

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	Exposition	Thursday, 9am to 11.45am (with benediction at 11.30am)
Monday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Wednesday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Thursday	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
Friday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Saturday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

20th January 2019 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

²² **Masses and Prayers**, Montague Williams (rec dec), Rita Briscoe-Hough (rec dec), Eileen Harland (rec dec), Mia Van der Velden (rec dec), Josephine Sidoti (rec dec), Valerio Domene – Ghini (rec dec), Petro Convento, Ted Murphy (ann. 15/1), Marjorie Saunders (ann27/1) members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

THE DATE OF EASTER AND MOVEABLE FEASTS FOR 2019

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars as December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move based upon the date that Easter is set. In the Western Church Easter is determined as the Sunday falling after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall on any Sunday between 22nd March and 25th April.

Most missals and Christian Calendars (e.g. Columban Calendar) will include these dates from year to year, but in earlier days before calendars were common, most people would not have known the dates for the upcoming year. It was a time honoured custom that on the Feast of the Epiphany, the important dates of the **moveable** Feasts of the Church's year were solemnly proclaimed by the Deacon at High Mass after the singing of the Gospel. We no longer follow this quaint and antique practice, but it is good to know what these dates will be this year, 2019.

The centre point of the Liturgy is always Easter, and this year it will be observed on the **21st April**. The beginning of the Lenten Season in preparation for Easter will be on **6th March, Ash Wednesday**. **Ascension Day** in Australia will be celebrated on the **2nd June**. **Pentecost Sunday** will on the **9th June, Trinity Sunday, on the 16th June**, and the **feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** will be on **the 23rd June**, and the Friday following, **the 28th June**, will be the Solemnity of **the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. The Last Sunday of the Church's year, **the Solemnity of Christ the King**, will be celebrated on **the 24th November**, and a new Church year will commence with the **First Sunday of Advent on the 1st December**.

During the course of the year we will celebrate Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles and the Saints on fixed days. There are four days of special significance for all Australians, Australia Day 26th January, Anzac Day 25th April, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia 24th May, and St. Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) 8th August.

As a serious obligation, the Church enjoins on all the faithful to attend and assist at Mass on **all Sundays of the Church's year** and on **Holy Days of Obligation**. The Holy Days of Obligation in Australia are: Christmas Day, 25th December, and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15th August.

AUSTRALIA DAY: On Saturday, 26th January, 2019, all over Australia (and perhaps Australians overseas), we will celebrate our National Day. As Australians, we identify as a Nation and acknowledge the various cultures that make up the fabric of our society, including the contribution of the Aboriginal people who came and settled this country first. There is no better way to celebrate our special day than by attending Mass to pray for this great Nation of ours, and to ask God's continual blessing of all its people. We are enriched by our diversity of backgrounds and cultures, but strengthened by our national identity and unity. God bless Australia! **A special Mass for Australia Day** will be celebrated in the Parish Church at 8 am on Saturday, 26th January.

Money Counters 2019: Due to retirements and people moving away, we require, four volunteer money counters for this year and onward. Please see Fr Paul if you are interested.

Urgent Call for New Lectors 2019: nine readers have requested to retire from reading duties. Could anyone that can be of any assistance please email Caroline Dimeo urgently - caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com. Any help would be appreciated. Ideally readers are allocated 5-6 readings per year.

COLLECTIONS AND ROSTERS

1st: 564	2nd: \$314	Envelopes: \$1553
Money Counters Roster	Sun 22 Jan Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Maria Pak	
	Sun 29 Jan Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan	

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 19 Jan 5pm	Danny Clark	Francis D'Silva	Grace & Anna Childs	Bill Quigley
Sun 20 Jan 8am	Anne Lee	Jade Serban	No Servers	Mark Shad
Sun 20 Jan 10am	Phillip Merrick	Krystelle Boulos	Luca Johnson John Mercieca	Maureen Owens
Sat 26 Jan 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Brian & Marcia Smith	Declan & Sorcha McIntyre	Rafe Kowron
Sun 27 Jan 8am	Robert Dimeo	Sandra & Audrey Green	No Servers	Seb Arena
Sun 27 Jan 10am	Joe Shakkal	Michael Gleeson	Simon Nadile Zamarah Verlinde	George Battikha
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 20 Jan	School Holidays	Brian Rayment	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	
Sun 27 Jan	School Holidays	Marcia Smith	Marcia Smith Marg Vella	