

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: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 11 am and
Mass at 12 md

Public Holidays: 9 am only

Confessions are available before the 5 pm Vigil Mass (4 pm to 4.45 pm)

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Masses for the Deceased: Margaret Minolo, Brian and Peter Rayment, recently deceased, Marie Therese (Jeanine) Lee Yee, Ray Byers, Violet Goulden, Mary Brady, William (Ron) Parkin, Fr. Louis Breslan, Cardinal Norman Thomas Gilroy, Fr. Laurence Christie, Monsignor John Lyne, Peter Edmund West, anniversaries.

REDEMPTION: A small boy made a boat to sail on a near-by pond. It sailed beautifully till one day it hit a jagged piece of rock and sank. A few days later a man salvaged the boat and sold it to a junk shop. The boy happened to pass the shop one day and saw the boat. He went in and said to the shopkeeper: “That’s my boat”. “No, it isn’t, son,” said the

shopkeeper, “look at the ticket on it”. The boy went home and started a job to earn some money and with it bought the boat. As he came out of the shop someone heard him say quietly to himself: “You are my boat twice – I made you and I bought you”. We all belong to God twice. He made us and when we met with disaster because of sin, he bought us back by his death on the cross. St. Peter tells us this. He says: *You were not bought by corruptible things such as gold and silver. but with the precious blood of Christ.* And today’s Gospel ends with the words: *For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

But we must not look upon redemption as a buying back from the devil as though we were slaves in a marketplace with the devil as our owner and Our Lord offering him money for our release. Redemption means that the blood of Christ made it possible for us who were in sin to be won back to the friendship of God. Christ has, in other words, *Brought us out of darkness into his marvellous light.* There is then a very real sense in which we can say that the price that Christ paid to conquer sin in us was his sufferings, death, and resurrection. This will, of course, only be true if we play our part in the work of redemption. Our Lord asked the apostles: *Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?* Our answer must be that in some way we can. We must open our hearts to Christ even though at times this will involve self-denial and personal hurt.

The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link:

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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/1PCJKk8TODLBoRoRvQonDKs6g56ySBa3NQVWzQ1SgWCA/present?slide=id.gee6f26b3d6_0_58

Sacramental Program for 2021: Please visit the Parish website:

www.stjosephschurch.com.au

Dear Parents and Carers, it is with regret that I advise, due to the recent COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the NSW government, the balance of our 2021 Sacramental Program for Confirmation and Reconciliation will be suspended. If the restrictions are lifted, we may run the Confirmation program in Term 4, 2021 (revised dates to be advised) and move the reconciliation program to Term 1, 2022. Please email our sacramental program coordinator Sandra Green on sandragreen@optusnet.com.au should you have any questions. Fr. Paul.

SRE classes in public schools are postponed for the rest of the year. However, SRE Learning from Home lessons are available.

Catholic SRE Learning from Home materials can be accessed by clicking on the following link:
<https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

New Learning from Home lessons have been uploaded this week and are available for parents to access across NSW. These include user-friendly Click & Learn PowerPoints and home activity sheets.

The NSW Department of Education will also advise schools to inform families of the availability of these resources.

Closure of Churches due to the recent spread of the Corona virus.

From Saturday, 26th June 2021, Greater Sydney (which includes the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong, and Shellharbour) went into lockdown. Consequently, the Church has been closed until further notice (refer to recent changes, below).

However, funerals are permitted with a limit of 100 attendees, in addition to those essential for the service (celebrant, undertakers, musician/singer, streaming operator).

Weddings are now permitted for groups: 100 guests, in addition to those necessary for the liturgy (i.e. the couple, the two witnesses, the celebrant and probably a musician/singer, and photographer).

If you are fully vaccinated you can attend a funeral or a wedding, so long as the capacity limit is not exceeded, currently, the 4 square metre rule must be observed. The capacity limit for St Joseph's Oatley is 60 people.

For further updated details on the restrictions due to the Corona virus please refer to the NSW Government website link below.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/rules-for-fully-vaccinated-people-nsw#toc-weddings-and-religious-ceremonies>

The Premier has now announced recent changes in relation to the easing of Covid restrictions. The following summarises the key changes and the approach we will take in Sydney Archdiocese, but no doubt further updates will be needed in the coming weeks. Not everything is clear yet!

