

# 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.**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Masses for the Deceased:** Omas Brischetto, Bruna Pollachini, recently deceased; Jessie Murphy, Mara Beljo, Imelda Saunders, Kathleen O'Brien,

Matthew Sinclair, Freda Jenner, Terrence McKeon, Fr. Basil Jansen, anniversaries.

**THE HARVEST:** There is a little verse in the eighty-fourth psalm that can provide much matter for reflection: *The Lord will make us prosper and our earth will yield its fruit.* To a pastoral people like the Israelites, these words would have been heard in terms of a temporal blessing. God who is the source of all life would make their barren land fertile. Their ancestors had been a desert community without any of the benefits of fine, luscious farm produce. They had longed for the fleshpots of Egypt and, in spite of their infidelities and grumbling complaints, God in his goodness had blessed them by bringing them to a land of promise – a rich fertile country where they could settle down and till the soil.

Yet, in reality, all this was a remote preparation for a far greater harvest. The land they tilled, the fruits of which they ate, the battles they fought for their survival, were used in the designs of God for the preparing of the ground for the coming of the Lord of the harvest himself. It was to be got ready so that one day a splendid vine would grow in it of which they would be the branches; in it a grain of wheat would be planted which would die and then spring up and produce a great harvest; in it a seed was to fall which was to grow into a tree to be cut down and shaped into a cross so that the Lord of the harvest from whom all fertility springs might shed his blood upon it. The whole purpose of God delivering this Middle Eastern kingdom to the Israelites was, so that one day a world made sterile by sin, might be fertilised by the grace of God through Christ. This work of harvesting goes on year by year in the Church's history. Christ said: *the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few; so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into the harvesting.* The Lord relies upon his labourers. He will supply the means to gather in the harvest, but he does rely on his followers to help.

**CONFIRMATION:** The children of the parish who are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, have completed their classes and preparation to receive the Sacrament at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 7th August. Please keep them in your prayers and encourage them to faithfully practice their faith.

**RECONCILIATION 2021 CATHCUP (Year 3 and above) Term Three:** Applications are now open – Close 10<sup>th</sup> July. (See details on the parish website [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) in the tab *Sacramental Dates 2022*). Additionally, click on the application form attached for further details and enrolment. [Application and enrolment](#).

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022 (Year 3 and above) Term Three:** Applications now open – Close 7<sup>th</sup> August. (See details on the parish website [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) in the tab **Sacramental Dates 2022**). Additionally, click on the application form attached for further details and enrolment. [Application and enrolment](#).

**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](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au))

**SAVE THE DATE -NEXT PARISH MORNING TEA: Friday 22 July at 10.30am.** Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered at the previous Parish morning teas. Due to the great turnout and enjoyable get togethers at the morning tea, we will be holding another one on **Friday 22 July at 10.30am in the Marion Hall** (go through the Church). **Everyone is WELCOME. Please join us.** *Fr. Paul*

**St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal:** Thanks to all our parishioners who gave generously to the recent appeal with the \$2,400 raised will go towards helping families fleeing from domestic violence.



**Church Open:** Our church is open each day for weekday Masses and Sunday Masses at 5pm (Saturday Vigil), 8am and 10am, Sundays. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

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



**CURRENT PLANNED GIVING:** Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are now available in the foyer of the Church, please take your set of envelopes.

**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](#)

Alternatively, please pick up a form in the Church foyer or email the office for a copy. Upon completion of your details email it to [eatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:eatleycc@bigpond.net.au) otherwise place the form in the second collection.

**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.**

**TAX RECEIPTS for 2021-2022** will be available in the middle of August. Please email [eatleycc@bigpond.com](mailto:eatleycc@bigpond.com) if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Your receipts will be emailed to you. Alternatively, call the office on 9580-1864 for your tax receipt. 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. Fr. Paul**