

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
Saturday	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)		
Sunday	8 am, 10 am		
Monday	8am (Rosary 7.45)	Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Wednesday	8am (rosary 7.45)	Exposition	Thursday, 9am to 11.45am (with benediction at 11.30am)
Thursday	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
Friday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Saturday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

10th March 2019 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Masses and Prayers: Maryanne Donnelly (rec dec), Maree Sherman (rec dec), Tina Chrisohodis (ann), Stefa Roso (ann.), Marie Miller (ann.17/3), Mary Shelton (ann.16/3), Josephine Doughan (ann.24/3), Beryl Gardiner (ann.21/3), Marie Basquil (ann.16/3), Pauline Elias (ann.), Buyung Elias, Frederica Streiff, Christina Selim, Agnes & Alexander Arifin members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

OLD NICK: The devil, in literature and legend has taken many forms. Artists have treated him with fun. Hieronymus Bosch portrays him as the ape of God, supreme master of disorder. Durer depicts him as a pig waiting to snatch a human soul. Francisco Goya shows him as a goat. Medieval man loved to make fun of him. To many people the devil is not a reality. He is simply a fictional figure – a mixed-up kid with horns, hoofs and a tail – a poltergeist Puck playing practical jokes – a product of ignorance and superstition. Sometimes he is represented as a more flamboyant figure endowed with magnificence and power allied with low cunning. Such is Mephistopheles, in Goethe's Faust, offering riches of life in exchange for souls. But all this is very different from the reality. The devil is no joke. Christ knew that. The devil must have filled him with loathing. There is a verse which goes like this:

**“They may say the devil never lived, They may say the devil has gone,
But simple folk would like to know, Who carries the business on?”**

Christ knew well who carried the business on. His temptations in the wilderness were the beginning of a lifelong attack upon him. It was an attack that culminated in Calvary. And just as he attacked the Christ of Palestine so does he do the same to the Mystical Body of Christ. Fortunately we are provided with the means of resisting his attacks. The cross which was the result of evil was also its conqueror. By uniting ourselves with the Christ who died upon the cross we too gain the victory. It is only through our acceptance of Christ's love that old Nick will be sent about his business.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Twelve year old Thandolwayo in Zimbabwe would walk seven kilometres each day, threatened by crocodiles to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope. **Through your generosity during Project**

Compassion this year you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others (almsgiving). In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. As we imitate our Saviour, we confront our own human weakness and remind ourselves of the brevity of life and our need for salvation which only comes through faith and imitation of Christ.

Stations of the Cross: This beautiful devotion apt for the season of Lent will be conducted in the Church each Friday during Lent at 7 pm. Come and walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified.

Aid to the Church in Need visiting speaker: Kylie Cullen fmvd_ from the international Catholic aid organisation, Aid to the Church in Need, will speak briefly at the end of each Mass next weekend. ACN was founded in 1947 by Dutch priest Father Werenfried to alleviate the sufferings of the millions of displaced persons after World War II. Today ACN is the only International Catholic Organization that focuses on the spiritual and pastoral support of suffering Christians.

Catechist helper needed to assist a catechist with a large Kindy scripture class at Oatley West Public School. A helper will *not have to present the lesson*, but simply assist in handing out student activity books in class and helping students complete their work. If you are interested in helping a class from 9.30am to 10am on Tuesdays please contact Mike Cummins (0413 586870 or cumminsm@optusnet.com.au) or Natalie Heymann (0481 558635 or natalie.heyman@gmail.com)

SVDP Oatley Conference is participating in an Appeal to assist the country communities affected by drought. This appeal is from Saturday, 16th March to Friday 24th March. Items for collection are non perishable food items & toiletries. Please place them in the baskets provided. Thank you for your assistance. Sue Vit, SVDP president.

COLLECTIONS AND ROSTERS

1st 853		2nd: \$446		Envelopes \$ 1606	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 12 March		Lynne Ekholm	Leo Sullivan	
	Sun 19 March		Anna Merrick	Sandy Cox	Maria Pak
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 16 March	TBA	Melissa Dimeo	Livia V Ana Beretin L	Richard McMillan	
Sun 17 March 8am	Anne Lee	Sandra Soldo	No Servers	Maria Pak	
Sun 10 March 10 am	John Romanous	Audrey & Sandra Green	Anna & Grace C	Maureen Owens	
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 17 March	Kylie Brakel	Lewis DeGabriele	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson		