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)

4th July 2021 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**HUMAN CLAMS:** The people of Nazareth who refused to accept the claims of Christ because they had closed minds are typical of some people who are never open to conviction. They have made up their minds and that is the end of it. They are case-hardened like clams, nursing their opinions within an impenetrable shell of obstinacy. Like the clams which stick to rocks by the force of their own suction they hold to their way of thinking by some adhesive power generated from within. They are as constant as the Southern Cross. Even when the truth is staring them in the face they will hold to the contrary. They are like the man in the zoo who had never seen a giraffe in his life. On being shown one he said “There ain’t no such animal”. Psychologically this obstinacy in belief is due to the mastery of the emotions over reason. The obstinate person does not want to believe and therefore refuses to. This is particularly true in matters of faith. It is inconvenient to accept certain truths; they make too many demands on one. Much better to close one’s eyes to their existence than have to live up to them.

 All of us, like the people of Nazareth, can be guilty of this kind of thing, in some degree in our spiritual lives. Perhaps we are meditating on some passage of the New Testament when the truth of Christ’s words stand out clear and challenging. They are unpalatable; they fill us with a feeling of discomfort. We do not want to be disturbed from our pleasant way of life. So, we misinterpret them; give them a meaning that we would like them to have; shrug off their true meaning. It takes a rock to break a clam’s shell; we must pray for the grace to hurt ourselves if necessary, to open ourselves out and thus reveal the truth about ourselves. A prayerful study of the personality of Our Lord will help us to open our eyes to his greatness and sincerity; it will help us to accept his words and give us the strength to live them.

**Masses for the Deceased:** Brian Rayment, Peter Rayment, Walter Ryan,recently deceased. Peter Convento, Josie Murphy, Millie Saunders, Kathleen O’Brien, James Eagles, anniversaries.

**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.**

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

**Closure of Churches due to the recent spread of the Corona virus.**

As from 6pm on Saturday, 26th June 2021, Greater Sydney (which includes the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong, and Shellharbour) has gone into a two-week lockdown until midnight on Friday, 9th July. Consequently, the Church is closed until further notice.

However, *funerals are permitted* with a limit of 100 attendees.

Weddings, however, *are not permitted.*

Baptisms *are not permitted*, except in case of emergency. Similarly, the anointing of the sick, and sick calls generally, are permitted in case of emergency only.

It seems clear that, because the new Delta strain of Covid virus is so infectious, we are being asked to be even more cautious than during the previous lockdown. “Stay home” means “avoid all unnecessary contact with other people.”

During the lockdown, the Sunday Mass will be live streamed on YouTube, and you are encouraged to connect prayerfully to this medium. The streaming will begin at 5pm on Saturday and can be accessed at any time after the Mass has concluded.



**St Vincent de Paul Oatley Conference** would like to take this opportunity to sincerely say Thank You to the Parish Community for your contribution towards our 2021 Winter Appeal. The amount raised is $1,324.00.

Also, a Thank You to St Joseph’s School for their generosity for the Food Drive for our Support Centre in Hurstville

***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.***

**Envelope Contributors:** Please pick up your packs today in the church foyer.

**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 for the application.**

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 or contact 9580 1864.

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***TAX RECEIPTS for 2020-2021 will be available in August.*** Please fill in your details on the form provided in the Church foyer entrance or email oatleycc@bigpond.com 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 the following week 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.

***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.***

**4th July 2021 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Procession**

***Your merciful love, O God,***

***we have received in the midst of your temple.***

***Your praise, O God, like your name,***

***reaches the ends of the earth;***

***your right hand is filled with saving justice.***

**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, who in the abasement of your Son

have raised up a fallen world,

fill your faithful with holy joy,

for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin

you bestow eternal gladness.

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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

 ***My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray to God whose voice has spoken to us and appeal to the One whose grace is always sufficient for our needs.***

1. For God’s holy Church. May we not be a rebellious house but listen well to the prophets among us. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. For the people in need of food, housing or medical care. May those with resources to help, not refuse the cries of the poor. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. For those who have grown cynical or skeptical. May God give them strength to persevere, and the courage to bear witness. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That those who work in shipping, in management, in unions, in support industries and services in aid of those who ply the seas, may be valued and rewarded in their work with success, and a greater understanding by those who benefit from their gifts. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For families who are divided and torn apart because of indifference toward one another. May God restore their former closeness and warmth. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. For the sick and terminally ill. May they attain the peace of mind which grows from appreciating their special role in joining Christ in his suffering. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. For the faithful departed who honored Jesus by their living. May Jesus welcome them now into heaven, their true home.
8. For greater devotion to the Holy Mother of God, Mary Immaculate. **HAIL MARY.**

 ***Lord God, let every command of yours be to us an invitation to love and to serve our brothers and sisters, to understand and to respect, to guide and to be guided. 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**

***Taste and see that the Lord is good;***

***blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.***

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, O Lord,

that, having been replenished by such great gifts,

we may gain the prize of salvation

and never cease to praise you.

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.