

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 | Confessions | Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm |
| 8am (Rosary 7.45) | | |
| Tuesday | | |
| 8 am (Rosary 7:45) | | |
| Wednesday | Exposition: | Thursday 9am to 11.45 am with (benediction at 11.30am) |
| 8am (Rosary 7.45) | | |
| Thursday | | |
| 12 Noon (Rosary 11.45) | | |
| Friday | | |
| 8am (Rosary 7.45) | | |
| Saturday | | |
| 8am (Rosary 7.45) | | |

28 July 2019 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Freda Jenner (rec dec), Elias Francis (rec dec), Kevin Madden (rec dec), Carmen Camilleri (ann.21/7), Francis Rohl (ann.2/8), Patrick Molloy (ann.28/7), Margaret Eddie (ann.3/8), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick.

PERSEVERING PRAYER: It is easy to be rather casual about prayer and to expect great results without much effort. Christ is telling us in today's Gospel that we must persevere in prayer. We must go on knocking if we want the door to be opened. In other words we must not only put our heart and soul into what we ask for but must go on asking continually. This is what St. Augustine's mother did. "It is impossible that the son of these tears should perish", he said. His mother had prayed long and hard for him with splendid results for the world.

Christ tells us that if we ask with persistence we will receive. But this does not seem to happen always. The answer is that every good prayer is answered but not always in the way we would like it to be. Every prayer should have the proviso "Not my will but thine by done". That, after all, was the way Christ prayed in the garden of Gethsemane. This implies that when we pray we must have a profound faith. This does not mean that we are to have a certainty about the outcome of our prayer, that we will get what we asked for. It means that we have a complete faith in the God we pray to; faith that our prayer will be answered in the way God sees fit. It will always be a good way as Christ tells us "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will, instead of a fish, give him a serpent?" If we ask with fervour for something we may be sure that God will not give us what is not good for us. Whatever he does give will be for our spiritual good. The man who prayed to God for neither riches nor poverty but simply three thousand dollars a year paid quarterly in advance was not likely to obtain it because there was too much of self in that prayer. Our prayer must go away from self and be directed towards God. Someone has said that he who prays rises from his knees a better person.

Used stamps for Mary MacKillop: There are some ladies who cut and sort used stamps on Monday 29th August from 1-3 pm, in the Marian Hall. All used stamps and albums are welcome. Last year we raised \$68,000 and since 2001, we have raised \$312,000. There's a box on the windowsill next to the door to put your used stamps in. It is through your efforts that the legacy of St Mary MacKillop, continues in Peru today.

St Vincent de Paul Appeal raised \$1880. Thank you for your generous contribution.

St. Bernadette's Parish at Carlton is conducting a series of talks for **Catholics returning to the Church**. The program is designed to recognise the feelings of each participant, to help

them realise that they are not alone, and give them the opportunity to view things in a new light. The talks run from 20th August, to 17th September. For further details contact Fr. Tadeusz : 0411 267 739, or St. Bernadette's Parish: 9587 4246.

Next weekend the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding a **CWF Parish appeal, 3rd and 4th August 2019**. **Envelopes are available in the foyer.**

Sacrament of Confirmation: will be held on Sunday 22 September celebrated by Bishop Umbers.

Parent Information Evening:

When: Wednesday 7 August 2019

Where: Marian Hall at St Joseph's Church (entry via the Church)

Registration: from 7pm – cost is \$20

Meeting: starts at 7.30pm sharp (finishing no later than 8.30pm)

Attendees: Parents/carers only

Our parish Group of the **Life Ascending Movement**, meets in the Marian Hall on Friday, 9 August from 10.30am to 12.30pm, (and the second Friday of each month except January). If you are retired or nearing retirement, you are invited to join with like minded Parishioners in prayer and friendship, and in gaining much from the work of this new movement within our church, with its special spirituality for older people.

Collections and Rosters

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| 1st \$901 | 2nd: \$597 | Envelopes \$ 1961 | | |
| Money Counters Roster | Sun 30 July | Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Carol Harland | | |
| | Sun 6 Aug | George & Kathy Novak | | |
| | Acolytes and Ministers | Lectors | Altar Servers | Mass Wardens |
| Sat 27 July 5pm | Vince Elliott | Sandra Soldo | Amber L Gaia el K | Richard McMillan |
| Sun 28 July 8am | Robert Dimeo | Ainsley Wilson | No Servers | Mark Shad |
| Sun 28 July 10am | Joe Shakkal | Mirjana Males | Lachlan H Mavina K | David Lee |
| Sat 3 Aug 5pm | Danny Clark | Damian Callinan | Sophia S Livia V | Brian Smith |
| Sun 4 Aug 8am | George Lazar | Dick McMillan | No Servers | Seb Arena |
| Sun 4 Aug 10am | Glenn Mclachlan | Alison Felici | Anna & Grace C | George Battikha |
| Children's Liturgy | | Rosary Leader | Altar Society | |
| Sun 28 July | Angela Nadile | Brian Rayment | Marcia Smith | |
| Sun 4 Aug | Alison Felici | Marcia Smith | Susan Canham Angela Nadile | |