

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	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Saturday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

19 May 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Masses and Prayers; Joan Sproule (rec dec), Daniel Andreallo (rec dec), Anthony Constantine (rec dec), Geoffrey Pullen (ann.16/5), Brian Scully (ann.15/5), June Moore (ann.22/5), members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

LOVE: There is no word in the English Language which when it is used is so much abused as the word love. One hears it used in all kinds of ways on the television and film screens; one reads it in newspapers and magazines and the pop tunes are full of it. And so often it is simply a misnomer for sentimentality, sensuality or even lust. What then is love? Can it be defined? It is much too much of a mystery for that. It is so bound up with human personality, which is itself a mystery. The master of insight into human nature, St Ignatius of Loyola did not attempt to define love, but he did say how it manifests itself. He said it shows itself in two main ways, in the desire to give and the desire to share. When two people love one another, they love to make gifts to one another and long to share their lives together.

And what is true of human love is also true of the divine. God too loves to give and to share. And his greatest gift and his greatest act of sharing was Christ. The Gospel today says "A New Commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you." What is new about this commandment? It is surely the sharing of Christ's love. The little community gathered together were to love one another, not in a purely human way, but in a divine way. Christ himself was to be the bond of union. Their love for one another was to be of the same kind that Christ had for them.

We too must have this kind of love. At the Last Supper, when Christ instituted the Eucharist he spoke of a new covenant. His new commandment is bound up with this new covenant. It is through the Eucharist that Christians are given the power to love one another in a Christ – like way. There is nothing sentimental, sensual or lustful about this love. It is a love that makes great demands upon the Christian as it did with Christ.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you -or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safe Guarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest, who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.

You don't have to work out the home care system on your own.

Staying independent in your own home is a priority for many Australian Seniors. Catholic Care's Home Care Specialists can guide you through the complicated government systems. Join us and find out how to access in-home support and caring services.

When: Friday 24th May 9:30am; Where: St Joseph's Oatley; RSVP: Parish Office 95801864

Knitters wanted – As winter is approaching the St Vincent de Paul, Oatley Conference is seeking knitters in the parish to make beanies and scarfs for adult men, women and for children of farming families in the drought areas. For those who do not knit a donation of these items together with pairs of gloves and socks will be greatly appreciated.

Children's Liturgy. If anyone can help with the Children's Liturgy, during Sunday 10am Mass, in the Marion Hall. All materials are provided. Please contact Fr Paul Hilder.

St Joseph's Primary School Oatley, enrolments will close on Friday, 31st May.

First Holy Communion, is on the weekend of 15/16 June 2019

Classes commence Sundays 19th May; 8.30am; 26th May 8.45 am; 2nd June 8.45am; 9th June 8.45 am.

Collections and Rosters

	1st \$933	2nd: \$533	Envelopes \$ 1432	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 21 May Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Maria Pak			
	Sun 28 May Vince & Jenny Elliott			
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 18 May 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Francis D'Silva	Sorcha & Bridie M	Richard McMillan
Sun 19 May 8am	Anne Lee	Caroline Dimeo	No Servers	Maria Pak
Sun 19 May 10am	John Romanous	Jelena Suto	David C Lachlan H	George Battikha
Sat 25 May 5pm	Vince Elliott	George Novak	Livia V Ana Beretin L	Brian Smith
Sun 26 May 8am	Robert Dimeo	Sandra Soldo	No Servers	Mark Shad
Sun 26 May 10am	Danny Clark	Alison Felici	John M Anthony A	Lewis Degabriele
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 19 May	TBC	Lewis Degabriele	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	
Sun 26 May	Leilah Nelson	Brian Rayment	Marcia Smith	