

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.

1st October 2023 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Dolores Carreon, recently deceased; Rita Cutelli, John Bernard McMillan, John Kevin McMillan, Patricia Smith, Ralph Morris, Fr, Denis Foley, Fr. Frank Mecham, anniversaries, and Amadeo Alvaro.

My final Masses at St. Joseph's prior to leaving the parish to retire will be over the weekend 28th and 29th October. The parish will be twinned with St. Declan's at Penshurst. Next weekend 7th and 8th October Father Chris Ryan, Parish Priest of St. Declan's will concelebrate Mass with me and introduce himself to the parishioners. *Fr. Paul.*

Summer Time begins this weekend at 2am on Sunday morning. Please put your clocks forward one hour before retiring of Saturday evening.

Monday is the Labour Day Public Holiday. Mass on Monday will be at 9 am only.

REFUSAL AND ACCEPTANCE: The Christian is a person and not an angel. Christians have their weaknesses and their faults. There may well be times when they wander away from their true vocation of service of God. St. Ignatius of Loyola, at the beginning of his book "The Spiritual Exercises" writes "Man was created to praise, reverence and serve God". This is by no means always an easy precept to follow. The joys of "Vanity Fair" may lure the Christian away from it. The desire for making money may become the be-all and end-all of their work. Work's real dedication as an offering of service of God may be easily forgotten. But if the Christian is fundamentally a person of good will, their Christianity should in the end win them over to a truer and better view of living.

A Christian may, in other words, like the son in the Gospel may say "no" when he is asked to work for God, but, like the son, afterwards will repent and go. God understands failures and he is always ready to

transform them into successes provided the person does their part. The English poet Robert Browning wrote:

But what if I fail of my purpose here?
It is but to keep the nerves at strain,
To dry one's eyes and laugh at a fall,
And baffled, get up to begin again.

God allows us to get up again and again after having failed him. What he wants is repentance. He hates us to shirk our responsibilities. This is what the second son in the parable did. He did what some people do, he made promises but never kept them. He was unreliable, not conscientious. Such people can be a menace in business and to good personal relationships. The lesson for all of us is that we must be honest and sincere in our lives for God. We may fail at times but at least we should try to do our best after our failures to start again and work for God with renewed energy.



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eight years here have been marked by great joy and happiness, and with many friendships that have been forged.

THANK YOU : To my dear Parishioners: I was deeply touched by your expressions of love and affection over the past year after announcing my intention to retire, and particularly at the farewell dinner at the Oatley RSL Club. Also, I was very moved by the tributes paid by the school children and School community at St. Joseph's at a special farewell Mass. I will always remember the kindness, support, and loyalty of all parishioners as I move on to lesser duties in retirement. My

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION-Applications for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 2023 (Year 2 and above) are now open. Please visit the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click on the **tab Sacramental Dates 2023** for further details. Alternatively, click on the link attached for the [Reconciliation 2023 program and application form](#).



MORNING TEA INVITATION: Please join us at our next parish morning tea on **Tuesday the 17th Of October, at 10.30am** in the Marion Hall. All are welcome.

CURRENT PLANNED GIVING: Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are now available in the foyer of the Church, please take your set of envelopes.

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 and become one of our regular givers. 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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