

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.

16th October 2022 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Dominic Davino, Violet Mary Goulden, Marie Therese Jeanine Leeyee, Cardinal Sir Norman Thomas Gilroy, Mary Brady, Fr. Louis Breslan, Fr. Maurice Crittenden, anniversaries.

PRAY ALWAYS: Our Lord tells a parable in today's Gospel to the effect that we should pray always. Clearly, he does not mean that we should go down on our knees all day or that we should be praying in a Church amid every activity of the day. Nor can he mean that we should be thinking of God all day long. That is not possible when we lead a busy life. The American humourist James Thurber tells of a man who was always afraid he would stop breathing. He even set his alarm clock to go off at regular interval during the night to wake him up to see if he were still breathing. Obviously, we cannot be like that regarding God.



How then are we to pray always? When two people love one another, they are constantly in each other's thoughts. Even if their minds are on other things, they have each other, as the saying goes, at the back of their minds. So, it should be with us and God. We should constantly think of God and pray to him and in this way, we create a supernatural

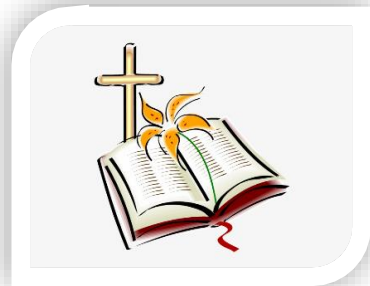
atmosphere in our lives so that, even when we are not thinking of God, he is still at the back of our mind. Our normal formal prayers help to sanctify our day. They make of our daily work a prayer. Our activities become rooted in prayer so that they in themselves are prayer. In this way there is a real meaning in saying that our whole day is prayer and that therefore we are praying always. Today's parable stresses the necessity of perseverance in prayer. So much prayer can be merely casual

without very much depth to it. Where there is real love there will a depth of understanding. We must so create our relationship with God that, though he remains a mystery to us, yet at the same time we can feel we know him. His presence become a reality in our lives. It becomes a constant presence even though we do not or cannot avert to it all the time.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Applications for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation 2022** (Year 2 and above) are now open and will close on the **21st of October 2022**. Please visit the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click on the **tab Sacramental Dates 2022** for further details. Alternatively, click on the link attached for the [Reconciliation 2022 program and application form](#).



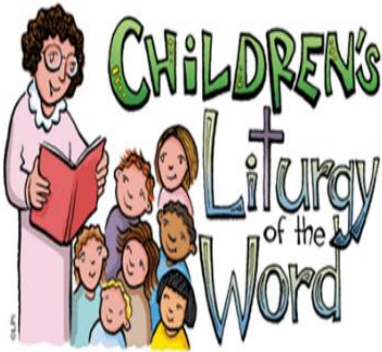
JOIN US AT THE PARISH MORNING TEA this coming Tuesday the **18th of October, at 10.30 am** in the Marion Hall (go through the Church). All are welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an informal and social gathering.



MASS READERS: **Volunteers are needed** to read at the Masses on the weekend. Please contact the office 9580-1864 or email oatleycc@bigpond.net.au if you are able to assist on some weekends.

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**





CHILDREN'S LITURGY during the Sunday 10am Mass: We look forward to seeing our young parishioners attend Children's Liturgy during the *10am Sunday Mass*. Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings. **For any interested parishioners able to assist in this important ministry please contact eatleycc@bigpond.net.au**

THANK YOU: The Catholic Mission Church Appeal was held last weekend at our parish. The donations collected totalled \$2208; the funds will go towards assisting the households in Ethiopia in essential programs which can bring hope to those in most need. We thank everyone for their kind donations.

TAX RECEIPTS for parishioners' part of the envelope or credit card giving program for 2021-2022 are available. Please email eatleycc@bigpond.net.au if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

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](#).

Also, If you wish to make a one of contribution to support your Parish St Joseph's Oatley, please click on this link:

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/OATLEYPARISH>

Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley. Fr. Paul