

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
Monday	8 am (Rosary 7.45)	Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	Weekend Masses	
Wednesday	8 am (Rosary 7.45)	Saturday 5pm Vigil	
Thursday	12noon (Rosary 11.45)	Sunday 8am & 10am	
Friday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Saturday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

16 February, 2020 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary time

Masses and Prayers : Denise Caramasing (14/2), Linda Snell, (ann.17/2), Joan Cahill (ann. 20/2), Marjorie Keating (ann.12/2), Ronald Cahill (ann. 18/2), Allan Bible, Greg Harle , members of CWL and those who are sick especially Emma Viera.

BITTERNESS: One of the big differences between the Old Testament and the New is given to us in the prologue of St. John's Gospel "For the law was given my Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ". Christ emphasises this in today's Gospel. In the Old Testament the accent was very much on external conduct – the keeping of the Law. In the New it is on the internal spirit, a person's motives, attitudes, the inner life.

The ancient dispensation taught "Thou shalt not kill". This still holds in the New but more is added. One must get rid of thoughts of enmity; one must not kill another in one's mind. Nor must one look upon one's brother or sister as a fool in a contemptuous manner. If one has deep and bitter feelings and expresses them in words about one's neighbour one is in danger of eternal enmity with God. Christ adds that to harbour any ill will towards others cuts one off from God so that such a person coming to God's altar to make an offering would be rejected until he has made his peace with them.

Bitterness is a contraction of the heart. It is a poisoning of the human personality. Bitterness breeds bitterness. Martin Luther King jnr showed his nobility of character by his refusal to become bitter in spite of hatred and persecution directed against him. He was imprisoned twelve times; his home was bombed twice; threats of death were constantly hurled against him and his family. In one of his sermons he said "As my suffering mounted I soon realised that there were two ways in which I could respond to my situation, either to react with bitterness or seek to transform the suffering into a creative force. I decided to follow the latter course". The source of his power to do so he found in Christ. "I have learned now that the Master's burden is light precisely when we take his yoke upon us". Where Christ is there can be no bitterness – only love.

ADVICE FROM THE CHANCERY : " A number of priests and parishioners have inquired about precautions in relation to the current health emergency caused by the **Novel Coronavirus**. At this point, health authorities have said that the risk of exposure to the public is low, especially if they have not travelled to one of the affected areas, nor had contact with someone who has. We will continue to monitor the Government's health advice.

Across the Church in Australia generally, and in the Archdiocese of Sydney in particular, there are as yet no mandated precautions beyond the commonsense rule that people should stay home if they think they might be sick or infectious. Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands with soap or hand wash before distributing the Body of Christ.

Parishioners who wish further to minimize the risk of transmission are free not to put their fingers in the holy water stoop, not to shake hands at the Sign of Peace, not to receive Holy Communion on the tongue (but only in the hand), and/or not to receive Holy Communion from the chalice."

Catholic Schools Week – 2021 Kindergarten enrolments.

Catholic Schools week will be held from 1-7 March. The 2021 Kindergarten Enrolment period commences during this week. Enrolment packs will be available from Monday 2 March for collection from the school office.

School Tours will be held on the following afternoons for new families interested in enrolling their children at St Joseph's.

School Tour Dates – 3.30pm each day (30mins)

Monday 2 March, Tuesday 3 March, Thursday 5 March, Friday 6 March.

Please contact the school Office if you would like to attend one of the tours on 95806588 or email info@stjoatley.catholic.edu.au

Marist Catholic College Penshurst Open Day that takes place on Wednesday 4 March between 3pm-6pm at the South Hurstville Campus.

Collections & Rosters

1st \$715		2nd: \$323		Envelopes \$1087	
Money Counters Roster		Tues 18 Feb George & Kathy Novak			
		Tues 25 Feb Vince & Jenny Elliott			
Masses	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 15 Feb 5pm	Phillip Merrick	TBA	Lachlan Hoy Ivan Greguric	Bill Quigley	
Sun 16 Feb 8am	Robert Dimeo	Jean Devine	No Servers	Mario Cuenca	
Sun 16 Feb 10am	Joe Shakkal	Sandra Green	Alana & Felicity Green	Lewis DeGabriele	
Sat 22 Feb 5pm	Vince Elliott	George Battikha	Zamarah Verlinde Ivan Greguric	Tom Ryan	
Sun 23 Feb 8am	George Lazar	Mirjana Males	No Servers	Mark Shad	
Sun 23 Feb 10am	Danny Clark	George Novak	John Mercieca Simon Nadile	David Lee	
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 16 Feb	Natalia Greguric	Marcia Smith	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson		
Sun 23 Feb	Audrey Green	Lewis DeGabriele	Marcia Smith		