

# 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.**

1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 – Third Sunday of Easter

**Masses for the Deceased:** Janko Papac, Mary Smith, Rafael Fkowronski (Rafe Kowron), Carl Anthony Owens, Herry Soerlianto, recently deceased; Carl Devine, Bede Smith, Alfio Mangano, Rosaria Mangano, Jack Saunders, Dorothy Rowley, Miroslav Kalic, Carol Rigby, anniversaries.

**BREAKFAST BY THE LAKE:** The appearance of Christ to his apostles by the lakeside after his resurrection had a special beauty and sublimity. It was a scene of mystery and of wonderful intimacy. It had a magic all its own. The early morning light, the huge mass of wriggling silvery fish, the quiet seashore, the burning coals and the Master standing by so captivated them that they sat like men in a trance. The miracle, of course, brought back memories of the past but this occasion seemed so different. Here now was a Christ who had died and had come back from death to them and the mystery of it held them silent. With what wonder they must have looked at his wounded hand as he served them.



Why did Our Lord act like this? What sign must we look for in this miracle? No doubt there is a great deal to be read into it but there are two factors which stand out. First, he wanted to show that, although he had risen to a new existence, he still retained his humanity – he was the same Christ who loved to mix with ordinary people and share the common details of their lives. He who was divine was also a man who liked to cook fish and supply food for his friends. And, secondly, it has a messianic significance. He would share a meal with them now as he would one day share a heavenly banquet. After their long toil in the darkness of the world there would come a morning of light and resurrection when he would be waiting for them as he had promised: *I will come again and take you to myself so that where I am you also may be.* Of course, there was a further reason for the miracle. It was to be a reinforcement of the lesson he had given them before, that without him all their apostolic labours would be in vain. This was directed very much towards Peter who had thought at one time that he could stand on his own feet. Now Our Lord was to draw from him his act of sorrow and reward him by making him shepherd over his flock.

**EASTER DUES ENVELOPES** are on the table in the foyer of the Church. Easter dues support the Priests of the Archdiocese, including your own Parish Priest.

**The Pascal precept** binds all Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. The faithful are also obliged to confess their grave (mortal) sins individually in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

**PARISH MORNING TEA:** After an extended period of isolation over the past two years, there is a need for parishioners to reconnect and come together again. It is therefore proposed to have a morning tea on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May in the Marian Hall at 10.30 am. This is for no other reason than for parish members to come together and mix with each other socially. **No RSVP is required, just turn up.**



**The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses:** You can access this on YouTube by following this link:

[bit.ly/stjoatley](https://bit.ly/stjoatley) OR



**Sacramental Program for 2022** has been recently updated, please visit the Parish website: [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) and click on the tab *Sacrament Dates 2022* for further information.

Applications for the *Sacrament of Confirmation 2021 & 2022* are now open and will close Sunday 17 April 2022. Please visit the parish website [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) and click on the tab *Sacramental Dates 2022* for further details. The parent information evening is scheduled for 28 April @ 7.30pm via ZOOM<sup>®</sup>. All families registered will be sent the ZOOM<sup>®</sup> link by email from the sacramental coordinator after applications close

Please note that Parish Confirmations this year will be at St. Mary's Cathedral on the *7<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 at 3.30pm* (St. George's Deanery parishes).



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[connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)

## Church Open

Our church is open each day for weekday Masses and Sunday Masses at 5pm (Saturday Vigil), 8am and 10am, Sundays. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

**Planned Giving:** Your contribution to the 2nd collection goes towards the running and upkeep of our parish, and 30% of what you donate is eligible for a tax deduction.

**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 opening the attached hyperlink <https://www.stjosephschurch.com.au/donations>.

Click on the button planned giving program to access and fill out form. Otherwise, you may obtain the form from the church foyer or contact the parish office for the application.

Please email the form to [oadleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oadleycc@bigpond.net.au) or drop it in to the Parish Office.

Alternatively, you can post it to: St Joseph's Parish, 21C Frederick St, Oatley NSW 2223.

**If you wish to donate to the Church Account (Second Collection) please scan the encryption below, with your mobile phone. This automatically directs you to the parish's Bpoint facility. Please follow the links.** If you do not wish to make an internet or online payment, please email the office [oadleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oadleycc@bigpond.net.au) or contact 9580 1864.



*Thank you for contributing to St. Joseph's Parish. I am very appreciative of your ongoing generosity and commitment to support our Parish in achieving its Pastoral Mission and meeting ongoing expenses. Fr. Paul.*