

# 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 BACK

**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.**

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Masses for the Deceased:** Carl Anthony Owens, Margaret Mary Kerr, Monica Hunt, Robyn Hession, recently deceased; Bertram John Williamson, Darcy Smith, Elias Francis, his parents and sister, Danica Maric, Father Michael McCarthy, Father Michael Foster, anniversaries.

**Summer Time concludes at 2am Sunday morning 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Please put your clocks *back one hour* before retiring on Saturday evening to resume Eastern Standard Time (EST).**

**COMPASSION:** One cold day a trembling old man was brought into the court over which Fiorello La Guardia (Mayor of New York) was presiding. M 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 your 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 am 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 had was passed round 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 deserve 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.

Our Lord’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 Our Lord. It is what he wants from us to earn forgiveness.

### **Holy Week and Easter Services at St. Joseph’s Oatley**

- Palm Sunday:** 5pm (Saturday Vigil), 8am and 10am with blessing of palms.
- Holy Thursday:** (Chrism Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral 10.30 am. All welcome).  
7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper with the *Mandatum* and procession to the Altar of Repose – Adoration until 10.00pm.
- Good Friday:** 10am Stations of the Cross (followed by confessions)  
3pm Solemn Liturgical Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion (followed by Confessions).
- Holy Saturday:** 7pm Easter Vigil (until approximately 8.30pm)

**Easter Sunday:** 8am Easter Mass  
10am Easter Mass.

**Easter Monday:** 9am Mass only.

**THE SEASON OF LENT:** Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others (almsgiving). In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their *eighteenth* year, until the beginning of their *sixtieth* year. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their *fourteenth* year. The rationale behind the Church's law is an invitation for us to join ourselves to Jesus in his forty days of self-denial in the desert. As we imitate our Saviour, we confront our own human weakness and remind ourselves of the brevity of life and our need for salvation which only comes through faith and imitation of Christ.

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

**The practice of almsgiving** during Lent is recommended by contribution to Project Compassion. Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available this Sunday in the foyer of the Church

**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.

## **Catechist service award**

**Congratulations:** to Janelle Shad who will receive a 25-year catechist service award this Sunday at the rescheduled 2021 Catechist Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Janelle has spent almost all her time at Oatley West Public School. Unfortunately, due to health issues, Janelle had to step down from her role last year. Thank you, Janelle, for bringing the light of Christ to so many students over so many years. Reaching such a milestone is a credit to you and again congratulations on a job well done.

**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) **OR**



**The Children's liturgy** of the word for this Sunday can be access by clicking on the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qz8NVivBYAUb1NqqBTB41BkaswXRKtKKpXZhV-4qoHk/present?slide=id.gee6f26b3d6\\_0\\_58](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qz8NVivBYAUb1NqqBTB41BkaswXRKtKKpXZhV-4qoHk/present?slide=id.gee6f26b3d6_0_58)

**Sacramental Program for 2022** has been recently updated, please visit the Parish website: [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) and click on the tab *Sacramental Dates 2022* for further information.

Applications for the *Sacrament of Confirmation 2021 & 2022* are now open and will close Sunday 17 April 2022. Please visit the parish website [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) and click on the tab *Sacramental Dates 2022* for further details. The parent information evening is scheduled for 28 April @ 7.30pm via ZOOM<sup>®</sup>. All families registered will be sent the ZOOM<sup>®</sup> link by email from the sacramental coordinator after applications close

Please note that Parish Confirmations this year will be at St. Mary's Cathedral on the *7<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 at 3.30pm* (St. George's Deanery parishes).

## Church Open

**Our church is open each day for weekday Masses and Sunday Masses at 5pm (Saturday Vigil), 8am and 10am, Sundays. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.**

**Planned Giving:** Your contribution to the 2nd collection goes towards the running and upkeep of our parish, and 30% of what you donate is eligible for a tax deduction.

**New Contributors:** If you wish to become part of our regularly giving programme at St Joseph's Parish Oatley, please fill in the planned giving form, which can be accessed by opening the attached hyperlink  
<https://www.stjosephschurch.com.au/donations>.

Click on the button planned giving program to access and fill out form. Otherwise, you may obtain the form from the church foyer or contact the parish office for the application.

Please email the form to [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au) or drop it in to the Parish Office. Alternatively, you can post it to: St Joseph's Parish, 21C Frederick St, Oatley NSW 2223.

**If you wish to donate to the Church Account (Second Collection) please scan the encryption below, with your mobile phone. This automatically directs you to the parish's Bpoint facility. Please follow the links.** If you do not wish to make an internet or online payment, please email the office [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au) or contact 9580 1864.



*Thank you for contributing to St. Joseph's Parish. I am very appreciative of your ongoing generosity and commitment to support our Parish in achieving its Pastoral Mission and meeting ongoing expenses. Fr. Paul.*



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