seed is buried in the earth. It assimilates properties in the earth to itself. The kingdom grows by its conquest of the earth. It takes hold of what in itself is dead and unfruitful and imparts to it a higher mode of existence and an ever-fuller life. Always it is renewing the face of the earth, transforming it by the power of the love of Christ. For the Spirit of Christ who is love, is at the heart of the seed-kingdom. We who live in the twentieth century can look back with wonder at its enormous growth.

The document on the Church of the Second Vatican Council says: *The Church, or the kingdom of Christ now present in a mystery, enjoys, by the power of God, a visible growth in the world. This beginning and this growth are seen symbolically in the blood and water which flowed out of the opening in the side of Jesus on the Cross.* It is this blood of Christ which is the fertilising agent of the seed for there must be death before life. Christ himself said: *Unless the grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain of wheat; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.* Christ is the seed of the kingdom. His Mystical Body, which is the Church, will continue to die and grow with ever more strength through the ages until it reaches its full stature. It has its setbacks. Its destruction in a place or country becomes the seedbed for new growth. For the kingdom feeds on persecution. Somehow it becomes its strength, filling it with new Catholic vitality so that it sends out new branches and begins to bear more fruit.

**Masses for the Deceased:**  Dr. Mark Carlton, Sister Janet Ryan OP,Brian Rayment, Kerry Ryan, Shirley Clare, Salim Nol,recently deceased. Catherine Mary Fowler and Maureen Stevens, Robert Holt, anniversaries and all the Holy Souls.

**The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses:** You can access this on YouTube by following this link:

[bit.ly/stjoatley](http://bit.ly/stjoatley) or

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**You can also access it by going to the Archdiocese of Sydney website where there is a list of Churches who stream their Masses each week. Just click on the link for St. Joseph’s Parish, Oatley.**

**Please keep in your prayers the children in the parish who are currently preparing for their first Holy Communion. They will make this first Communion over three Masses on Wednesday, 16th June; Saturday, 19th June and Sunday, 20th June.**

**Sacramental Program for 2021:** Please visit the Parish website: [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au)

**Imposition of restrictions concerning Churches**: From Friday, 12th February, an unlimited number of people can attend Mass, provided that the one person per 2 metre square rule is observed. However, our Church will only hold at least eighty according to this regulation, any overflow would have to be accommodated in the Marion Hall where the Mass can be viewed on the TV monitor. Because of the easing of the restrictions, the Archbishop has lifted the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation. ***Parishioners are once again obliged******to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation when this is reasonably*** ***possible.*** Those of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of Covid19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping the Sabbath holy.

There is still the requirement of taking names and contact details of attendees. The use of a QR code is recommended for those with iPhones or smart phones. The NSW Services app would need to be install on your phone to access the code. The first time you use the code, it will ask you to provide your name and contact number. It will then send you a code to enter with your details and the app will then be active. It is then used every time you attend Mass, or when and where you visit other venues that have a QR code registration system in place.

The wearing of masks is no longer mandatory, but strongly recommended where social distancing is not possible.

Parishioners who elect to attend Mass during the pandemic should consider the safety of other parishioners by staying away if they are unwell, and if so, getting tested and self-isolating while awaiting the results. It is also advisable that parishioners only attend Mass in their own parish and not move from parish to parish.

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**St Vincent de Paul Winter Collection**

**St Vincent de Paul will be holding their winter appeal at St Joseph’s parish this weekend. Envelopes for the donations are available in the church foyer. Thank you for your kind donations.**

***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:** Please fill in the planned giving form, which can be accessed on the website under DONATIONS, if you wish to become part of our **regularly giving programme** at St Joseph’s Parish Oatley. Otherwise, you may obtain the form from the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Please put your completed form in the second collection, otherwise email it 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) there is a Bpoint facility on this website under “Donations” on the menu. Please follow the links. If you do not wish to make an internet or online payment, please email the Office [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au) or contact 9580 1864.

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***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.***

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**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Procession**

***O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.***

***Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!***

**Penitential Act**

I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned,

in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault,

through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy.  **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

**Collect**

Let us pray.

O God, strength of those who hope in you,

graciously hear our pleas,

and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,

grant us always the help of your grace,

that in following your commands

we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** (Refer to your Sunday Missal or Liturgy Sheet)

**PROFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)**

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Priest:** ***My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, walking by faith, not by sight, let us pray with confidence to God whose kingdom grows among us.***

1. For the Church, and all her communities, great and small: May her harvest increase and her branches be large enough to shelter all. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. For leaders whose plans influence the economy: May they encourage and support farmers and all those who help to bring food to our table. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. For those who develop the land: May they, as they make this earth more productive, reverence the natural environment created by God. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. For those who teach the young, feed the hungry or comfort the afflicted: May God plant the kingdom among us through these varied ministries. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That the children of our parish being prepared to receive Our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist for the first time will continue to grow in holiness and with a greater love for the Lord who is really and truly present in the Sacrament of his Most Holy Body and Blood. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That those who prepare our young people to share in the Eucharist and those who bring communion to the sick and housebound may be living signs of the presence of Christ, who is our Passover and our Peace. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. For those who are now at home with Lord: May they find mercy before the judgment seat of Christ and receive the reward of their goodness. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. For greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary: May the gentle Queen of Peace reign in every home. **HAIL MARY.**

**Priest:** ***Almighty God, you are the source of all goodness and grace. Hear these prayers we make, as our intercession for others. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. AMEN***

**Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith. You, our Salvation, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**Our Spiritual Communion**

***My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.***

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be *etc.*

**Communion Antiphon**

***There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:***

***to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.***

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,

foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,

so may it bring about unity in your Church.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**BLESSING**

May the Lord bless us and keep us

May he let his face shine upon us

and show us his mercy.

May he turn his countenance towards us

and give us his peace.

And may Almighty God bless us all, in the name of the Father, and of Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Let us praise the Lord and glorify him in our lives.*** Thanks be to God.