

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)

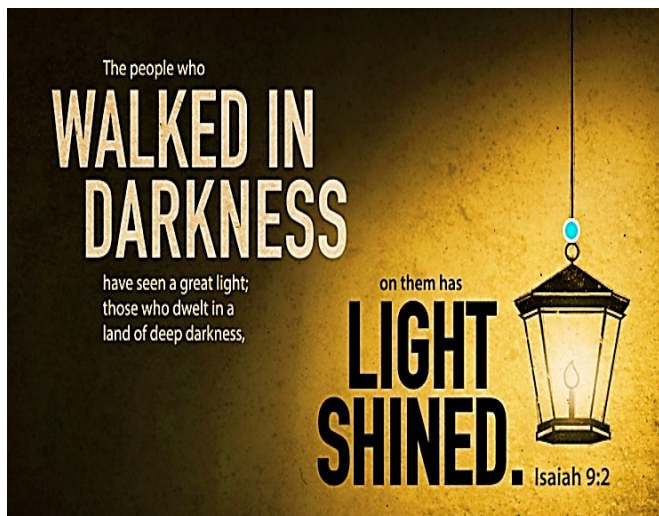
WELCOME

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.

22nd January 2023 – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Cardinal George Pell, Amedeo Alvaro, Shirley Kem, Margaret Byrnes, Mila Lukas, recently deceased; Eileen Harland, Daniel Beljo, Shirley Quinlan, Ted Murphy, Bill Taylor, Margaret Pullen, George Kent, Ronald Needs, Brian McCudden, Audrey English, Marjory Mary Saunders, Carmelo Algozzino, anniversaries.

THE GREAT LIGHT: All the phenomena of nature, besides having their inherent value, are also pointers to deeper unseen realities. Light and darkness are examples of this. Today's Gospel, quoting the words of the prophet Isaiah, speaks of Christ as the great light. The word light here can stand for either truth or goodness; the word darkness for evil, ignorance or lack of understanding. Isaiah says: *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.* Our Lord's coming dispelled so much



of our ignorance of God and his ways. He came to show that in this world guile and force are not the only keys to the blessedness of success. He made clear the machinations of evil powers and spread the radiance of his goodness among us.

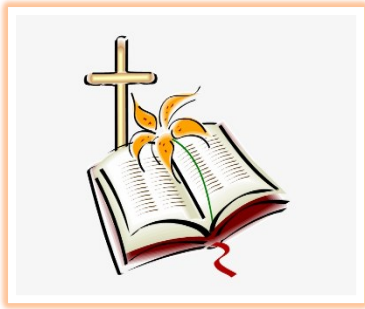
People throughout the ages have been fascinated by the Light of Christ. The experience of innumerable converts to Christ are a proof of it. Our Lord began his preaching by making converts. In the Gospel we see an example of the way in which Light stole into people's lives and transformed them. He came to the shores of the sea of Galilee and revealed not only his

presence, but the power of his personality to those fishing there. His light shining on them gave a depth of meaning to what they were doing so that their trade as fishermen took on a completely new significance. The fish became people, the fishing tackle the means of salvation, and the sea became the world. Their very desire to catch fish was transformed into an enthusiasm to catch people. For Christ had so illumined their surroundings that they became entranced by his invitation and left their fishing to become fishers of men and women. Little did they realise at the time what this would mean for them, that they were to take part in a gigantic exercise of remaking a world which had gone wrong. What this involved in pain, struggle, tribulation, and agonising death would only be accepted once they realised the full power of Christ in their lives.

AUSTRALIA DAY: On Thursday, 26th January all over Australia, Australians (and perhaps Aussies overseas) will celebrate our National Day. As Australians, we identify as a Nation and acknowledge the various cultures that make up the fabric of our society, including the contribution of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who came and settled this country first. There is no better way to celebrate our special day than by attending Mass to pray for this great Nation of ours, and to ask God's continual blessing of on all its people. We are enriched by our diversity of background and cultures but strengthened by our national identity and unity. God bless Australia! A special Mass for Australia Day will be celebrated in the Parish Church at 9 am on Thursday, 26th January. As this is a public holiday, there will be no 12 midday Mass.

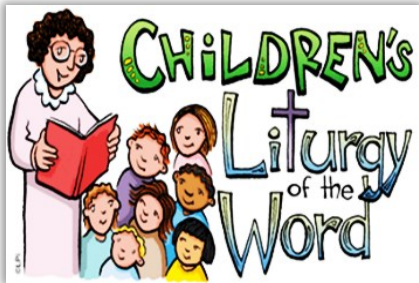
FUNERAL OF CARDINAL GEORGE PELL, EIGHTH ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY. A Solemn Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial for Cardinal Pell will be celebrated at **St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, 2nd February, at 11 am.** After the Mass his body will be intombed in the Crypt of the Cathedral with his predecessors. His body will lie in state in the Cathedral on Wednesday for the faithful who wish to pay their respects. May he rest in peace.

As Father Paul will be concelebrating with other priests of the Archdiocese at the funeral Mass, there will be no midday Mass in the parish. Mass will be celebrated at 8am instead on Thursday 2nd of February.



URGENT CALL FOR NEW LECTORS 2023: Several of our readers have dropped off due to the Covid pandemic and this has made the number of readers now available greatly reduced. We are urgently calling for good readers to come forward to offer themselves for this important ministry. If you can help, please email Caroline Dimeo:

caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com. Ideally readers are allocated 5-6 readings per year.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

We are looking forward to welcoming our young parishioners back to Children's Liturgy during the 10am Sunday Mass in February. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work and we

would be grateful for any interested parishioners to contact the office on 9580-1864 or oatleycc@bigpond.net.au if they would be keen to assist in this important ministry.

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



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