

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.

21st May 2023 – The Ascension of the Lord

Masses for the Deceased: Joan Sproule, Daniel Andreallo, Anthony Constantine, Geoffrey Pullen, Brian Scully, June Moore, Danielle Kelly, Leanne Kelly, anniversaries.

THE TRANSFORMATION OF MAN: We are people of two worlds and yet very closely connected. We live at present in a world of beliefs and unbelief, of hopes and fears, of hates and loves; a world where there is lust and cruelty existing side by side with devotion and kindness. The world on which Christ's footsteps trod was no different from this. He knew what was in us and how little human beings differ in their ways from one generation to another. He also knew of the thirst of humankind for a meaning to life and he came to give a vision, a way out of darkness, frustration and disillusionment to a new world which would redress the balance of the old. It was a completely new life that he offered us and offered it abundantly. He both showed us the way to a good life and opened out visions of the truth behind the world of our senses. He taught us how we could raise ourselves from our dead selves to a new risen spiritual existence and how to save ourselves from nonentity to become individuals with external power for whom he was willing to die.

Finally, he gave us a public demonstration of how to rise above material things as he rose from the earth to return to his Father in Heaven. At the same time, he said he would be in our world to the end of the age. Heaven was not to be for us a completely separate existence. It was to have its beginning within us through his indwelling presence. Only its beatific vision or perfect joy was to be denied to us until the day we would ascend with Christ to a place in his Father's House which he had gone to prepare for us. Thus, the human nature which the God of love had created, and which sin had soiled, would be transformed through a shared glory with God's Son who said at his last meal on earth as he prayed to his Father: *The glory you have given to me I have given to them.* Together with Our Lord we go to the Father. *I ascend,* he said, *to my Father and to your Father.*

Pentecost-The Birthday of the Church.

You are invited to wear a touch of red and join us to celebrate the birthday of the Church.

Saturday 27th May, 5pm.

Live music by talented musicians and our Parish Children's Choir.

Please join us after Mass for a piece of birthday cake.

If your child would like to be involved in the Mass, please email rebecca.edgell@syd.catholic.edu.au



PENTECOST-The Birthday of the Church on Saturday the 27th of May at 5pm (Vigil Mass). There will be live music from the Parish Children's Choir. As well, please join us after this Mass for a piece of cake.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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 Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link: bit.ly/stjoatley OR





LAMINGTON DRIVE- Thank you to all the very generous Oatley Parishioners for purchasing lamingtons and to those who, even though they did not purchase them, were kind enough to donate. We hope you enjoyed them! **We raised \$3030 which has already been transferred to Br Laurie.**

Thank you again **“Christian Unity Week:** At the Last Supper, Our blessed Lord’s prayer was that all should be one. During this week from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday we pray especially for the unity of all Christian peoples. Our prayer is that through the Holy Spirit all who share one Baptism may all be united in one Faith under one Shepherd.

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.

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.

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