

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
<b>Saturday</b>	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8 am, 10 am	<b>Exposition</b>	Thursday, 9am to 11.45am (with benediction at 11.30am)
<b>Monday</b>	7am (Rosary 6.45)		
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7.45)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	8am (rosary 7.45)		
<b>Thursday</b>	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
<b>Friday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Saturday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

### 7 April 2019 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Masses and Prayers;** Jim Cranney (rec dec), Brian McNamee (rec dec), Michael Gorman (rec dec), Narelle Meades (rec dec), Elias Francis (rec dec), John Gower (rec dec), Robert Toth (rec dec), James Gallagher (rec dec), Darcy Smith (ann.30/3), Dorothy Rowley (ann.12/4), Jack Saunders (ann.21/4), Alfio & Rosaria Mangano (ann.), Dorothy Samuelson (ann.1/4), Imelda Ryan (ann.9/4), Mary Liptak (ann.5/4), May Hargreaves (ann.8/4), Jean Curlisa (ann.13/4).members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

COMPASSION: One cold day a trembling old man was brought into the court over which Fiorello La Guardia (Mayor of New York) was presiding. He was accused of stealing a loaf of bread. His family, he said, was starving. "I've got to punish you", said the Mayor. "I can do nothing but fine you ten dollars." At the same time he reached into his pocket and said "Well here's the ten dollars to pay your fine. And now I remit the fine". "Furthermore" he declared, "I'm going to fine everybody in the courtroom 50 cents for living in a town where a man has to steal bread in order to eat." The hat was passed around and an incredulous old man left the courtroom with a stake of 47 dollars and 50 cents.

No one can deny that the Mayor acted in a very Christian fashion, that his compassion took a good practical form. There are those who would have acted very differently. For them stealing would be stealing and deserved punishment. Some starving people are shot for looting. The Pharisees acted in a very different way from the Mayor. They condemned the woman taken in adultery. They had no feeling for human weakness. For them the law was the law and due punishment for breaking it must be administered. Compassion never entered their heads. Christ soon showed them their hypocrisy. He might well have said "People who live in glass houses should not throw stones". What right had they to throw stones at the woman when they themselves were in a worse state than she was? Her sin was a sin of human frailty; theirs was worse because it arose from pride.

Christ's attitude towards human weakness is one of love and readiness to forgive. He knows that we can so easily fail him. The psalmist says "He knows our frame; he knows we are but dust". Dust is easily blown about by the wind. Human dust is so often at the mercy of prevailing moods and desires. The woman in the Gospel must have felt great sorrow for what she had done. This pleased Christ. It is what he wants from us to earn forgiveness.

**Daylight saving ends at 1 am Sunday Morning. Please put your clocks *back* one hour before retiring this Saturday evening.**

**Catechist helper needed** to assist a catechist with a large Kindy scripture class at Oatley West Public School. A helper will *not have to present the lesson*, but simply assist in handing out student activity books in class and helping students complete their work. If you are interested in helping a class from 9.30am to 10am on Tuesdays please contact Mike Cummins (0413 586870 or [cumminsm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cumminsm@optusnet.com.au)) or Natalie Heymann (0481 558635 or [natalie.heyman@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.heyman@gmail.com)). Also, due to relocation, a **catechist is needed** from around June to take over a Y1 class at the same time/school on Tuesdays. Please contact Mike Cummins if you would like to discuss this upcoming position .

**A Call is made for Singers** who would like to form a choir for the ceremonies at Easter. Those who are interested should contact me or Mr. Vince Elliott ('phone 9580 8039).

**Stations of the Cross:** This beautiful devotion apt for the season of Lent will be conducted in the Church each Friday during Lent at 7 pm. Come and walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified.

**Life Ascending Movement** meets in the Marian Hall on Friday 12 April from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.

**Paschal Lambs: Are selling fast, please order them ASAP, Place your name on the list in the church foyer.**

### COLLECTIONS AND ROSTERS

1st \$732	2nd: \$448	Envelopes \$ 1531
Money Counters Roster	Sun 9 April	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan
	Sun 16 April	Anna Merrick Sandy Cox, Maria Pak

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 6 April 5pm	Phillip Merrick	George Lazar	Ana Beretin L Livia V	Rafe Kowron
Sun 7 April 8am	Anne Lee	Cathryn Clark	No Servers	Maria Pak
Sun 7 April 10am	Glenn Mclachlan	Jade Serban	Paris S Gaia el K	David Lee
Sat 13 April 5pm	Vince Elliott	Krystelle Boulos	Amber L Declan M	Brian Smith
Sun 14 April 8am	Robert Dimeo	Sandra Soldo	No Servers	Mark Shad
Sun 14 April 10am	John Romanous	Lewis DeGabriele	Mavina K Felicity G	George Battikha
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 7 April	Angela Nadile	Lewis Degabriele	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	
Sun 14 April	School Holidays	Brian Rayment	Lynne Ekholm	