

## 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 11.45am (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)		

### 18 August 2019 – 20 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Michael Allen (rec dec), Peter McAlister (rec dec), Fr Michael O'Sullivan (rec dec), Elias Francis (rec dec), Tom Arapovic (ann.5 yr), William Geaney (ann.22/8), Betty Elphick (ann. 25/8), Giuseppe Calligaro (ann.25/8), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Sr Gabriel OLN, Genevieve Shipton, Denise Bailey.

**ENTHUSIASM:** Louis Pasteur, in an address to the *Academie Francais* said "The Greeks understood the mysterious power of the hidden side of things. They bequeathed to us one of the most beautiful words in our language – the word 'enthusiasm'- a god within. The grandeur of human actions is measured by the inspiration from which they spring. Happy is he who bears a god within – and ideal of beauty and who obeys it, an idea of art, of science. All are lighted by reflection from the infinite".

Christ says in the Gospel that "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled". He wants enthusiasm in his service even though this may cause divisions. The "God within" us must have priority in our lives and hence sometimes our love for him will get in the way of some other love. This happened to Christ himself. His enthusiasm for his Father's will brought him up against the leaders of Israel who in the end put him to death. His own villagers turned against him when he made claims about himself in the synagogue. This has happened in the lives of many Christians. Their enthusiasm for God's service has brought great resistance from their families. It has happened, for example, in the case of religious vocations. When Christ says in the Gospel "Do you think I have come to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you but rather division", he obviously does not mean that he has not come to bring peace of heart. He said at the last supper "My peace I give you, not as the world gives do I give it you". What he means is that Christianity, the spreading of his kingdom is bound to create trouble. And history has shown that this is true. The martyrs of the church alone are proof of this. Just as Christ on earth met with opposition, so does his Mystical body, the church, meet with the same. Our task is to develop more and more our love for God and thus enkindle our enthusiasm for spreading his kingdom.

**The Oatley Catholic Women's League** will be selling tickets for their *next Silver Circle* on 24-25th Aug. Tickets are \$20 For 5 weeks, drawn from the 1st and 2nd Supplementary Numbers of Lotto on Monday and Wednesday nights, beginning on 26th August for 4 more weeks. Please support us.

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

**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. Your receipts will be emailed to you if you provide your email address or available in the church foyer the following week if no email address is noted on the form. Once again we would like to thank all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley.

**Chorister for a Day:** St Mary's Cathedral invites boys aged between 6 and 8 to be a 'Chorister for a day' on Saturday 21st September. Meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life and perform with the Choristers. To register your son or for more information, please contact our Music Administrator at [music@stmaryscathedral.org.au](mailto:music@stmaryscathedral.org.au) or by phoning (02) 9220 0481. There are only 40 places available.

**Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 22/9/2019 at 1.30 and 4pm. Preparation Workshops;**  
 Saturday 17 Aug 3.00pm- 5.00pm      Saturday 24 Aug 3.30pm – 5.00pm  
 Saturday 31 Aug 3.30pm – 5.00pm      Saturday 7 September 3.30pm – 5.00pm

**Used stamps for Mary MacKillop:** There are some ladies who cut and sort used stamps on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August from 1-3 pm, in the Marian Hall. All used stamps and albums are welcome. Last year we raised \$68,000 and since 2001, we have raised \$312,000. There's a box on the windowsill next to the door to put your used stamps in. It is through your efforts that the legacy of St Mary Mackillop, continues in Peru today.

### Collections and Rosters

1st \$944		2nd: \$437		Envelopes \$ 1226	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 20 Aug	Anna Merrick	Sandy Cox	Carol Harland	
	Sun 27 Aug	Lynne Ekholm	Leo Sullivan		
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 17 Aug 5pm	Phillip Merrick	George Novak	Anthony A Declan M	Bill Quidley	
Sun 18 Aug 8am	Robert Dimeo	TBA	No Servers	Mark Shad	
Sun 18 Aug 10am	John Romanous	Jean Devine	Ivan G John M	Lewis DeGabriele	
Sat 24 Aug 5pm	Joe Shakkal	Sandra Soldo	Ana Beretin L Livia V	Rafe Kowron	
Sun 25 Aug 8am	George Lazar	Vesna Zuvic	No Servers	Seb Arena	
Sun 25 Aug 10am	Danny Clark	Ana Simurina	Felicity G Mavina K	George Batikha	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		<b>Rosary Leader</b>	<b>Altar Society</b>		
Sun 18 Aug	Natalia Greguric	Brian Rayment	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson		
Sun 25 Aug	Natalia Greguric	Marcia Smith	Marcia Smith		