

# 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)

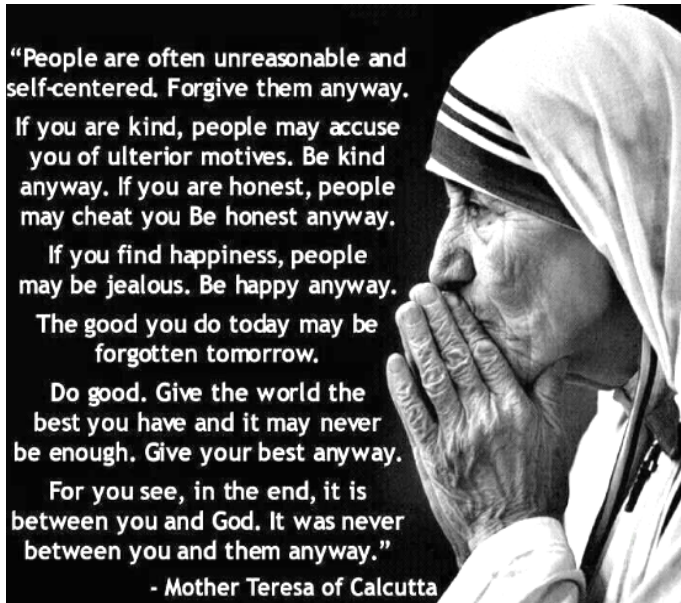
## WELCOME

**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.**

## 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Second Sunday of Lent

**Masses for the Deceased:** (Patricia) Jean Devine, Norman Joseph Windred, Cardinal George Pell, Angela Wafer, recently deceased; Patricia Freeman, Raymond Mercer, Derice Mercer, Marcia June Elliott, Graeme Farmer, John Dolan, Father Michael O’Callaghan, Stanislava (Gloria) Nelson, Robyn Hession, Peter Smith, anniversaries, and deceased members of the Beljo and Bagaric families.

**DOWN TO EARTH:** St. Peter’s words at the scene of the ‘Transfiguration: *Lord, is it good for us to be here*, contained only a half-truth. It was good for him to witness the glorified splendour of Christ and to see in him the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets as shown by their representatives Moses and Elijah. But it was not good for him to remain where he was. There was work to be done in the world of ordinary day events with its enduring suffering and its joys.



Christianity does not consist in living in a dream world of lights and spiritual escapism. It is a very much down to earth existence. The faithful Christian lives in a world which at times is very dark – where sickness and slums and sleazy conditions prevail. Life in an

ivory tower sprouts no haloes. There are Catholics who have the characteristics of limpets who encase themselves in a protective covering and are impervious to the needs and feelings of those around them. They

say their prayers, immerse themselves in pious practices, but forget their duties as members of the Mystical Body of Christ (the Church). They kneel in the church and think it is good for them to be there and they come out and snub the bus-conductor and ignore the appeals for help from the hungry and the unhappy.

After the splendour of the Transfiguration came the dark night of the agony and the cross. The men who witnessed the one were terrified of the other. They had to learn as we all have to learn that life can have its transfiguring moments, but also its very painful ones. A Christian must not live then in a world of make belief but of hard reality. Our moments of light and consolation are given to strengthen us for the hard struggles ahead. It is good for us all to be here because it is here that we have the opportunity of living the good life as manifested to us by Christ, and thus gaining a share of his glory.

**The Pascal precept** binds all Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> February) and Trinity Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> June). The faithful are also obliged to confess their grave (mortal) sins individually in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

The practice of almsgiving during Lent is recommended by contribution to **Project Compassion**. Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes are available this Sunday in the foyer of the Church.

**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.

**The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses:** You can access this on YouTube by following this link: [bit.ly/stjoatley](https://bit.ly/stjoatley) **OR**



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

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 \(stjosephschurch.com.au\)](#)

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Kindergarten 2024 enrolments are now open:** Please submit applications **online via the enrolment portal** on the St Joseph's School or Sydney Catholic Schools websites. Kindergarten applications will be due **BY Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2023**. Please contact the school office if further information or assistance is required on Phone: 9580 6588. Alternatively, click on the following link for further information [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Oatley | Enrolment Information \(syd.catholic.edu.au\)](#)

Welcome to  
Children's Liturgy



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We are looking forward to our young parishioners to join Children's Liturgy on **Sunday 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.

*Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish. If you wish to support your Parish, St Joseph's Oatley, please click on the tab below.*

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