

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

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.



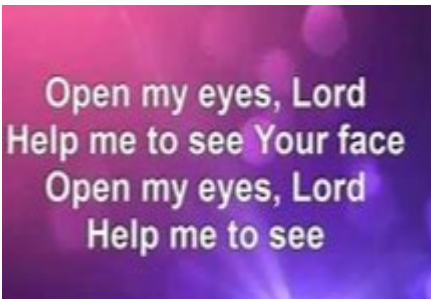
19th March 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Lent (Gaudete Sunday)



Masses for the Deceased: Warren Saunders, recently deceased; Carl Owens, Anselmo (Tony) Anzellotti, Marie Basquil, Elias Francis, Jannette Battikha, anniversaries.

A NEW DAWN: To stand on a hillside in darkness and watch the coming of the dawn can be an inspiring experience. The first grey luminosity picks out the dimly identified landscape and this is followed by the sun's rays coming from under the lid of the horizon, its unhampered radiance sheds its golden sheen like a great glit tablecloth in fold on fold of undulating splendour across the countryside.

Our Lord in today's Gospel speaks of himself as the Light of the World. St. John in the prologue to his Gospel recalls the time when the Word, who was Light, created the first dawn that swept across a darkened world. Today, in his Gospel, he relates how the Word made flesh brings this new dawn of light to a man who had been living in darkness since his birth. For the first time he can look upon the beauty of Palestine with its sunlight and its flowers. But Christ intended his action to be a mixture of miracle and symbol. The bright dawn that came to the man living in darkness was not only a light to the eyes; it was also the dawn of the light of faith in Our Lord. Our Lord asks him: *Do you believe in the Son of Man?* He answers: *And who is it, Sir, that I may believe in him?* Jesus said to him *You have seen him and it is he who speaks with you.* He said: *Lord, I believe.* And he worshipped him.



The world can never be a better and happier place if it fixes its gaze upon material things alone. A light from another world must transfigure its operations and so give them spiritual significance before any real progress in culture or civilisation can take place and joy come to the hearts of all people. All of us need the healing

power of Christ to open our eyes so that we do not go on living in darkness cast by our own shadows. In his light we must see light. The prophet Habakkuk wrote of God: *His splendour over all the sky, his glory fills the earth.* How significant are those words for Christians.

Stations of the Cross: This beautiful devotion apt for the season of Lent will be conducted in the Church each Friday during Lent at 7 pm. Come and walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified.

Solemnity of S. Joseph, Monday, 20th March 2023, patron of the parish and school. Mass will be celebrated at 8am and 9.15 am (with the whole school).

Day of the Unborn Child: Sunday, 26th March 2023. Details of the observances in the city are posted on the Church Bulletin Board.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH OATLEY: The sacramental program has recently been published on the St Joseph's website. Please refer to the following link for further details [SACRAMENTAL DATES 2023 | St Josephs \(stjosephschurch.com.au\)](https://stjosephschurch.com.au)

Also, the website provides you with the application form and further information for the upcoming First Holy Communion. Alternatively, click on the following [link **First Holy Communion 2023 Information & application form.**](#)

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Kindergarten 2024 enrolments are now open: Please submit applications **online via the enrolment portal** on the St Joseph's School or Sydney Catholic Schools websites. Kindergarten applications will be due **BY Monday the 3rd of April 2023.** Please contact the school office if further information or assistance is required on Phone: 9580 6588. Alternatively, click on the following link for further information [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Oatley | Enrolment Information \(syd.catholic.edu.au\)](https://syd.catholic.edu.au)

Welcome to Children's Liturgy



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are looking forward to our young parishioners to join Children's Liturgy on **Sunday during the 10am Mass**. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work where the Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings.

The practice of almsgiving during Lent is recommended by contribution to **Project Compassion**. Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes are available this Sunday in the foyer of the Church.

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



Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish. If you wish to support your Parish, St Joseph's Oatley, please pick up a copy of the application form in the Church Foyer. Alternatively, you may wish to go to our website www.stjosephschurch.com.au for a copy, or if you are online click on the tab below.

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