

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)

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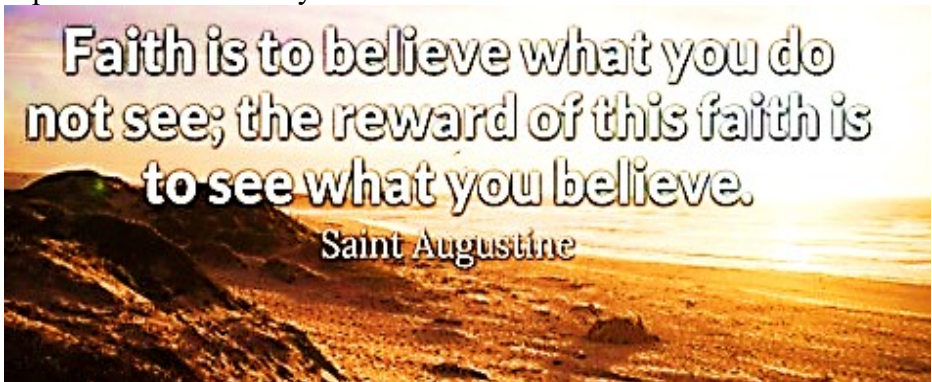
St Joseph's Church is open from 7 am to 6 pm daily, and the usual Mass timetable as above apply. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

16th April 2023 – Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Masses for the Deceased: Mary Comerford, Geoff Eales, John Yassa, recently deceased; Kerry Ryan, Joan Sproule, Jean Curlisa, John Reid, anniversaries and Norm Windred, Jocil Pinga, Joaquin Sr Pinga, Joseph Van Trinh Pham, Maria Magdalena Do.

FAITH AND CREDULITY: Credulity, the dictionary tells us, is the readiness to believe on insufficient evidence. After the explosion of the first atom bomb a certain gentleman of Long Beach, California, claimed that he had caught the atomic rays in a box and that he could cure most of the world's troubles with them. Coach trips soon had to be organised to take the number of people who wanted to go and see him.

Credulity takes many forms. Superstition is a widely practised form of it. There are those who will accept the most astonishing events on the flimsiest of evidence. On the other hand, there are others who refuse to believe anything which is not based on the evidence of the senses. They must see or feel for themselves. For such people the supernatural is a fantasy.



Christ tells Thomas in today's Gospel that they are blessed who have not seen but believed. Why is a Christian not guilty of credulity? Why is faith in the unseen not a form of it? The reason is that faith is a vision inspired by Christ. The Christ of the Gospels is the one who can neither deceive or be disbelieved. His teaching rings true. His personality is

compelling. His appeal calls for a response from human nature. There is no one else to whom a one can go to find more truth than in Christ's words - truth not only for the intellect but for the whole personal being. It is not easy to explain to an unbeliever the certainty that faith imparts. For faith, though it has a basis of reason is, in the end, a gift from Christ. It is a spiritual vision which cannot be expressed adequately in words. A Christian has not seen the glorified wounds of Christ but has believed in them and in the wonderful love that opened them out. The believer sees the risen Christ at every Eucharistic celebration with the vision of faith – that gift which enables sight without seeing, and touch without feeling.

EASTER TIME: The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday) to Pentecost Sunday (20th May) are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday.' These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are Sundays of Easter.

The acclamation *Alleluia* comes from the Hebrew contraction of *Hallel* and *Yahweh*, which literally means: Praised by to Yah! Or the Lord be praised! It is most appropriate that we sing this acclamation, particularly during the Easter Season. St. Augustine says rightly, "Singing is for one who loves", and there is also an ancient proverb: Whosoever sings well prays twice over."

Retirement of Father Paul: As announced at all the Masses on Easter Sunday, Father Paul will be leaving Oatley in October this year, to go on Lesser Duties in retirement. An Archdiocesan process can now begin to appoint a new Parish Priest for Oatley. Father Paul will be moving to a private villa unit in Beverly Hills.

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





You are all invited to our next MORNING TEA-FRIDAY 5th MAY at 10.30am: Following on from the very successful World Day of Prayer at St Joseph's, we now extend an invitation to all the local church members to get together once again at St Joseph's Oatley Church, 21C Frederick Street, Oatley. The morning tea is

for all our local residents to come together in community friendship. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please, if you can, bring a small plate of food to share.

UPCOMING MASS TIME VARIATIONS:

Monday 17th April- No 8am Mass.

Please refer to St Joseph's Mass Times (on front page of this bulletin) for information on other Mass times at the Parish.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH OATLEY: The sacramental program has recently been published on the St Joseph's website. Please refer to the following link for further details [SACRAMENTAL DATES 2023 | St Josephs \(stjosephschurch.com.au\)](https://stjosephschurch.com.au)

Also, the website provides you with the application form and further information for the upcoming First Holy Communion. Alternatively, click on the following [link **First Holy Communion 2023 Information & application form.**](#)

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. 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.

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