

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 11.45 (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)		

8 September 2019 – 23 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers; Sr John Keenan rsm (rec dec), Sr Joanne Kirk rsm (rec dec), Cyril Howley (rec dec), Tony Kilgannon (ann.8/9), David Way (ann.13/9), Andrew Dwyer (ann.8/9), Margaret Sainsbery (ann.10/9), Shaun Fleming (ann.6/9), Judith Byers (ann.3/9), Henrikus Emans (ann.12/9), Kathleen Lloyd (ann.6/9), Domenica Puopolo (ann.3/9), Peter Nelson (ann.15/9), George Baroni (ann.13/9), Greg Boyd (ann.15/9), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Alice Nelson, Sr Gabriel OLN, Genevieve Shipton, Denise Bailey.

THE HOUND OF HEAVEN: “Please sir, I want some more”, said Oliver Twist and those words of his changed the whole course of his future life. In Oliver’s case what he wanted was more food but his words find an echo in every human heart. Everyone wants more joy, more happiness, more of the things that make life worth living and, like Oliver, they are not satisfied. This has its beneficial effect. Dissatisfaction with the present is the spur to greater achievements. If everyone were completely satisfied there would be no human progress.

This dissatisfaction is God’s pursuit of humankind. He does not want them to be satisfied completely with easy goals and with the things in this world. Thus he has planted in the human breast a longing for a lost paradise. Even the unbeliever feels at times, though he does not recognise it, some intimations of immortality, and it is this that makes a person restless for more truth and goodness and beauty. The hound of heaven is pursuing us as he pursues all.

Christ says in the Gospel that those who wish to be his disciples must renounce all that they have. One must not have such a complete satisfaction with possessions as to make them a master. God must come first in a person’s life. One must make an offering, in a sense, of all that one has to God in acts of service and love. This is true even of our closest friends and relations. All should be loved in God. Christ does not expect every follower of his to give away everything that is possessed, but he does expect that love for him to dominate above all love for them. He does not want half-hearted service. We are not to be like the man in the Gospel who lays the foundation of a tower but was unable to finish it because he had not counted the cost of building it in the beginning. He wants whole-hearted service and this means counting the cost in self-sacrifice of living for him. Christ does not offer soft options. To be a whole hearted Christian is not easy. It involves the following of the cross of Christ.

Ross Green, a student from Marist Catholic College, Peshurst, and a parishioner of St. Joseph’s at Oatley, received the Archbishop of Sydney Award of Student Excellence for 2019. The Archbishop’s Award recognises the outstanding young men and women in our Catholic Schools and the positive contributions they each make to the community as practising Catholics, and the way in which they give witness to Christian values in the faith life of their School. **Congratulations to Ross and his family, Russ and Sandra**, and sisters *Audrey, Alana and Felicity*. Ross’ mother, Sandra Green, is the parish Sacramental Co-ordinator.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS:

Draw 3. 1st Prize \$20 No 30 Margaret Rayment. 2nd Prize \$5 No 12 J Altman.

Draw 4. 1st prize \$20 No37 Seb Brischetto. 2nd Prize No 30 Marg. Rayment.

Our Parish Group of the **Life Ascending Movement**, meets in the Marian Hall on Friday 13 September from 10.30am to 12 Noon. (and every second Friday of each month except Jan). If you are retired or nearing retirement, you are invited to join with like-minded parishioners in prayer and friendship and in gaining much from the fruits of this new movement within our church, with its special spirituality for older people. An important feature is it offers the development of new friendships among retirees, who are sometimes experiencing a lonely stage of life.

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

Collections and Rosters

1st \$814	2nd: \$448	Envelopes \$ 1477		
Money Counters Roster	Sun 10 Sept	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan		
	Sun 17 Sept	George & Kathy Novak		
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 7 sept 5pm	TBA	Emma Bennett	Sophia S Sorcha M	Brian Smith
Sun 8 Sept 8am	Robert Dimeo	Susan Canham	No Servers	Mark Shad
Sun 8 Sept 10am	Danny Clark	Melissa Dimeo	Ivan G Lachlan H	Lewis DeGabriele
Sat 14 sept 5pm	Vince Elliott	Brian & Marcia Smith	Ana Beretin L Livia V	Richard McMillan
Sun 15 Sept 8am	George Lazar	Damian Callinan	No Servers	Mario Cuenca
Sun 15 Sep 10am	John Romanous	Jelena Suto	Anna & Grace C	Lewis DeGabriele
Children’s Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 8 Sept	Kylie Brakel	Brian Rayment	Lynne Ekholm	
Sun 15 Sept	Alison Felici	Marcia Smith	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	