

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)

25th July 2021 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHAT ARE THEY AMONG SO MANY? Christ found a way of supplying food for a hungry multitude. He did it by working a miracle. The miracle shows us that the hungry people in the world can be fed with the help of God. Nor is a miracle required to bring this about. God has provided the food or the means of obtaining it, but he has left it to us to distribute it. Our task is to carry on the work of Christ by seeing that those who starve receive food. People may say “How can we do it? Is there enough to go round? What are our food resources amongst so many?” Mahatma Gandhi had the answer: “There is food enough in the world for men’s needs but not enough for men’s greed”. It is true that technology allied with good will can provide for the needy, but money is necessary. It is here that Dives must come to the help of Lazarus. It was the love and compassion of Christ that provided food for the hungry in the wilderness, the same love and compassion should be the driving force for helping countries in need. It is everybody’s duty to try and make the world a better place to live in. How can one expect people in undernourished countries to learn of the love of Christ if those who preach it do not try to do anything about their poverty? “If Christ comes to India”, said Gandhi, “he had better come in the form of bread”. It is indeed difficult to see how people can come to know and love the “Living Bread” which came down from Heaven if their stomachs are empty because of others’ greed.

When I was hungry you gave me to eat, said Christ to those who provided for the needy. The whole picture of the last judgment given by Christ was in terms of the corporal works of mercy. Christ expects us to be active in his service and not to be, like little Jack Horner, pulling out all the plums from the pudding of life for their own benefit without reference to others.

Masses for the Deceased: Fr. Colin Mason, Fr. Anthony (Tony) Simari, Sr. Gemma Crowe csj, Matthew Sinclair, recently deceased. Ellen Hilder, Sr. Mary Magdalen rsm, Freda Jenner, Michelle Rooney, John and Ellen Perkins, anniversaries.

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



You can also access it by going to the Archdiocese of Sydney website where there is a list of Churches who stream their Masses each week. Just click on the link for St. Joseph's Parish, Oatley.

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. At this stage, no program will be run in Term 3. 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 time being. 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.

As from 6pm on Saturday, 26th June 2021, Greater Sydney (which includes the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong, and Shellharbour) is in lockdown until midnight on Friday, July 30th. Consequently, the Church is closed until further notice.

However, funerals are permitted with a limit of 10 attendees.

Weddings, however, are not permitted.

Baptisms are not permitted, except in case of emergency. Similarly, the anointing of the sick, and sick calls generally, are permitted in case of emergency only.

It seems clear that, because the new Delta strain of Covid virus is so infectious, we are being asked to be even more cautious than during the previous lockdown. “Stay home” means “avoid all unnecessary contact with other people.”

During the lockdown, the Sunday Mass will be live streamed on YouTube, and you are encouraged to connect prayerfully to this medium. The streaming will begin at 5pm on Saturday and can be accessed at any time after the Mass has concluded.

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or



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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.

Envelope Contributors: Please pick up your packs today in the church foyer.

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 will be available in August. 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

*God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

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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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.

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the miracle of feeding five thousand people, our Lord shows us that the Father will give us everything we need. Let us ask him for all the good gifts he can provide for us.

1. For our pastors, especially the Pope and bishops, that they may continue to nourish us with sound doctrine. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That all who are united by sharing one Lord, one faith, one baptism may also be gathered into unity and fed by Jesus with the one bread of life. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That the more prosperous nations may work generously and in peace for a just allocation of the food of the earth. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That the Holy Scriptures, written for our learning, may be faithfully proclaimed in the Church, widely heard, and inwardly digested by all who hear; and by patience and comfort of God Holy Word, we may fully embrace it and ever hold fast to the blessed hope of eternal life it brings. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That those in prison and all who minister to them in Christ's love may experience the healing that flows from the one hope of our calling. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That we who partake of the one bread may lead a life worthy of our calling, patiently bearing with one another in love. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That those who were nourished in this life by the bread Jesus gives, may celebrate forever the paschal festival of the kingdom. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. That the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God, will assist us now and at the hour of death. **HAIL MARY.**

Most merciful Father, hear the prayers of the people you have gathered to offer and receive the eternal gift, Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. 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

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
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.