

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)		

17th February 2019 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers; Grace Washington (rec dec), Rita Briscoe – Hough (rec dec), Antonina Pajak (ann.27/1), Nan Fitzgerald (ann. 12/2), Denise Caramsing (ann. 14/12), Florence Anderson (ann.9/2), Linda Snell (ann.17/2), Joan Cahill (ann. 20/2), Ronald Cahill (ann.18/2), members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

The Foolish and the Weak: Superficially Christ's words during his sermon on the mountain-side sound foolish. They seem to be advocating what is contrary to common sense. How can poverty of spirit, meekness, the willing suffering of persecution, be a source of power? Surely the very opposite is the case. This would certainly be accepted by the Caiphases, Herods and Pilates of Christ's day. Yet the history of Christianity has proved the opposite. "God has chosen", in St. Paul's words, "the weak in the world to shame the strong". Who would have thought it possible that a few fishermen in an out-of-the-way province of a great empire would light a fire that would burn, not only in the heart of Rome, but would spread far and wide throughout the world and would never be extinguished? Christ's words have again and again shown their power. The early Christian martyrs' cry "You slay us but we conquer by your slaying", revealed the fact that suffering for justice's sake can become the seed of a powerful growth. The lives of many saints provide more proof of the truth of what Christ said. One has only to think of the influence for good that the poor man St. Francis of Assisi has had, or St. Bernadette whose innocence, poverty and weakness drew Our Lady to Lourdes and the immense spiritual good that has resulted. It makes one think of those other words of St. Paul "The Wisdom of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is more powerful than men". And the supreme example of those words is Christ himself. He was poor, was led like a lamb to the slaughter. He humbled himself even to the death on the cross; he suffered persecution and as a result of it all, has become the most powerful force in the world. "If I be lifted up", he said, "I will draw all people to myself".

Lenten Group: William Fernandes will be running a Lenten group at St. Joseph's, Riverwood, on Tuesdays during Lent starting on Tuesday 5 March from 7pm – 8pm. It will be held in the Parish Meeting Room in the Presbytery. If you would like to join the group please contact Margaret in the Presbytery at St Joseph's Riverwood on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday on 9534 1537 or send an email to stjosephriverwood@outlook.com as soon as possible as places are limited.

Marist Catholic College, Penshurst: Open Day, Wednesday 6th March, 3pm – 7pm. All are welcome to meet the students, teacher and tour the new learning facilities, including South Hurstville Campus presentations.

Bethany College Open Day: 5 March 2019 3.00pm - 6.00pm at the College
Meet the Principal at 4.30pm. Enrolling Year 7, 2021. Enrolment packages will be available on the day

Catholic Schools' Week - 2020 Kindergarten Enrolments

Catholic Schools week will be held from 3- 9 March. The theme for Catholic Schools Week is *Discover our difference at your local Catholic School*. The 2020 Kindergarten Enrolment Period commences during this week. School tours will be available on the following afternoons for new families interested in enrolling their children at St Joseph's. Please contact the School Office on 9580 6588 if you wish to attend one of the school tours.

Enrolment Packs will be available from Monday 4 March for collection.

School Tour Dates; 3.30 each day.

Monday 4 March, Tuesday 5 March, Thursday 7 March and Friday 8 March.

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

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COLLECTIONS AND ROSTERS

1st 805	2nd: \$361	Envelopes 1797
Money Counters Roster	Sun 19 Feb Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Maria Pak	
	Sun 26 Feb Vince & Jenny Elliott	

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 16 Feb 5pm	Vince Elliott	Richard McMillan	Luca J Declan M	John Perkins
Sun 17 Feb 8am	George Lazar	Jean Devine	No Servers	Seb Arena
Sun 17 Feb 10am	John Romanous	George Novak	John M Simon N	Maureen Owens
Sat 23 Feb 5pm	Vince Elliott	Emma Bennett	Ivan G Alex P	Bill Quigley
Sun 24 Feb 8am	Anne Lee	Mirjana Males	No Servers	Maria Pak
Sun 24 Feb 10am	Danny Clark	George Novak	Alana G Sophia S	George Battikha
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 17Feb	TBA	Marcia Smith	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	
Sun 24 Feb	No Liturgy	Lewis DeGabriele	Marcia Smith Marg Vella	