

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

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.

27th August 2023 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Masses for the Deceased: Paul Zuvic, Thomas Joseph (Tom) Ryan, Maria Beljo, Cliff Baxter, Patricia Johnson, Paul Aloysius Hemsley, Petar Vidović, recently deceased; Janice Scully, Kathleen Mary Rohl, Richard Potter, James Bartholomew (Bart) Cummings, Bishop Patrick Dougherty, Father Tom Crotty, Father Henry Jordan MSC anniversaries.

PETER: In an old dictionary “Uranium” was described as “a rare, heavy, white, metallic element....it has no important use.” Time has changed all that. Science has released a power within it that is of the utmost importance today. Peter was of little importance before Christ came into his life. He was a useful fisherman, one of many, who would have left no mark on his country when he died. It was our Lord who released a great power within him so that he became of very great importance to the world. In some ways he was a weak man. He became a coward and was very impetuous. He liked to thrust himself forward. But our Lord knew that fundamentally he was a man of good will and of great expectations.



He knew that his faults did not arise from pride or selfishness but chiefly from human frailty. It was just the kind of material that he wanted to work on; to use the weak things of the world to confound the strong. So, from Peter’s fragility he made a rock so firm that it became the foundation of a wide world church. Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, said our blessed Lord.

This was a Peter who would never die. Just as at the death of a king the cry goes up “the king is dead; long live the king”, so when Peter dies another takes his place. His task is to keep the faith alive and help it to spread among others, not by his own efforts alone but with the help of all the faithful. How different the first Peter was after Christ came back from the grave and had made him shepherd over his flock. He had only to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit to be filled with the courage and strength that he was a witness to Christ and finally to show his witness by martyrdom. This same Holy Spirit who gave such wisdom and strength to weak and slow-minded Peter gives the firmness to the rock today on which the church is built. How surprised that first Peter would be if he could have gazed upon the great basilica in the heart of Rome round whose dome are written the words our blessed Lord spoke to him.

FATHER PAUL’S FAREWELL LUNCH-17th of September 2023 at 12pm: An invitation to all the Parishoners of the Parish has been organised to farewell Father Paul Hilder and wish him all the best for his retirement. For further information refer to the posters/ brochures in the Church foyer or alternatively email : jtperkins@ozemail.com.au

FAREWELL BOOK FOR FR PAUL- In the church foyer there is a farewell book for Fr Paul, where parishioners are invited to write a farewell message to him. The book will be presented to Fr Paul at his upcoming lunch on 17/9.



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. Joseph’s Oatley on Sunday, 10th of September. Please keep them in your prayers and encourage them to faithfully practice their faith.

MORNING TEA INVITATION: Please join us at our next parish morning tea on Monday the **4th of September, at 10.30am** in the Marion Hall. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are looking forward to our young parishioners joining in the Children's Liturgy group on Sunday's during the 10am Mass. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work where the Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings. Please encourage your children to join the group.

CURRENT PLANNED GIVING: Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are now available in the foyer of the Church, please take your set of envelopes.

TAX RECEIPTS for 2022-2023 are available. Please email [oatleycc@bigpond.com](mailto: oatleycc@bigpond.com) if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Your receipts will be emailed to you. Alternatively, call the office on 9580-1864 for your tax receipt. Once again, we would like to thank all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley.

Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish. If you wish to support your Parish, St Joseph's Oatley, please pick up a copy of the application form in the Church Foyer and become one of our regular givers. Alternatively, you may wish to go to our website www.stjosephschurch.com.au for a copy, or if you are online click on the tab below.



The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link: bit.ly/stjoatley



DEFIBRILLATOR: Please note a defibrillator is installed in the Parish Church Hall.