

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.

14th August 2022 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Carmel Rooke, recently deceased; Margaret Alice Tighe, Manuel Cyril Netto, Father Michael O’Sullivan, Fr. Laurence Bayliss, Michael Allen, Fr. Anthony Shahade, anniversaries.

ENTHUSIASM: Louis Pasteur, in an address to *the Académie Française* said: “The Greeks understood the mysterious power of the hidden side of things. They bequeathed to us one of the most beautiful words in our language – the word ‘enthusiasm’ – a god within. The grandeur of human actions is measured by the inspiration from which they spring. Happy is he who bears a god within – an ideal of beauty and who obeys it, an idea of art, of science. All are lighted by reflection from the infinite.”

Christ says in today’s Gospel: *I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already blazing.* He wants enthusiasm in his service even though this may cause divisions. The “God within” us must have priority in our lives and hence sometimes our love for him will get in the way of some other love. This happened to Our Lord himself. His enthusiasm for his Father’s Will brought him up against the leaders of Israel who in the end put him to death. His own villagers turned against him when he made claims about himself in the Synagogue in Nazara. This happened in the lives of many Christians. Their enthusiasm for God’s service has brought great resistance from their families. It has happened, for example, in the case of religious vocations. When Christ says in the Gospel: *Do you think I have come to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you but rather division.* He obviously does not mean that he has not come to bring peace of heart. He said at the last supper: *My peace I give you, not as the world gives do I give it you.* What he means is that Christianity, the spreading of his kingdom is bound to create trouble. And history has shown that this is true. The martyrs of the church alone are proof of this. Just as Christ on earth met with opposition so does his Mystical body, the Church, meet with the same. Our task is to develop more and more our love for God and thus enkindle our enthusiasm for spreading his kingdom.

Monday 15th of August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holy day of obligation. There will be two Masses in the parish Church: **8 am and 7pm.**



CONFIRMATION: Today we welcome back the boys and girls of our Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from the Archbishop and his Assistant Bishops last Sunday. The Mass and the ceremony at St. Mary's Cathedral was a memorial experience for our Confirmandi and for all who attended. We congratulate our children on this important milestone in their faith journey.

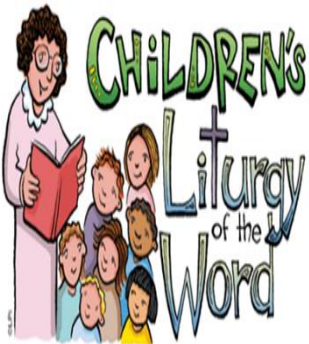
SACRAMENTAL DATES: See details are on the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au in the *tab Sacramental Dates 2022*.

RECONCILIATION 2022 (Year 2 and above) Term Four:

Applications open at **the end of Term 3**. (See details on the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au)



PARISH MORNING TEA: This Wednesday, 17th August at 10.30am in the Marion Hall (go through the Church). All are welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an informal and social gathering. Please join us.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY during the Sunday 10am Mass: We look forward to seeing our young parishioners attend Children's Liturgy during the *10am Sunday Mass*. Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding. For any interested parishioners able to assist in this important ministry please contact oatleycc@bigpond.net.au

The second Charitable Works Fund Appeal for the Archdiocese of Sydney will be made on the weekend 20th/21st August. The money collected for this Appeal assists in the furthering of the Church mission and service for the people of the Archdiocese. Envelopes are available on the tables in the Church foyer.

TAX RECEIPTS for parishioners' part of the envelope or credit card giving program for 2021-2022 are available. Please email oatleycc@bigpond.net.au if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

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 clicking on the following [APPLICATION FORM](#). You can choose between making a regular monthly credit card contribution. Whereby, once set up, your contribution is processed each month. This is a good way to "set and forget" you're giving to support the running of our parish. Alternatively, you may wish to contribute via the envelope system. If you would like to give by credit card on a monthly basis, **OR** give via the envelope system please download and complete the attached [APPLICATION FORM](#). Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley. *Fr. Paul*

The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link: bit.ly/stjoatley **OR**

