

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			
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)		

29 September 2019 – 26 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Ignatius McCrystal (rec dec), Patricia Doepel (rec dec), Maxwell Weekes (ann.2/10), Zora Pavicic (ann.29/9), Rita Cutelli (ann.1/10), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Alice Nelson, Sr Gabriel OLN, Genevieve Shipton, Denise Bailey.

WEALTH AND POVERTY: It may seem at first sight strange that Christ should condemn riches saying how difficult it is for a rich man to enter heaven. After all there were plenty of friends of God who were rich. Abraham had fine pastures and great flocks of sheep; Solomon had immense riches at the time when God showed favour to him. I doubt if Martha and Mary's household was a poor one.

The parable in the Gospel helps to put Christ's words in perspective. In it he condemns the man who lives for himself. He condemns, in other words, unshared riches. It is the rich man who is neglectful of the needs of the poor who is judged harshly. Today, because of the mass media and easy communications, we are all conscious of the poor, especially in underdeveloped countries. We read in the newspapers and see on television, for example, the terrible poverty in Calcutta where so many have no roof over their heads and very little food to eat. A Canadian paper wrote: "When you sit down to eat, half the children of the world press their noses against the window panes and watch you with hungry eyes."

As Christians we know that we ought to help the poor, which our country with its relatively high standard of living, ought to help, not with a few crumbs but with real self-sacrifice. Is it not the duty of Christians to bring pressure on governments to give more of the national income to alleviate poverty? Should people be demanding more and more instead of being willing to do with less and less for the sake of the deprived? Surely Christ indicates this in the Gospel. Meanwhile we should examine our own conscience and ask ourselves what we are doing personally for the poor. Are we willing to be generous even though it may hurt? Fortunately there are many generous Christians who through family fast days and in other ways do their best to help those less fortunate than themselves.

PROPOGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL: Today we have the appeal for the missions. Roza Vukovich from the Missions Office will speak at all the Masses. The promotion poster on the notice board in the foyer features Sister Stan Therese Mumuni, who runs the Nazareth Home for God's Children in the Diocese of Yendi in Ghana, with twin boys John and Paul. They have been rescued by Sister Stan and provided with a safe and loving home. *The 2019 Catholic Mission Church Appeal focuses on the work of the Church in Ghana as they prove ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable.*

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 13 October, 2019 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Richard Umbers.

Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS:(Final Draw)

Draw 9: 1st Prize \$20 No 10 Annette Rowley 2nd Prize \$5 No 44 Lucy Doan Draw 10: 1st Prize \$100 No 17 Kathryn Wojcicki 2nd Prize \$50 No 38 Sue Wilcox

Congratulations to catechists, Gae Buck and Susan Canham who will both receive a CCD Certification of Accreditation at the Annual Catechist Mass (2pm) at St Mary's Cathedral this Sunday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 7th December 2019.

There will be no Mass on Monday, 30th September.

Collections and Rosters

1st \$1598	2nd: \$1038	Envelopes \$ 1367	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 01 Oct	Brian & Marcia Smith	
	Sun 08 Oct	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan	
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat 28 Sept 5pm	John Romanous	George Lazar	Ivan G John M
Sun 29 Sept 8am	Robert Dimeo	Krystelle Boulos	No Servers
Sun 29 Sep 10am	Joe Shakal	Francis D'Silva	Mavina K Sophia S
Sat 5 Oct 5pm	Phillip Merrick	Richard Mcmillan	Grace & Anna Ch
Sun 6 Oct 8am	George Lazar	Ainsley Wilson	No servers
Sun 6 Oct 10am	Glenn McLachlan	Jamie Dimeo	Alana & Felicity G
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society
Sun 29 Sept	School holidays	Brian Rayment	Susan Canham Angela Nadile
Sun 6 Oct	School Holidays	Marcia Smith	Susan Canham Angela Nadile