

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
<b>Saturday</b>	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8 am, 10 am		
<b>Monday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7.45)		
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7.45)		
<b>Thursday</b>	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
<b>Friday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
<b>Saturday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

### 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers : Brian McCudden (rec. dec), Daniel Andreallo (rec dec) Isabella Convento (rec dec), Ignatius McCrystal (ann.), Adeline Hilder, Marjorie Saunders, Eileen Harland, Theresa Grace Washington, Rita Briscoe-Hough, Mary Jo Rathke .dec members of CWL and those who are sick especially Courtney Leiba.

#### THE DATE OF EASTER AND MOVEABLE FEASTS FOR 2020

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars as December 25<sup>th</sup>, many of the important feasts of the Church year move based upon the date that Easter is set. In the Western Church Easter is determined as the Sunday falling after the “Paschal Full Moon,” and can fall on any Sunday between 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Most missals and Christian Calendars (e.g. Columban Calendar) will include these dates from year to year, but in earlier days before calendars were common, most people would not have known the dates for the upcoming year. It was a time honoured custom that on the Feast of the Epiphany, the important dates of the *moveable* Feasts of the Church’s year were solemnly proclaimed by the Deacon at High Mass after the singing of the Gospel. We no longer follow this quaint and antique practice, but it is good to know what these dates will be this year, 2020.

The centre point of the Liturgy is always Easter, and this year it will be observed on the **12<sup>th</sup> April**. The beginning of the Lenten Season in preparation for Easter will be on **26<sup>th</sup> February, Ash Wednesday**. **Ascension Day** in Australia will be celebrated on the **24<sup>th</sup> May**. **Pentecost Sunday** will be on the **31<sup>st</sup> May**, **Trinity Sunday, on the 7<sup>th</sup> June**, and the **feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** will be on the **14<sup>th</sup> June**, and the Friday following, **the 19<sup>th</sup> June**, will be the Solemnity of **the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. The Last Sunday of the Church’s year, **the Solemnity of Christ the King**, will be celebrated on **the 22<sup>nd</sup> November**, and a new Church year will commence with the **First Sunday of Advent on the 29<sup>th</sup> November**.

During the course of the year we will celebrate Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles and the Saints on fixed days. There are four days of special significance for all Australians, Australia Day 26<sup>th</sup> January, Anzac Day 25<sup>th</sup> April, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia 25<sup>th</sup> May, and St. Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) 8<sup>th</sup> August.

As a serious obligation, the Church enjoins on all the faithful to attend and assist at Mass on *all Sundays of the Church’s year* and on *Holy Days of Obligation*. The Holy Days of Obligation in Australia are: Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December, and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15<sup>th</sup> August.

**Collection at all Masses next weekend (Australia Day) for the St Vincent De Paul bushfire appeal**  
Friends, the sad tragedy of the bushfires has impacted upon our Catholic community across the Archdiocese of Sydney in a very real way. A brave Rural Fire Service volunteer Andrew O’Dwyer was farewelled at a Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Victories Parish in Horsley Park this week. The parish is providing ongoing support to his widow Melissa and 19 month old daughter Charlotte and our prayers are with them. Amidst the devastation of the fires, it has been encouraging to witness the support of so many ordinary Australians, including so many men and women of faith. While much of the response must be at a local parish and diocesan level, such a great crisis also requires a national response. Alongside my brother bishops across the country, I encourage you to donate to a special parish collection at Masses over the Australia Day weekend (25 and 26 January) through the St Vincent De Paul Society. Through this bushfire appeal, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of those affected, whether that be to cover basic clothing or the food bill for a family evacuated from their home. The support may also come through psychological counselling services for families left traumatised by the disaster or financial counselling as they struggle to pay unexpected bills. Together we can offer real comfort and long term support to families left struggling after the bushfires.  
+ Anthony Fisher OP

#### Collections & Rosters

1st \$768		2nd: \$378		Envelopes \$1484	
Money Counters Roster		Tues 21 Jan Anna Merrick, Sandy Cox, Carol Harland			
		Tues 28 Jan George and Kathy Novak			
Masses	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 18 Jan 5pm	Danny Clark	Francis D’Silva	Gaia el K Amber Lee	Brian Smith	
Sun 19 Jan 8am	George Lazar	Jade Serban	No Servers	Seb Arena	
Sun 19 10am	Phillip Merrick	Krystelle Boulos	Simon N Zamarah V	George Battilha	
Sat 25 Jan 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Brian and Marcia Smith	Luca J Lachlan H	Rafe Kowron	
Sun 26 Jan 8am	Rob Dimeo	Audrey and Sandra Green	No Servers	Mario Cuenca	
Sun 26 10am	Joe Shakkal	Jean Devine	Felicity G Alana G	Lewis Degabriele	
Children’s Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 19 Jan	School Holidays	Marcia Smith	Margaret Rayment, Kath Richardson		
Sun 25 Jan	School Holidays	Brian Rayment	Marcia Smith		