

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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

21 July 2019 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Freda Jenner (rec dec), Francis Stewart (rec dec), Kevin Madden (rec dec), John Donnelly (ann. 16/7), Laurance Habib Battikha (ann.22/7), Elias Francis, Anthony Cheung (ann. 23/7), Beryl Stephens (ann.27/7), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick.

MARTHA: Our world today is full of very busy people. Life is led at a great speed and intensity especially in big cities. The rat race for survival fills the day. Hence people do not have a great deal of time for long prayers. Family cares and business take up much of their time and energy. Martha, in today's Gospel, was "distracted with much serving" and earned Christ's gentle rebuke "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful". Christ then goes on to compare what she was doing with that of her sister Mary and said "Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken from her". What did Our Lord's rebuke mean? He was certainly not saying that Martha was doing wrong in preparing a meal for him. As St. Teresa said "if Martha had imitated Mary, Christ would have gone without his dinner". Christ might have been saying that it was not necessary to prepare a great number of dishes, one would have been enough.

But there was a deeper significance in his words. He was trying to show Martha that it is wrong to be so taken up with the active expression of her devotion as to make that expression the measure of the devotion itself. In other words, he wanted to show that the true measure of service is not to be found in the work itself, in its success or failure, but in the faith and love that inspires it. The lesson then for the busy Christian is simple. It is to transform the work into an activity of love by offering it up as a service of God. This can be done by short prayers, by the offering of one's day to God and by turning one's thoughts to him sometimes during the day. A good Christian should be a mixture of Martha and Mary. The good disciple's work should always have its roots in prayer and it should be as far as possible a good work since it is being done for God.

St. Bernadette's Parish at Carlton is conducting a series of talks for **Catholics returning to the Church**. The program is designed to recognise the feelings of each participant, to help them realise that they are not alone, and give them the opportunity to view things in a new light. The talks run from 20th August, to 17th September. For further details contact Fr. Tadeusz : 0411 267 739, or St. Bernadette's Parish: 9587 4246.

Thank you to all Planned Giving subscribers for your continued generosity. Your donations are vital to the ongoing mission of our Parish. For the **2019-20** financial year, parishioners who participate in the **Planned Giving program** via credit card or envelope system will be automatically eligible for a **30% tax deduction**.

Envelopes for the 2019-20 year are currently available in the church foyer in alphabetical order. If you are a parishioner or friend of St Josephs Parish who is not part of the planned giving program, please consider joining. Forms are available in the Church foyer which you may submit at the parish office or email to oatleycc@bigpond.net.au Could you switch to Credit Card giving? The monthly credit card method provides a much simpler process for increasing your contribution as well as providing your ongoing contribution to the parish throughout the year. So, if you would like to make the switch, as many others have done in the past year, please fill in the form available in the church foyer. Credit card contributions are processed in the 3rd week of each month. Thank you to those who have submitted their forms last week.

Thanks to Father Pat Keenan cssr, who looked after the Parish during my Retreat on Norfolk Island.

Charitable Works Fund Parish Appeal

In the coming weeks, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding a CWF Parish appeal, **3rd and 4th August 2019**, and the Development and Fundraising Office turns to you for your continued support in facilitating this appeal.

Your assistance helps raise funds for many of our important works across the Archdiocese of Sydney, including providing family counseling, sharing the gospel to youth, forming our seminarians, outreach to Aboriginal communities and support for our Catholic deaf community.

The agencies which provide the above services includes CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, our seminaries and the Ephpheta Centre.

Collections and Rosters

1st \$778		2nd: \$394		Envelopes \$ 1787	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 23 July	Vince & Jenny Elliott			
	Sun 30 July	Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Carol Harland			
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 20 July 5pm	Danny Clark	Brian & Marcia Smith	Anthony A Lachlan H	Rafe Kowron	
Sun 21 July 8am	Anne Lee	Susan Canham	No Servers		Mario Cuenca
Sun 21 July 10am	Phillip Merrick	Jelena Suto	Zamarah V Simon N	Lewis DeGabriele	
Sat 27 July 5pm	Vince Elliott	Sandra Soldo	Amber L Gaia el K	Richard McMillan	
Sun 28 July 8am	Robert Dimeo	Ainsley Wilson	No Servers		Mark Shad
Sun 28 July 10am	Joe Shakkal	Mirjana Males	Lachlan H John M	David Lee	
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 21 June	School Holidays	Lewis DeGabriele	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson		
Sun 28 July	Angela Nadile	Brian Rayment	Marcia Smith		