

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		
Monday	No Mass		
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Wednesday	8am (Rosary 7.45),		
Thursday	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
Friday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Saturday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

25 August 2019 – 21 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers Sr Joanne Kirk rsm (rec dec), Peter McAlister (rec dec), Roma Carlton (ann.29/8), Gloria Stonebridge (ann.28/8), Catherine Kennedy (ann.31/8), dec members of the Beljo, Bagaric and Roso Families, dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Alice Nelson, Sr Gabriel OLN, Genevieve Shipton, Denise Bailey.

WHO ARE SAVED? “Are you saved?” asked the little man with the bill-board on which was inscribed in words that he was giving forth vocally. To the passers-by he was saying “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved”. His words were a little cryptic depending very much on the meaning of the word ‘believe’. He probably had in mind that faith alone was sufficient for salvation without good works. However, that may be, what is certain is that nobody can guarantee his salvation. The grace of final perseverance is a gift of God. What we can do is to have supreme confidence that God will give it to us if we try and live the kind of life he wants us to live.

Someone asked Christ in the Gospel “Lord will those who are saved be few?” Our Lord never answered such questions directly; instead he gave replies from which he expected people to draw their own conclusions. This time he says in so many words that only those who make a real effort to make themselves ready can expect to receive grace from God to keep them on the way to salvation. Christ is giving all of us a warning here. We mustn’t sit back and expect him to do everything for us. He will knock at the door of our hearts but he will not force an entrance if sin and indifference keep the door shut. Christ says that “people will come from East and West and from North and South and sit at table in the kingdom of God”. He does not say how many will partake of the heavenly banquet but he says that there will be surprises. Some who were considered to be last will in fact be first. Those who sit at the table will be made up of all kinds of people for the grace of God is not restricted. He invites all and makes it possible for all to come; only human perversity turns the invitation down. Those who belong to this latter class are the ones to whom the host will say “I do not know where you come from; depart from me”.

The Oatley Catholic Women’s League will be selling tickets for their **Silver Circle** this weekend. Tickets are \$20 for 5 weeks, (10 draws). Prizes are from the Supplementary numbers on Monday and Wednesday nights, beginning on August 26th. Please support us.

The 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed this week. It is not just about migrants but also about ourselves, our fears and our hopes. Please pray for all those who seek a secure home in safety and peace, and that God will grant us a generous and welcoming heart for our displaced brothers and sisters.

Father Paul will complete his Annual Leave from Monday, and will return on the 9th September. During his absence, Father Pat Keenan cscr, will be *locum*.

Solemn Mass (Ordinariate Form): The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross was established on the Feast of the Sacred Heart (June 15th), 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI by those of the **Anglican Tradition in Australia** who had petitioned the Holy See to enter into full Catholic Communion while maintaining some elements of their Patrimony, including a distinctive liturgical form of the Western Rite Mass.

On August 27th, 2019 at 7-00 pm at St Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney, Monsignor Carl Reid will be installed as the second Ordinary of the Ordinariate during a Solemn Mass in the Ordinariate Form. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. All interested are welcome to attend and to welcome Monsignor Reid and his wife Barbara who have just moved to Australia from the west coast of Canada.

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria: Father’s Day Mass 2019

A Special Mass to remember the Fathers and Grandfathers we love. Saturday August 31, 10:30am Chapel of Reflection, Liverpool Cemetery and the Pavilion, Kemps Creek Cemetery 12:00pm Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery Following Mass, please join us for Morning Tea

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 22/9/2019 at 1.30 and 4pm. Preparation Workshops; Saturday 24 Aug 3.30pm – 5.00pm; Saturday 31 Aug 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Saturday 7 September 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Collections and Rosters

1st \$810		2nd: \$475		Envelopes \$ 1357	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 27 Aug	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan			
	Sun 3 Sept	Brian & Marcia Smith			
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 24 Aug 5pm	Joe Shakkal	Sandra Soldo	Ana Beretin L Livia V	Rafe Kowron	
Sun 25 Aug 8am	George Lazar	Vesna Zuvic	No Servers	Seb Arena	
Sun 25 Aug 10am	Danny Clark	Selina Colaguiri	Felicity G Mavina K	George Battikha	
Sat 31 Aug 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	George Lazar	Amber L Gaia el K	Richard McMillan	
Sun 1 Sept 8am	Anne Lee	Lewis DeGabriele	No Servers	Mario Cuenca	
Sun 1 Sept 10am	Phillip Merrick	George Novak	Zamarah V Simon N	David Lee	
Children’s Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 25 Aug	Natalia Greguric	Marcia Smith	Marcia Smith		
Sun 1 Sept	Leilah Nelson	Lewis Degabriele	Susan Canham Angela Nadile		