

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: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 11 am and
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.

20th February 2022 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Peter Lyle, Brian Purdon, Josephine Tesoriero, recently deceased; Denise Caramsing, Florence Anderson, Marcia June Elliott, Patricia Freeman, Raymond Mercer, Derice Mercer, Bishop Bede Heather, anniversaries.

HONEY NOT VINEGAR: St. Francis de Sales wrote “You will catch more flies with a spoonful of honey than with a barrel of vinegar.” People are far more attracted to a person with sweetness of disposition than they are to one who is bitter. Christ's kindness of heart won the allegiance of many. He never flavoured his words with vinegar. He could be and was angry over hypocrisy and injustice, but he was never bitter. Always he was willing to receive anybody into his friendship provided they were people of good will. He was attacked for consorting with publicans and sinners who were in a sense at enmity with him but he won them over by his love.

This is what Our Lord wants from us. We are to have that kindness of disposition which will attract others even those who are our enemies. We are never to be revengeful or contemptuous towards them. We are to season our words with honey and not spice them with vinegar. So much enmity or even hatred is the result of ignorance. Rudyard Kipling said: “We are like islands and we shout at one another across a sea of misunderstandings”. Our duty as Christians is to try and understand others, to see their point of view and not get hot under the collar or lose our tempers because we don’t agree with it. If we are ill-treated by someone, Our Lord tells us in the Gospel what our reaction should be. He speaks of someone striking us on the cheek. We should do our best to disarm such a person by our refusal to hit back. And if we have the opportunity, we should even go further by performing some act of generosity for him. A visit to someone we dislike who is sick in hospital can work wonders. Certainly, we must not harbour thoughts of hatred. Again, Christ tells us that we must pray for our enemies. Prayer purifies hateful thoughts; it is the generator of love – love of God and hence necessarily love of one’s neighbour *Just or unjust*.

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

Please note that Parish Confirmations this year will be at St. Mary’s Cathedral on the 31st July and 7th August (St. George’s Deanery parishes).

Market Day Fundraiser at Our Lady of Fatima Peakhurst Saturday 5 March from 8am to 3pm in the Church carpark in Issac St, Peakhurst. The Saturday Foodies & Farmers Market is always a great event and this one will feature a large marquee run by parishioners from St Joseph's Riverwood with fantastic items to delight families. The event holds something for everyone, even an amusement area for children. All proceeds from the St Joseph's table/s will go towards the Church’s Roof Fund.

St. Joseph's Primary School

School tours will be held at St. Joseph's Primary School on the following afternoons for new families interested in enrolling their children at St Joseph's School 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th March (3:30 - 4:00pm). Enrolment packs can be collected at this time.

Please contact the school office on 9580 6588 or email enrolments.01783@sydstu.catholic.edu.au if you wish to attend one of the tours or have any enrolment questions.

Bethany College Open Day 1st March 2022 3.30pm - 6.30pm at the College

Enrolling Year 7, 2024. Enrolment packages will be available on the day.

Congratulations to our Parish Catechists who received awards for years of devoted service to our children in State Schools:

- Karen Smith (5 yrs)
- Terry Lee Smith (10 yrs)
- Jane Gleeson (10 yrs)
- Silvana Triani (5 yrs)
- Susan Canham (10 yrs)
- Sandra Green (15 yrs)



CCareline: helping Sydney families with relationships, parenting, ageing services, disability, addictions and mental health concerns.
connect@catholiccare.org

Church Open

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

When you arrive for Mass at the Church or the Hall, you will also need to use the QR code OR use the 'pen and paper' system for official registration. This is the NSW Government compliance requirement.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to Mass and we will be doing all that is reasonably possible to keep everyone safe who attends Mass. There will be good ventilation, hand sanitiser available and cleaning of the church between Masses. For regular updates on the current restrictions in the Church please refer to:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions>

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.