

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 22nd May 2022

MASSES FOR THE DECEASED: Sister Patricia O'Loughlin rsc, Laurie Richardson, recently deceased; Frances Canham, Leanne Kelly, Jannette and Habib Battikha, Sister Rose Anne (Doreen) Croke rsc, anniversaries.

THE PEACEMAKER: The word peace was often on the lips of Christ. This was natural since peace formed an essential part of the message of the incarnation. The angels sang their song of peace at the coming of Christ into the world. No wonder that every book in the New Testament speaks of peace. The peace that Christ came to give to us was not something purely negative. So often when we use the word, we do use it in a negative sense, like the cessation of a quarrel or a war. A city may be bombed to bits, and we say that peace has returned after the air raid. With Our Lord, it means a positive grace that he is giving, implying good relationships both with the self and with others.

Human beings are often at war with themselves. The opposing forces within the self, take on different forms. The battle may be between nature and grace, emotion, and reason, or good and evil. St. Paul noted this civil war within himself when he said the good he would like to do, he did not do, and the evil he wished to avoid, he did not avoid. But he found the answer to the strife within himself in the Lord Jesus. He saw that it must come from a power outside himself, and he found it by putting on Christ: *I live, no longer I, but Christ Jesus lives in me.* Once peace is found within the self it becomes much easier to find peace with others. The Christ within the self will reach out to the Christ in others and thus good relationships are formed. This peace which comes through Christ is a peace which the world cannot give, because it is

a grace that is a gift from Our Lord, the peacemaker to all. Christ gave us his Spirit to continue his work of peace. He did not guarantee absence of troubles and vexations or suffering but he did guarantee an inner calm from the Spirit. *When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will teach you all things*, he said. He will teach us peace of heart amid all the frenzy of life. His stillness will be felt amid all its noise.



PARISH MORNING TEA: Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered at the Parish morning tea this week. What a great turnout and success. It was an enjoyable time to get together with our existing parishioners and new ones. There was an abundance of delicious treats and snacks made by parishioners. We thank everyone for participating in the event. We will keep you up to date when the next one will be scheduled. Thanks to Susan Canham and Maris Cummins for organising the event. *Fr. Paul.*

FATHER PAUL WILL BE ON ANNUAL LEAVE from this Sunday until Saturday 4th June. Father Hugh Thomas ccsr, will supply for the Vigil Mass, and Sunday Masses on the 28th and 29th May (Solemnity of the Ascension). During Father Paul's absence there will be no daily Masses until Saturday 4th June.

Masses times at Peakhurst and Penshurst during this time are: OLF Peakhurst: Wednesday & Friday at 9.30am. St Declan's Penshurst: Monday 6:45am, Tuesday 9:15am, Wednesday 6.45am, Thursday 9:15am, Friday 6.45am, Saturday 8am.

Charitable Works Fund: Thanks to all who gave generously to the collection last weekend. If you missed out on the opportunity to contribute to the Charitable Works Fund, envelopes are still available on the table in the foyer of the Church.

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.

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 and click on the tab *Sacrament Dates 2022* for further information.

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



CONFIRMATION: The boys and girls of the parish who are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, have begun their classes and preparation to receive the Sacrament at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 7th August. Please keep them in your prayers and encourage them to faithfully practice their faith.

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.

Safeguarding Training- To help with compliance, Induction Safeguarding training sessions for **new volunteers will be available via zoom** on the following dates- Monday, 30th May at 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm and Thursday, 9th June at 9.00am to 10am.

Volunteers who have already completed the Induction Training need to register for the **Refresher Training**. Below I have listed the next available zoom dates for volunteers to register for the **Refresher Training**.

This below training package is for volunteers who have completed the Safeguarding Induction Training a minimum of three years ago.

Date	Time	Location
Monday, 6 June 2022	9.00am – 10.00am	ZOOM
Thursday, 7 July 2022	3.00pm – 4.00pm	ZOOM
Thursday, 1 September 2022	4.00pm – 5.00pm	ZOOM
Tuesday, 4 October 2022	9.00am – 10.00am	ZOOM

Volunteers can simply register for the Induction or Refresher Training by emailing safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org or calling 93905811.

Alternatively, if none of the above refresher dates work for volunteers they can register for the online Refresher e-learning module, which they can complete in their own time. To register they need to follow this link <https://forms.gle/nZWjGCeMBc4Ev5Hd8>

Please email the parish office once you have completed any of the above safeguarding training sessions oatleycc@bigpond.net.au. Thank you.



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