

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

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.

28th May 2023 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

Masses for the Deceased: Delphine Emily Barret, Norma Lonergan, Sister Denise Daly osu, Sister Elizabeth Wall rsc, recently deceased; Frances Canham, Habib Laurence Battikha, Joan Sproule, Daniel Andreallo, Anthony Constantine, Geoffrey Pullen, Brian Scully, June Moore, Danielle Kelly, Leanne Kelly, anniversaries.

HOLY SPIRIT AND THE APOSTLES: How are we to picture the third person of the Blessed Trinity whom we call the Holy Spirit? We can think of our Blessed Lord because he was a man like us, but to some the Spirit seems a very elusive person. Yet we should not exaggerate the difficulty. After all we know what we mean when we speak of the spirit of a school or country; we know what is implied when we say of someone that they are a person who has great spirit. It implies that this person has a certain energy and enthusiasm. When two people love one another we think of their community of spirit.

We can see all this in a much more vivid way when the Holy Spirit came to the apostles at Pentecost. We know how they were completely transformed in outlook and to a certain extent even in character. For being frightened men, they became courageous; being confused in mind they became enlightened. It was the Spirit of truth and the Spirit of love who entered +them. The mighty wind and fire were the outward symbols of the power and the love that the Spirit imparted. The Acts of the Apostles witness to the change in them and how different they were from the men who had walked and talked with our Lord. Now they were on fire with a new enthusiasm. They rejoiced when



they were brought before the Sanhedrin and scourged for the sake of the risen Lord. It was no longer a question of running away from him. Now they would work and suffer for him. Now *with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.*

The Holy Spirit then, though not an object of the imagination, can be known through, what the Acts of the Apostles call: *His wonderful works.* We can know him through truth and power and love. Where these are found there is the Spirit.

St Vinnies Winter Appeal: is being held next weekend the 3rd and 4th June during the parish Masses. **Oatley Conference** wishes to inform the parish of the following ‘Women over 55 are experiencing homelessness at alarming rates. We are experiencing a range of crises, the escalating cost of living, a shortage of affordable housing. Elder abuse is becoming more common, domestic violence and mental health is also on the rise. Please donate now and help these Families to have a safe place to sleep, food, clothing and a chance to rebuild their lives. Thank You for your support it will make a difference’ **Oatley Conference.**



FAMILY MASS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The next Family Mass at the Parish will be next Saturday the 3rd of June at the 5pm Vigil Mass. Also, we are looking forward to our young parishioners joining in the Children's Liturgy group on Sunday's during the 10am Mass. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work where the Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings. Please encourage your children to join the group.

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest, who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.

The Charitable Work's Fund Pastoral Appeal was held on the weekend 6th and 7th May. The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is a centralised fund for the support of the charitable and pastoral activities of the Sydney Archdiocese that extend beyond the limits of any single parish. Thank you to all our Parishioners who generously responded to this appeal. For those who missed out, envelopes are still available on the tables in the foyer. Any Donation \$2 and over is 100% tax deductible.

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

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



Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish. If you wish to support your Parish, St Joseph's Oatley, please pick up a copy of the application form in the Church Foyer. Alternatively, you may wish to go to our website www.stjosephschurch.com.au for a copy, or if you are online click on the tab below.

