

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: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 11 am and
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 BACK

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

9th January 2022 – The Baptism of Christ

Masses for the Deceased: Fr. Michael Butler, recently deceased, Brian McCudden, Father Kevin Muldoon, anniversaries.

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST: Someone has said “Nothing is stronger than an idea whose hour has come”. We all know what an explosive force an idea can be and has been in the world's history. The ideas of the poor hungry scholar Karl Marx have, for example, had an enormous impact upon nearly every country in the world. But no one's ideas have had a more lasting effect upon history and civilisation than those of the one who entered our world *when the fullness of time had come.*

At his baptism by John the Baptist, he was anointed with the Holy Spirit who drove him forward to announce the good news of the Gospel to the world. This Spirit was the directing force of the messianic mission. For the redemption was the joint work of Christ and the Spirit since all his life Christ was under the guidance of the Spirit. The Father sent him into the world and this fact has manifested by the words: *This is my beloved Son in whom I*

am well pleased. All this gives us some insight into why the new service of baptism is designed to be celebrated as a group of the Christian community. The community welcomes the newcomer knowing that through this baptism the kingdom of God is extended. The celebrant in the new rite says: "Praise to you, God the Holy Spirit, for your anointed Christ at his baptism in the waters of the River Jordan so that we might be baptised unto you." Christ's baptism was the beginning of the public proclamation of a kingdom of God, a kingdom which was to change completely the lives of us all. The newly baptised Christian has the same task in their own way. By the Christian character and Christian actions, they are to spread the good news of the kingdom. Baptism has been called the feast of light. Christ tells us: *Receive the Light of Christ, let your light so shine that others will see your good works and give praise to God the Father.* In this way they will be attracted to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

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



Sacramental Program for 2022: Please visit the Parish website:

www.stjosephschurch.com.au



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connect@catholiccare.org

CHURCH OPENING

Our church is open for weekday Masses and Sunday Masses at 5pm (Saturday Vigil), 8am and 10am, Sundays. We look forward to warmly welcoming everyone back to Mass.

When you arrive for Mass at the Church or the Hall, you will also need to use the QR code OR use the 'pen and paper' system for official registration. This is the NSW Government compliance requirement.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to Mass and we will be doing all that is reasonably possible to keep everyone safe who attends Mass. There will be good ventilation, hand sanitiser available and cleaning of the church between Masses. For regular updates on the current restrictions in the Church please refer to:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions>

Planned Giving: Your contribution to the 2nd collection goes towards the running and upkeep of our parish, and 30% of what you donate is eligible for a tax deduction.

New Contributors: If you wish to become part of our regularly giving programme at St Joseph's Parish Oatley, please fill in the planned giving form, which can be accessed by opening the attached hyperlink <https://www.stjosephschurch.com.au/donations>.

Click on the button planned giving program to access and fill out form. Otherwise, you may obtain the form from the church foyer or contact the parish office for the application.

Please email the form to oatleycc@bigpond.net.au or drop it in to the Parish Office.

Alternatively, you can post it to: St Joseph's Parish, 21C Frederick St, Oatley NSW 2223.

If you wish to donate to the Church Account (Second Collection) please scan the encryption below, with your mobile phone. This automatically directs you to the parish's Bpoint facility. Please follow the links. If you do not wish to make an internet or online payment, please email the office oatleycc@bigpond.net.au or contact 9580 1864.



TAX RECEIPTS for 2020-2021 are available. If you wish to receive an emailed tax receipt, please email the parish office. Once again, we would like to thank all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley.

Thank you for contributing to St. Joseph's Parish. I am very appreciative of your ongoing generosity and commitment to support our Parish in achieving its Pastoral Mission and meeting ongoing expenses. Fr. Paul.