

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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<b>Schedule of Masses</b>		<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
<b>Monday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7.45)	<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	<b>Weekend Masses</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7.45)	<b>Saturday 5pm Vigil</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)	<b>Sunday 8am &amp; 10am</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
<b>Saturday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

### 2 February, 2020 – The Presentation of the Lord

Masses and Prayers : Fr Andrew Quinn (ann. 9/2), Janice Anderson (ann.3/2), Marie McGuinness (ann.4/2), Velma Burns (3/2), , [dec members of CWL and those who are sick especially Courtney Leiba.](#)

**THE PRESENTATION:** The Blessed Virgin Mary is seen in the Gospels as an image of the Church and this image is clearly seen when she presents the child Jesus in the temple. There she does what the Church does in the Eucharist, she offers up Christ to the Father. No doubt she does not fully realise that the child she is offering was to suffer and die for all humankind but she must have had an inkling of what was in store when she heard Simeon say that her child would be a sign which people would refuse to acknowledge and that a sword would pierce her being. At least then she knew that the future held pain for her and that her child would be the cause of her suffering. This scene in the temple was strange mixture of joy and sorrow. There was joy because here was the means of God's salvation and "a light for the revelation to the Gentiles" and for "the glory of Israel". But the shadow of future troubles was also present. Light and darkness were the symbols of Mary's life as well as that of her Son and they were both foreshadowed here. At the moment the light predominated. After all she was a mother with a wonderful child of whom immense powers were prophesied. She knew of her own virginity, of "the power of the Most High" that had overshadowed her so as to give birth to a child with a great destiny.

We can see a certain irony in this entire scene. The events took place in the temple about which Christ would one day prophecy. "Do you see all these great buildings? There shall not be left a stone upon a stone that shall not be thrown down". Here in that temple is its substitutes who would be destroyed and after three days rise again. Then no longer would people worship in the temple, they would worship "in spirit and in truth". At present all was being done according to Jewish law – the law "given by Moses"; it was being done so that "grace and truth" might come through Jesus Christ.

#### **Mass to launch the Cause of Beatification and Canonisation of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor**

The co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, Eileen O'Connor has taken a major step forward to becoming Australia's second saint after the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP called on Catholics to submit evidence to support Eileen's cause for canonisation. You are invited to a Mass which will officially launch the cause. Thursday 20 February at St Mary's Cathedral. 5:30pm, Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. All Welcome.

**Thank You** to Our Parish Community for the generosity and coming together in times of crisis. We have raised \$4,000 for the Vinnies Bush Fire Appeal. Sue Vit President.

#### **Visit Of The Relics Of St Thérèse Of Lisieux and Her Parents**

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Thérèse, and her parents, Louis and Zélie, is visiting the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March. Details of the itinerary is posted on the parish noticeboard so that parishioners are aware of where and when they can take this opportunity to venerate the relics of one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints and her parents who helped nurture her faith.

**Cutting and sorting stamps for the Josephite Missions** will resume next Monday in the Marian Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, from 1pm to 3pm. Helpers are always welcome, and good way to meet people in a relaxed way.

**Devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes:** Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 9 February 2020 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be The Reverend Fr Brian Lucas. Parking is available in the nearby Council Car Park.

**New Catechists Required in 2020:** Up to 3 new Catechists are required for this year. If you would like to join our friendly and committed team of catechists in bringing the "Good News" to Catholic students in the three local State primary schools and are available for a 30 minute class on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning, please contact Fr Paul (9580 1864) or Mike Cummins (0413 586870 or [cummism@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cummism@optusnet.com.au)). Free training and resources are provided.

### Collections & Rosters

1st \$755		2nd: \$278		Envelopes \$1484	
Money Counters Roster		Tues 4 Feb Brian & Marcia Smith			
		Tues 11 Feb Lynne Ekholm & Leo Sullivan			
Masses	<b>Acolytes and Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Mass Wardens</b>	
Sat 01 Feb 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Caroline Dimeo	Amber L Gaia el K	Richard McMillan	
Sun 2 Feb 8am	George Lazar	Damian Callinan	No Servers	Mark Shad	
Sun 2 Feb 10am	Phillip Merrick	Francis D'Silva	Anna & Grace C	David Lee	
Sat 8 Feb 5pm	Joe Shakkal	Sandra Soldo	Luca J Declan M	John Perkins	
Sun 9 Feb 8am	Anne Lee	Vesna Zovic	No Servers	Seb Arena	
Sun 9 Feb 10am	Phillip Merrick	Avaleigh Rock	Mavina K Ana Beretin L	George Battikha	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		<b>Rosary Leader</b>	<b>Altar Society</b>		
Sun 2 Feb	Angela Nadile	Lewis De Gabriele	Susan Canham Angela Nadile		
Sun 9 Feb	Alison Felici	Brian Rayment	Lynne Ekholm		