

# 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

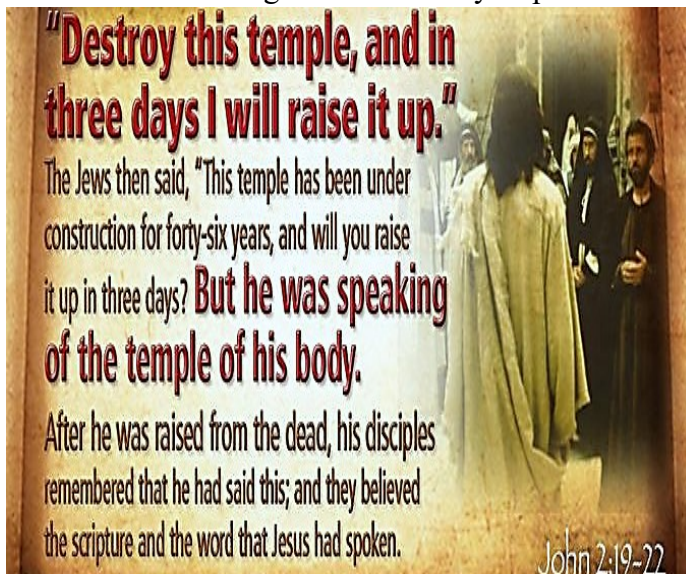
St Joseph's Church is open from 7 am to 6 pm daily, and the usual Mass timetable as above apply. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

# 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Deceased:** Dolores Carreon, recently deceased; Father Kevin Burton, Father John O'Donovan, Father Jack Haseler, anniversaries, and Amadeo Alvaro.

My final Masses at St. Joseph's prior to leaving the parish to retire will be over the weekend 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October. The parish will be twinned with St. Declan's at Peshurst. This weekend 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October Father Chris Ryan, Parish Priest of St. Declan's will concelebrate Mass with me and introduce himself to the parishioners. Fr. Paul.

**DESTRUCTION:** Often destruction is necessary to create a clearing ground for new buildings. Thus the horror of slums makes way for better housing. Such destruction is clearly a good thing. It brings comfort, health, and happiness in the place of wretchedness. Nature itself survives on this principle. The decay of the old gives vitality to the new; seeds die in the earth and bring forth the beauty of plants and flowers.



Our blessed Lord was an example of this. The ruin of the temple at Jerusalem was sad and was an act of vandalism. Jesus wept over the thought of it. He loved the temple's beauty and greatness,

but the destruction made way for a new temple *not made with human hands* which far surpassed the splendour of the old. This temple was Christ himself; a temple in which all people could find salvation. But first of all even this temple had its time of destruction. It lay crucified on a cross, and darkness reigned over it. But then out of death and darkness came life and light and a whole new world arose to restore the unbalance of the old. *Destroy this temple, Jesus said, and I will build it up again.* That is what happened and because of it the destiny of the world became diverted – mortality put on immortality. *The very stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.* This was the supreme example of the greatest good arising out of ruin. For out of death came a wonderful resurrection, not only of the temple which was Christ, but of men's hopes for the future. *I am come that they may have life and have it to the full,* said Jesus. All of us need a kind of self-destruction. We are told that we must lose our life to gain it. We must, in other words destroy the egoism of our nature and in its place put on the new ego of Christ.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**-Applications for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 2023 (Year 2 and above) are now open. Please visit the parish website [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) and click on the **tab Sacramental Dates 2023** for further details. Alternatively, click on the link attached for the [Reconciliation 2023 program and application form.](#)



**MORNING TEA INVITATION:** Please join us at our next parish morning tea on **Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> Of October, at 10.30am** in the Marion Hall. This will be Father Paul's last morning tea as Parish Priest at Oatley. **All are welcome.**



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We are looking forward to our young parishioners joining in the Children's Liturgy group next week on **Sunday 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.

**CURRENT PLANNED GIVING:** Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are now available in the foyer of the Church, please take your set of envelopes.

*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](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) for a copy, or if you are online click on the tab below.*

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**The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link: [bit.ly/stjoatley](https://bit.ly/stjoatley)**



**DEFIBRILLATOR:** Please note a defibrillator is installed in the Parish Church Hall.