Firstly, along with other Faith Groups, we are very grateful that, in her Covid Roadmap announcement, the Premier recognised that for people of faith worship is more like an essential service than a recreation. We now eagerly look forward to the opportunity to gather once more to celebrate our faith and give thanks to God. The re-opening of places of worship

will be staged in line with the NSW Government Roadmap. These are the details as we presently understand them.

STAGE ONE – WHEN 70% ARE VACCINATED – ESTIMATED DATE 11 OCTOBER

The first stage commences when 70% of eligible people are fully vaccinated – this is expected to be 11 October. Even though we would be entitled on this date to open churches to the vaccinated only, following his recent consultation with us, the Archbishop has decided that **we will patiently wait the estimated two further weeks until we reach 80% fully vaccinated before re-opening our churches to the public**, and conducting public Masses etc. However, during this first stage, priests who are themselves fully vaccinated will be able to conduct ceremonies such as Baptisms for families that are fully vaccinated (apart from children not yet eligible for vaccination).

STAGE TWO – WHEN 80% ARE FULLY VACCINATED – ESTIMATED DATE 25 OCTOBER

At 80% fully vaccinated we will open our churches and ceremonies to “mixed” congregations (fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated and yet unvaccinated); the 4 sqm rule will apply, and masks must be worn indoors. We will not be required to check a person’s vaccination status. We continue to urge everyone to be vaccinated, and so to reduce their risk of infection. People who are especially vulnerable, who are vaccinated but anxious about mixing with the unvaccinated, or who are unvaccinated and do not want to risk contact with others, are free to remain at home and live-streaming of Masses will continue.

STAGE THREE – WHEN 90% ARE EXPECTED TO BE FULLY VACCINATED – 1 DECEMBER 2021 – “THE NEW NORMAL”

The Government has advised that from 1 December there will be no difference between the Covid safety requirements for all NSW citizens, whether fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, or unvaccinated. The key requirement for churches will be the **2sqm rule at all indoor religious gatherings**, including weddings and funerals. There will be **no limit on the numbers at outdoor events**, and so outdoor Masses will be an option. Covid Safe plans will be required for outdoor events with more than 1,000 people. At weddings, dancing will be permitted, as well as eating and drinking while standing up.

Once we have reached stage three masks will not be required inside a church (though some people may wish to wear a mask for added protection).

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Mass will also be streamed on Thursdays at 12 md during school term for the teachers and children of St. Joseph's School who are at School or at home with their parents.

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THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY: During the period of lockdown, the Weekly is continuing its publication and is available to read, free of charge, as a digital edition. You can access this by clicking on the following link

[Digital Editions: The Catholic Weekly](#)



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connect@catholiccare.org

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 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 or contact 9580 1864.



TAX RECEIPTS for 2020-2021 are available. If you wish to receive an emailed tax receipt, please email the parish office. Once again, we would like to thank all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley.

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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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.*

*Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
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Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Refer to your Sunday Missal or Liturgy Sheet)

PROFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we must pray continually and never lose heart. Our God will see justice done to his chosen ones, who cry to him day and night. Encouraged by this teaching of our Lord, let us come to the throne of heavenly grace with our intercessions.

1. That our Pope, and Bishops may proclaim the Gospel message, refute falsehood, correct error, and call to obedience. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That politicians and elected officials may recall the source of their power and seek their greatness only by making themselves the servants of all. *Let us pray to the*
3. That we may gladly dedicate our community's time and resources towards the evangelization of peoples. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. For all who provide service, entertainment and relaxation in our community, that our life and work together may create well-being for all. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That the sick and the dying may look to Christ with hope and penitent trust. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That all the dead who held fast to their confession of faith on earth may pass through the heavens to stand with joy before the throne of grace. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That our private prayer may be simple, persistent, and regular, and joined with the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate, she may lead us to Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. **HAIL MARY.**

God our Father, you sent your only begotten Son to help us in our struggles. Comfort us in our pain and give us the strength to always act with trust in your word. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, our Salvation, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be *etc.*

Communion Antiphon

*Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,
we may be helped by what you give in this present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord bless us and keep us

May he let his face shine upon us
and show us his mercy.

May he turn his countenance towards us
and give us his peace.

And may Almighty God bless us all, in the name of the Father, and of Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord and glorify him in our lives. Thanks be to God.

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