

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms
Monday	8 am (Rosary 7.45)	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	
Wednesday	8am (Rosary 7.45)	Confessions Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Thursday	12md (Rosary 11.45)	Weekend Masses
Friday	8am (Rosary 7.45)	Saturday 5pm Vigil
Saturday	8am (Rosary 7.45)	Sunday 8am & 10am

1 March, 2020 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Masses and Prayers: Betty Way (ann. 2/3), Raymond Mercer (ann.18/2), Patricia Freeman (ann.21/2) Derice Mercer (ann. 26/2), Michael Power (ann. 5/3), Sonja Moore (ann. 8/3), members of CWL and those who are sick especially Emma Viera.

MORTIFICATION: Lent is the time of the year for penance and mortification. It is a time of mourning for the Passion of Christ. The word mortification can take on a gloomy and even frightening aspect. Does it mean that we have to scorn delights and live laborious days? Are we always to chew the pills administered to us by that stern matron life? Are we to admire the monk in Byron's poem?

*“Deep in that cell Honorius long did dwell
in hope to merit Heaven by making earth a Hell?”*

The first point to note is that self-inflicted pain of any kind has no spiritual value in itself. It is the motive that inspires it that provides its value. Spiritual writers have given a number of motives for mortification. Some say it is to keep “Brother Ass” in order by subduing rebellious flesh. Others say it is a form of reparation for sin and others a means of averting the anger of God. There is clearly validity in these motives. But surely the best and most inspiring is to be found in the meaning of the word itself. The word means literally a doing unto death. It is that losing of one's life, of which Christ spoke, in order to gain it. This implies the destruction of egoism and the putting on of a new ego so that we can say with St. Paul “it is no longer I who live but Christ Jesus who lives within me”. Christ was tempted, as we are all tempted, to put one's selfish interest before our duty to God. It is Christ who has given us the power to overcome the temptation.

Mortification then, in its essence, means the clothing oneself with Christ; with the Christ of Nazareth with his prayer and ordinary round of duties; with the Christ of the public life who went about doing good, with his compassion and service of others; with the Christ of Calvary with its darkness and its pain; and with the risen Christ in glory. So Christ can grow in us through both our joys and our suffering.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Shirley, thirty-six, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province of the Philippines. She is a mother of four and the sole breadwinner of the family, as her husband is sick. But Shirley was struggling to support the whole family and keep the children in school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker and a leader in her community. She has learnt to supplement her income so she is able to feed her family. The program has also helped Shirley's children with

school fees, uniforms and supplies. **Your contribution to Caritas Australia through Project Compassion helps to support people living in poverty and oppression.**

The Pascal precept binds all Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (7th June). The faithful are also obliged to confess their grave (mortal) sins individually in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

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.

Encounter Kiribati with Palms, 18-26 May 2020



On this 12-day tour you will visit a number of islands in this small Pacific nation. Palms personnel there are working with local communities to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty in a part of the world impacted by climate change. You will meet and spend time with them and their host communities to see first-hand how Palms Australia is working to create a better world. It might even inspire you to join Palms and work overseas yourself. We are also offering tours to Timor-Leste in September and Thailand/Myanmar in November.

For more information call Robert at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email robert@palms.org.au

Catholic Schools Week: 1-7 March, kindergarten enrolments for 2021 – See the school office for enrolment packs.

School tours: in the afternoons, Monday 3.30 to 5 and 5 to 5.30.

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 3.30pm to 5pm.

Collections & Rosters

1st \$910		2nd: \$569		Envelopes \$1326	
Money Counters Roster		Tues 3 March Brian & Marcia Smith			
		Tues 10 March Lynne Ekholm & Leo Sullivan			
Masses	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 29 Feb 5pm	Phillip Merrick	Rosemary Cordi	Amber L Gaia el K	Brian Smith	
Sun 1 Mar 8am	Anne Lee	Selina & Alessia Colagiuri	No Servers	Seb Arena	
Sun 1 Mar 10am	Glenn McLachlan	George Battikha	Anna & Grace C	George Battikha	
Sat 7 Mar 5 pm	Joe Shakkal	Alison Felici	Luca J Ivan G	Rafe Kowron	
Sun 8 Mar 8am	Robert Dimeo	Susan Canham	No Servers	Mario Cuenca	
Sun 8 Mar 10am	Danny Clark	Francis D'Silva	Lachlan H Simon N	Lewis DeGabriele	
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 1 March	Leilah Nelson	Brian Rayment	Susan Canham & Angela Nadile		
Sun 8 March	Angela Nadile	Marcia Smith	Lynne Ekholm		