

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 BACK

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.

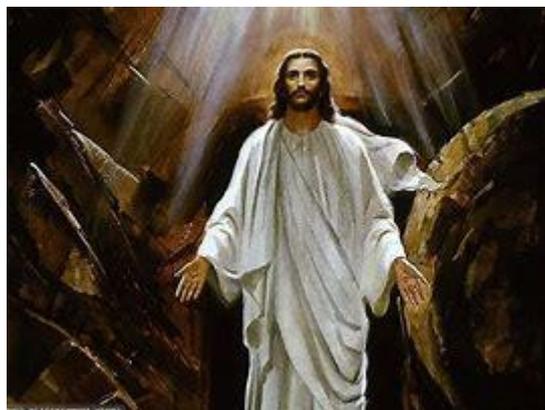
17th April 2022 – EASTER SUNDAY

Masses for the Deceased: Carl Anthony Owens, Rafael Fkowronski (Rafe Kowron) recently deceased; Marija Obrovac, Steve Nekich, John King, Jean Curlisa, Jack Saunders, Dorothy Rowley, Joseph Santos Phillips anniversaries.

THE FEAST OF LIGHT: The Church's liturgy at this time of the year is full of the theme of light. The Easter fire struck from a flint, the Paschal candle, the procession with candles and the sudden illumination of the church at the Easter vigil all symbolise the shining splendour of the risen Christ. Three times the words are sung "Lumen Christi" (The Light of Christ) as the candle shows the way through the darkness. And in the great hymn, the Exultet, the priest sings "Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness."

Christ then is the external light. He came to illuminate every man and woman who comes into the world. His radiance will be reflected in every Christian. In every Christian, Easter is perpetuated since in Christ every Christian will rise to a new life of glory. Thus St. Peter could write: *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.* Christian imagination has loved to see in the sunrise which the women saw as they made their way to the tomb in which Christ was buried, a symbol of the Light who rose from the tomb and shed his light across the world. Once all over Europe men and women would, from some vantage point, watch the sunrise on Easter morning. That moment of dawn was marked by the ringing of bells and the singing of choirs to greet the rising sun as a symbol of the risen Christ. Without the risen Christ the world would indeed be dark and a hopeless place; he has made it a world of hope and love; a place of encouragement for us all. He has dispersed the darkness of the mystery surrounding the purpose of human existence. In his light now we see light!

Happy Easter to all! Our greetings today should be "Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"



Thank you to all who were involved in making our Easter Triduum ceremonies a prayerful and moving experience: Acolytes, Readers, Audio/ Visual and streaming technicians, Organist and Singers, Wardens and members of the Altar Society.

EASTER DUES ENVELOPES are on the table in the foyer of the Church. Easter dues support the Priests of the Archdiocese, including your own Parish Priest.

Easter Monday: 9am Mass only.

The Pascal precept binds all Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. The faithful are also obliged to confess their grave (mortal) sins individually in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

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 has been recently updated, please visit the Parish website: www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click on the tab *Sacramental Dates 2022* for further information.

Applications for the ***Sacrament of Confirmation 2021 & 2022*** are now open and will close Sunday 17 April 2022. Please visit the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click on the tab *Sacramental Dates 2022* for further details. The parent information evening is scheduled for 28 April @ 7.30pm via ZOOM[®]. All families registered will be sent the ZOOM[®] link by email from the sacramental coordinator after applications close

Please note that Parish Confirmations this year will be at St. Mary's Cathedral on the **7th of August 2022 at 3.30pm** (St. George's Deanery parishes).

Church Open

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

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.



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.



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