

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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| <b>Schedule of Masses</b> |                         | <b>Baptisms</b>    | By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)                  |
| <b>Saturday</b>           | 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday) | <b>Confessions</b> | Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm                                  |
| <b>Sunday</b>             | 8 am, 10 am             | <b>Exposition:</b> | Thursday 9am to 11.45 am with (benediction at 11.30am) |
| <b>Monday</b>             | 8am (Rosary 7.45)       |                    |  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>            | 8 am (Rosary 7:45)      |                    |  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>          | 8am (Rosary 7.45)       |                    |  |
| <b>Thursday</b>           | 12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)  |                    |  |
| <b>Friday</b>             | 8am (Rosary 7.45)       |                    |  |
| <b>Saturday</b>           | 8am (Rosary 7.45)       |                    |  |

### 4 August 2019 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Fr Michael O'Sullivan (rec dec), Freda Jenner (rec dec), Elias Francis (rec dec), Kevin Madden (rec dec), Cardinal Edward Clancy (ann), Linda Ellen Hilder (ann), Mary Catherine Williamson (ann), Daniel Beljo (ann), Harriet de Freitas (ann.7/8), Kevin Graham (ann. 5/8), Rayma Papworth (ann.10/8), Chris Athanas (ann.7/8), Michele Puntoriero (ann.6/8), Mary Nott (ann.5/8), Margaret Eddy (ann.3/8), Moira Clark (ann.8/8), Joan Moloney (ann.9/8), Lina Kolozsi (ann.6/8), Mary Rodrigues, dec members of CWL, and those who are sick.

**SELF-SATISFACTION:** There is a story of a man who was told that he could have as much property as he could go around in one day. He set off at a tremendous pace making as wide a circle as possible and ran so hard towards the end that he had a heart-attack and died. So that all he actually got was a six foot hole in the ground. That story is reminiscent of the vivid little parable given to us by Christ in today's Gospel. It is a story of a man who set his mind on amassing wealth so that he could spend his days in having a good time completely forgetful of his ultimate destiny and the purpose of his experience. St. Ignatius of Loyola begins his book of the Spiritual Exercises with a very logical statement. Having said that we are created to praise, reverence and serve God, he goes on to say that all the things that were created were to help us to gain salvation and that therefore we should make use of them in so far as they help us to save our souls and we should refrain from their use in so far as they hinder us from doing so. Unfortunately, many people use the things of God's creation for their own personal self-satisfaction without any reference to God. This is one of the great dangers in our civilisation. Our scientific and technological age has produced so many things to please the eye and comfort the body and entice the mind that they so easily block out the vision of God in the world. Christ said that man cannot live by bread alone. The worship of material goods for themselves alone is stultifying and so easily, instead of creating self-satisfaction, does the very opposite. The answer to all this must be to create the vision of faith by prayer. There is nothing wrong in money-making in order to have reasonable comforts for oneself and family. It becomes wrong when money is the be-all and end-all of one's existence.

#### NSW Abortion Bill- Contact your MP

A bill to make abortion legal in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted on this week. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked all Catholics in NSW to urgently contact their state Member of Parliament and ask them to vote

against this bill. Contact details for your local MP are: **Mr. Mark Coure, MP, 24 Pitt Street, Mortdale, NSW 2223, 'phone 9580.9349, email: [oatley@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:oatley@parliament.nsw.gov.au)**

**Planned Giving - Envelope Contributors:** Please pick up your packs today. **New Contributors:** Please pick up a form in the Church foyer or email the office for a copy. Upon completion of your details either place the form in the second collection otherwise email it to [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au) or drop it in to the Parish Office.

**TAX RECEIPTS for 2018-2019** will be available in the coming week. Please fill in your details on the form provided in the Church foyer entrance or email [oatleycc@bigpond.com](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.com) if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

**CWF Appeal is made at all Masses this weekend.** Envelopes are available on the Church pews.

#### Parent Information Evening for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**When:** Wednesday 7 August 2019

**Where:** Marian Hall at St Joseph's Church (entry via the Church)

**Registration:** from 7pm – cost is \$20

**Meeting:** starts at 7.30pm sharp (finishing no later than 8.30pm)

**Attendees:** Parents/carers only

Our parish Group of the **Life Ascending Movement**, meets in the Marian Hall on Friday, 9 August from 10.30am to 12.30pm, (and the second Friday of each month except January).

### Collections and Rosters

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|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 1st \$770                 |                        | 2nd: \$638                           |                            | Envelopes \$ 1349 |  |
| Money Counters Roster     |                        | Sun 6 Aug George & Kathy Novak       |                            |                   |  |
|                           |                        | Sun 13 Aug Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan |                            |                   |  |
|                           | Acolytes and Ministers | Lectors                              | Altar Servers              | Mass Wardens      |  |
| Sat 3 Aug 5pm             | Danny Clark            | Krystelle Boulos                     | Sophia S Livia V           | Brian Smith       |  |
| Sun 4 Aug 8am             | George Lazar           | Dick McMillan                        | No Servers                 | Seb Arena         |  |
| Sun 4 Aug 10am            | Vince Elliott          | Alison Felici                        | Anna & Grace C             | George Battikha   |  |
| Sat 10 Aug 5pm            | Joe Shakkal            | Caroline Dimeo                       | Bridie & Sorcha M          | John Perkins      |  |
| Sun 11 Aug 8am            | Anne Lee               | Mirjana Males                        | No Servers                 | Mario Cuenca      |  |
| Sun 11 Aug 10am           | Phillip Merrick        | Jade Serban                          | Paris S Luca J             | Lewis DeGabriele  |  |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b> |                        | <b>Rosary Leader</b>                 | <b>Altar Society</b>       |                   |  |
| Sun 4 Aug                 | Alison Felici          | Marcia Smith                         | Susan Canham Angela Nadile |                   |  |
| Sun 11 Aug                | Joseph Lucero          | Lewis DeGabriele                     | Lynne Ekholm               |                   |  |