

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)

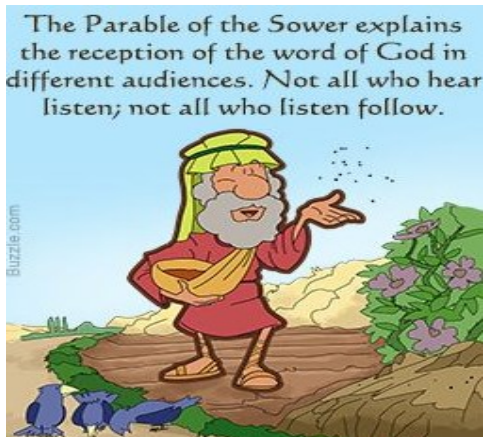
WELCOME

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.

16th July 2023 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Ellen Mavis Hilder, Sr. Mildred O’Callaghan rsm, Linda Darrell-Edwardes, Kenneth Maher, Terrence Joseph McKeon, James Eagles, Josephine Murphy, Pietro Convento, anniversaries, and for the deceased members of the Convento and Domeneghini families.

THE SEED: Our Lord was constantly taking examples from nature as images of his kingdom. Today he takes the Sower and the seed. Seeds have a mysterious power which begins to germinate when they are placed in the earth. They act upon their surroundings to produce plants and



flowers and fruit. What is so tiny in the beginning can become enormous in size in the end.

In the same way the life which our Lord came to give to us, if accepted in our hearts, has an immense and mysterious power to transform and make us capable of living for ever as well as receiving all kinds of gifts from God in this life. But first we must not allow the growth of the seed to be

impeded. We must allow it to take firm hold of us.



We must have a firm faith in the word of the divine Sower, Christ. If faith is superficial so that it is easily lost, the seed will not bear fruit. Again, if all kinds of material

interests and anxieties take hold of life to the exclusion of all else, there is no chance for the seed planted by our Lord to take hold. The divine Sower wants us to be able to say: My heart is ready. We must do our part. We must prepare the ground to receive the seed. It cannot germinate in poor soil. We should remember that the Sower himself worked long and hard to procure the seed for us. The seed would only be made fertile by his blood. It would be sown in darkness and death – in a veritable winter of pain and bodily dissolution. He said of himself: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it will remain only a grain of wheat; but if it dies it will yield rich fruit. The soil then on which the divine Sower casts the seed is the heart of humanity. He offers it to all without exception. His work never ceases. “The seed is sown in love and love alone will fertilize it and make it grow.

CONFIRMATION applications are now open. You can find the application form on the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au in the Sacraments 2023 tab. **Additionally, click on the application form attached for further details and enrolment.** [Application and enrolment.](#)

Hard copies will be handed out in the schools in week 1 of term 3. The Sacrament will be held on the 10th of September 2023. **Information night via Zoom will be held on Wednesday 2nd August at 7:30pm** with preparation classes starting the weekend of 12th August. Please email the Sacramental Co-ordinator Kylie Strode at kyliestrode74@gmail.com if you have any questions.



MORNING TEA INVITATION- Please join us at our next Parish Morning Tea on Friday the **28th of July, at 10.30 am** in the Marion Hall. All are welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an informal and social gathering. If you are able, please bring a plate to share.

The Holy Father's Annual Appeal (Peter's Pence): Thanks to all who contributed generously to the Holy Father's Appeal last weekend. If you miss this special yearly appeal, envelopes are still available in the foyer. This money is for the various Charities around the World supported by the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

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.

TAX RECEIPTS for 2022-2023 will be **available in mid-July**. Please email eatleycc@bigpond.com if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Your receipts will be emailed to you. Alternatively, call the office on 9580-1864 for your tax receipt. Once again, we would like to thank all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley.

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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Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish. Fr Paul.

The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link: bit.ly/stjoatley OR

