

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)

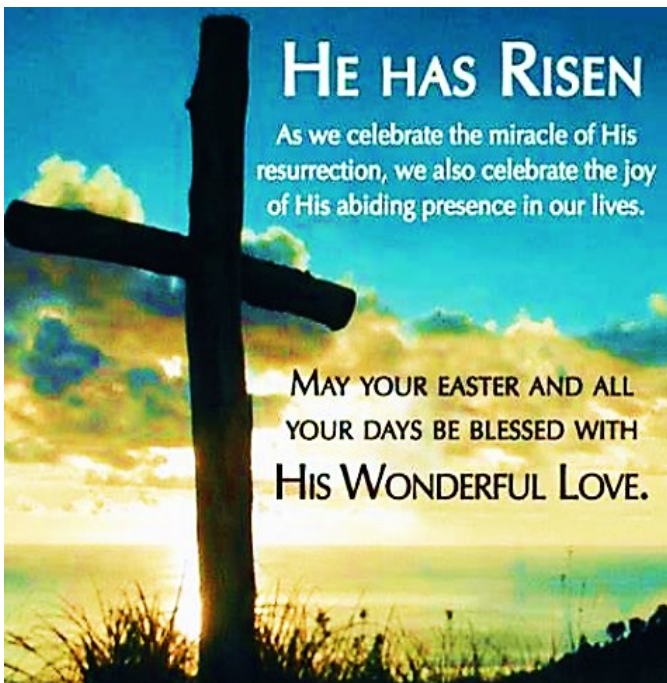
WELCOME

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.

9th April 2023 – Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Day)

Masses for the Deceased: Warren Saunders, Mary Comerford, Geoff Eales, John Yassa, recently deceased; Fr. Michael McCarthy, Fr. Michael Foster, Cardinal Idris Edward (Bill) Cassidy, Monsignor Patrick Flanagan, Monsignor Alexander (Lex) Johnson, Ruzica Prnjak, anniversaries.

EASTER REFLECTION: The Church's liturgy at this time of the year is full of the theme of light. The Easter fire struck from a flint, the Paschal candle, the procession with candles and the sudden illumination of the Church at the Easter vigil all symbolises the shining splendour of the risen Christ. Three times the words are sung "The Light of Christ" as the



candle shows the way through the darkness. And in the great hymn "the Exultet" the priest sings "Rejoice O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your king. Glory fills you. Darkness vanishes for ever".

From the darkness which covered the earth and from death upon a cross there came the light of a glorious all-embracing resurrection and the world gained its finest hour. Now salvation and hope and future glory belong to mankind who

have risen with its Saviour. Now the risen Christ is in its midst ready to guide, protect and inspire those who have faith in his presence. This, indeed, is the day the Lord has made! And we are glad to rejoice in it! During the six weeks of lent, we undertook the discipline of fasting and self-denial, we took seriously the words of the Lord to repent by making the effort to go to the Sacrament of Penance. We remembered the poor by our contribution to Project Compassion, and now we celebrate with our parish community, our family, and friends this great Feast with joy and thanksgiving. May we continue the good work that God has begun in us. Our greetings today should be: “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!”

EASTER TIME: The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday) to Pentecost Sunday (28th May) are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one ‘great Sunday.’ These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are Sundays of Easter.

The acclamation Alleluia comes from the Hebrew contraction of Hallel and Yahweh, which literally means: Praised by to Yah! Or the Lord be praised! It is most appropriate that we sing this acclamation, particularly during the Easter Season. St. Augustine says rightly, “Singing is for one who loves”, and there is also an ancient proverb: Whosoever sings well prays twice over.”

UPCOMING MASS TIME VARIATIONS:

Easter Monday 10th April -9am Mass only.

Thursday 13th April- 8am only (no 12pm Mass).

Monday 17th April- No 8am Mass.

Please refer to St Joseph’s Mass Times (on front page of this bulletin) for information on other Mass times at the Parish.



Special Thanks are given to all who assisted in making our celebration of Easter this year a memorable and prayerful experience, especially Marion and our singers, our altar servers, and acolytes, readers, streaming technicians, and those who prepared the sanctuary fittingly for all our ceremonies.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH OATLEY: The sacramental program has recently been published on the St Joseph's website. Please refer to the following link for further details [SACRAMENTAL DATES 2023 | St Josephs \(stjosephschurch.com.au\)](https://stjosephschurch.com.au)

Also, the website provides you with the application form and further information for the upcoming First Holy Communion. Alternatively, click on the following [link **First Holy Communion 2023 Information & application form.**](#)

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. Alternatively, you may wish to go to our website www.stjosephschurch.com.au for a copy, or if you are online click on the tab below.

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