

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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

27 October 2019 – 30 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Fay Love (ann. 3/11), John Hoskins (ann. 3/11), John Quinlan (ann.28/10), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Alice Nelson, Sr Gabriel OLN, Genevieve Shipton, Denise Bailey.

HUMILITY: When Pope John's family, the Roncalli brothers and sisters entered the pontifical palace for their first visit and knelt shy and awkward before the papal throne, the pope reached out his hands and smiled "Don't be afraid", he said gently, "it's only me". In that little sentence spoken to his brothers and sisters is revealed Pope John's (XXIII) humility. He put on no airs. He was perfectly natural. He had a true knowledge of what he was in himself.

William Makepeace Thackeray, in one of his novels, described a character as "*having a lively imagination, he mistook himself for a person of importance very easily*". This is what the Pharisee did in the Gospel. He thrust himself forward, blew himself up becoming enormous in his imagination, whereas in reality he was of little account as Christ pointed out. He was very small in the estimation of God.

But before we look askance at the Pharisee it would be a good thing if we examine ourselves and ask if we have not taken on some of his characteristics. "Comparisons are odious". The Pharisee made odious comparisons between himself and the tax-collector. Snobbery is a form of Phariseeism. It presupposes that one thinks oneself better than one's neighbour. Again what are our relations with people from other countries, especially if they are coloured, or have different customs and religious faith? Do we draw away from them or look upon them as inferior to ourselves? Are we the 'pushy' type in an organisation? Do we love to be in the public eye and so let the world see what we are doing and think it a pity that the rest don't work as hard as we do? Much of this kind of thing is very human but it is tinged at least with pride. And no great work is done for God without humility. A personality cult can be the ruin of good work and pride will certainly destroy it. We should get on with our job and not compare ourselves with others to their detriment.

Friday, 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints. On this day we commemorate all the faithful who have passed from this life and are now enjoying the vision of God in heaven. There will be two Masses in the parish on the 1st November. The usual **Parish Mass at 8 am**, and **Mass with the School Community at 9.15 am**. All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, it is a day of special devotion where it is fitting for us to attend Mass on this day.

Saturday is All Souls' Day when we remember with affection all our departed relatives and friends, especially the Holy Souls in Purgatory. **Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed will be at 8 am.** During the month of November (the month of the Holy Souls), I will be offering all my Masses for your deceased relatives and friends.

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal will run next weekend, Sunday 3rd November. The CWF is the premier charity for the Archdiocese of Sydney and our parish is asked to play an important role in supporting this initiative. Appeal envelopes are available in the foyer.

SINGERS REQUIRED TO FORM A CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Gosh it's only nine weeks before Christmas! An appeal is made for singers to form a Choir for the 9.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Marion Binns, our Organist at the 10 am Mass on Sunday, would like to hear from you if you can help out in this regard.

First Reconciliation Program for 2019

Parent information Night - Thursday 24 Oct from 7pm (meeting starts 7.30pm sharp)

Prep Class 1 – Sunday 3 November 8.30am – 9.45am

Prep Class 2 – Sunday 10 November 8.45am – 9.45am

Prep Class 3 – Sunday 17 November 8.45am – 9.45am

Prep Class 4 – Sunday 24 November 8.45am – 9.45am

Sacramental Liturgy – Thursday 28th November 7.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday 30th November from 9.30am to 11.30am (half hourly)

Collections and Rosters

1st \$683	2nd: \$411	Envelopes \$ 1465		
Money Counters Roster	Sun 29 Oct	TBA		
	Sun 5 Nov	Brian & Marcia Smith		
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 26 Oct 5pm	Glenn Mclachlan	Patrick Salonga	Grace & Anna Childs	Bill Quigley
Sun 27 Oct 8am	George Lazar	Damian Callinan	No Servers	Seb Arena
Sun 27 Oct 10am	Joe Shakkal	Joseph Lucero	Luca Johnson Anthony Attard	George Battikha
Sat 2 Nov 5pm	Danny Clark	Alison Felici	Amber Lee Gaia el Khabbaz	Rafe Kowron
Sun 3 Nov 8am	Anne Lee	Jean Devine	No Servers	Mario Cuenca
Sun 3 Nov 10am	Glenn McLachlan	Brian & Marcia Smith	Lachlan Hoy John Mercieca	Lewis DeGabriele
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 27 Oct	Alison Felici	Brian Rayment	Marcia Smith	
Sun 3 Nov	Joseph Lucero	Marcia Smith	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	