

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.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord – 29th May 2022

MASSES FOR THE DECEASED: Masses for the Deceased: Sister Patricia O'Loughlin rsc, Laurie Richardson, Omas Brischetto, recently deceased; Frances Canham, Rev. Dennis Murphy msc, Rev. Barry Hanson, Rev. James Bruce, Alice Nelson, anniversaries.

THE ASCENSION: At the last supper Our Lord prayed to his Father: *and now glorify me, O Father, with yourself, with the glory which I had, before the world was with you.* When Our Lord came on earth in the mystery of the Incarnation, he deprived himself of this glory and became like us in everything, except sin. This glory was restored to him in its totality when he ascended to his Father after his work on earth had been accomplished. His visible presence will only be seen again on earth when he comes at the world's end in full glory amid the clouds of heaven. Now he reigns at the right hand of God still interceding for us and still active among us though not in visible form.

He identifies himself with his Church. He is present in her sacramental life and he speaks to us through the words of Scripture and unites himself to us in sacrifice and communion. We who can no longer gaze at his visible presence are in touch with him through faith and charity. His spirit reigns in our hearts as he promised it would. It is that Spirit which he said would give testimony of him. And we in our turn must be witnesses of him to the world.

The angel said to the apostles at the time of the Ascension: *You men of Galilee, why stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus who is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come as you have seen him going into Heaven.* There was work to

be done on earth. We too are not to be mere star gazers but to witness by our actions to Christ. He inaugurated his kingdom when he was on earth; now that he is in Heaven, he has left it to his followers to push back the boundaries by extending its influence. And first we must start with ourselves and see that the love of Christ so burns in our hearts that the warmth of its flame will enkindle love in others.



NEXT PARISH MORNING TEA: SAVE THE DATE 14TH JUNE 22 at 10.30a.m. Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered at the Parish morning tea. What a great turnout and due to the outstanding success of the morning tea, we will be holding another one on **Tuesday 14th June at 10.30 a.m. in the Marion Hall (go through the Church). Everyone is WELCOME.** Please join us. *Fr. Paul*

FATHER PAUL WILL BE ON ANNUAL LEAVE from Sunday 22nd May, until Saturday 4th June. Father Hugh Thomas CSSR, will supply for the Vigil Mass, and Sunday Masses this weekend (Solemnity of the Ascension). During Father Paul's absence there will be no daily Masses until Saturday 4th June.

Masses times at Peakhurst and Penshurst during this time are: OLF Peakhurst: Wednesday & Friday at 9.30am. St Declan's Penshurst: Monday 6:45am, Tuesday 9:15am, Wednesday 6.45am, Thursday 9:15am, Friday 6.45am, Saturday 8am.

Church Open: Our church is open each day for weekday Masses and Sunday Masses at 5pm (Saturday Vigil), 8am and 10am, Sundays. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

Vinnies Winter appeal commencing the weekend of **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June**. The theme of this year's Winter Appeal is 'MAKE IT STOP', focusing on providing safety to families and individuals fleeing DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. We would appreciate your support and generosity towards this APPEAL. *Oatley Conference for SVDP.*

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



Sacramental Program for 2022, please visit the Parish website: www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click on the tab *Sacrament Dates 2022* for further information.

Please note that Parish Confirmations this year will be at St. Mary's Cathedral on the **7th of August 2022 at 3.30pm.**



CONFIRMATION: The children of the parish who are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, have begun their classes and preparation to receive the Sacrament at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 7th August. Please keep them in your prayers and encourage them to faithfully practice their faith.

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: 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 opening the attached hyperlink <https://www.stjosephschurch.com.au/donations>.

Click on the button *planned giving program* to access and fill out form. Otherwise, you may obtain the form from the church foyer or contact the parish office for the application.

Please email the form 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) please scan the encryption below, with your mobile phone. This automatically directs you to the parish's Bpoint facility. 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.



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.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: Induction Safeguarding training sessions for **new volunteers will be available via zoom** on the following dates- Monday, 30th May at 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm and Thursday, 9th June at 9.00am to 10am.

Volunteers who have **already completed the Induction Training need to register for the Refresher Training.** Below I have listed the next available zoom dates for volunteers to register for the **Refresher Training.**

This below training package is for volunteers who have completed the Safeguarding Induction Training a minimum of three years ago.

Date	Time	Location
Monday, 6 June 2022	9.00am – 10.00am	ZOOM
Thursday, 7 July 2022	3.00pm – 4.00pm	ZOOM
Thursday, 1 September 2022	4.00pm – 5.00pm	ZOOM
Tuesday, 4 October 2022	9.00am – 10.00am	ZOOM

Volunteers can simply register for the Induction or Refresher Training by emailing safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org or calling 93905811.

Alternatively, if none of the above refresher dates work for volunteers they can register for the online Refresher e-learning module, which they can complete in their own time. To register they need to follow this link <https://forms.gle/nZWjGCeMBc4Ev5Hd8>

Please email the parish office once you have completed any of the above safeguarding training sessions oatleycc@bigpond.net.au. Thank you.



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