

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.

18th June 2023 – Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Norma Lonergan, Don Newell, Betty McInerney, recently deceased; Peter Gerard Rayment, Janja Bulic, Bruna Pollachini, Catherine Fowler, Linda Taylor, Carol Tighe, Mariangel D’Silva, Mary D’Sousa, Bishop John Heaps, Monsignor John Walsh, Father Paul Fitzgerald, anniversaries.

QUO VADIS? Outside Rome in a poor deserted spot is a little chapel built of grey stone. It is normally empty and in its ancient stone floor is

Domine, quo vadis?



set a plaque giving the reason for the existence of the place. It is the chapel of Quo Vadis. According to the story this was the place where the apostle Peter, fleeing from persecution in Rome during the time of the emperor Nero, had a vision of Christ. Peter asked him the question Quo Vadis Domine? Where are you going, Lord? And Jesus replied: ‘to Rome to be crucified once again.’ This turned Peter on his tracks and gave him courage to face any trial that would follow.

Quo Vadis? This is the question which in our day we need to ask ourselves. We are groping our way into the

Painting by [Annibale Carracci](#) (1601-02), depicting a scene from the [apocrypha Acts of Peter](#). Location: National Gallery of London.

future but are uncertain of our journey's end. Like St. Peter, we often strive to escape from our responsibilities. Oftentimes we are so taken up with the search for material grandeur that the vision of our Lord is lost. We do not hear his voice calling and telling us I am the Way. Come follow me. Don't turn your back on me as Peter tried to do. Jesus, in today's Gospel, when he saw the crowds, had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He gave his commission to his followers to go out and show them the right road they were to follow. And how well they did this. But their efforts were not enough. There are still crowds without a shepherd. More followers of Christ are needed. It is a task of the Christian in the modern world to follow the command of our Lord. There are many today who are bewildered and harassed, they are like sheep without a shepherd. Many of the young are like this. They have a fundamental unhappiness because there is so little meaning in their lives. The Christian must show by his life that there is a way through the wilderness if only they will follow their shepherd – Christ, the Good Shepherd.

First Holy Communion



The Children of the parish who have been prepared over the past few weeks, make this first Holy Communion today. We congratulate them and their parents on this important stage in their faith journey. They can always count on our encouragement and prayers. May the frequent reception of our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist strengthen them in their faith and make them fully aware of his abiding presence in their lives.



Thank the Sacramental team and Co-ordinator, Mrs Kylie Strode. As well, our team of dedicated Catechists and teachers who prepared the children so well. Parents, you can be justly proud. Please keep up the work of encouraging your children in the practice of their faith.

MORNING TEA INVITATION- Please join us at our next Parish Morning Tea on **Tuesday the 27th of June, at 10.30 am** in the Marion Hall. All are welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an informal and social gathering.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 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.

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 and become one of our regular givers. 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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