

# 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.**

## **25th September 2022 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**Masses for the Deceased:** Elizabeth, our late Queen, Janice Scully, Bartolo Alessi recently deceased; Peter Gerard Rayment, Peter Nelson, Tony Kilgannon, June Roebuck, David McIntosh, Hilda Marie Lee, Jose Eduardo Alvarez, anniversaries.

**WEALTH AND POVERTY:** It may seem at first sight strange that Christ should condemn riches saying how difficult it is for a rich man to enter haven. After all, there were plenty of friends of God who were rich. Abraham had fine pastures and great flocks of sheep; Solomon had immense riches at the time when God showed favour to him. I doubt if Martha and Mary's household was a poor one.

The parable in today's Gospel helps to put our Lord's words in perspective. In it he condemns the man who lives for himself. He condemns, in other words, unshared riches. It is the rich man who is neglectful of the needs of the poor who is judged harshly. Today, because of the mass media and easy communications, we are all conscious of the poor, especially in underdeveloped countries. We read in the newspapers and see on television, for example, the terrible poverty in Calcutta where so many have no roof over their heads and very little food to eat. A Canadian newspaper wrote: "When you sit down to eat, half the children o the world press their noses against the window panes and watch you with hungry eyes."

As Christians, we know that we ought to help the poor, that our country with its relatively high standard of living, ought to help not with a few crumbs but with real self-sacrifice. Is it not the duty of Christians to bring pressure on the government to give more of the national income to alleviate poverty? Should people be demanding more and more instead of being willing to do with less and less for the sake of the deprived? Surely our Lord indicates this in today's Gospel. Meanwhile, we should examine our own conscience and ask ourselves what we are doing

personally for the poor. Are we willing to be generous even though it may hurt? Fortunately, there are many generous Christians who through family fast days and in other ways do their best to help those less fortunate than themselves.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the boys and girls who made their first Holy Communion this weekend. I Thank the Sacramental team and Co-ordinator, Mrs Sandra Green. As well, our team of dedicated Catechists and teachers who prepared the children so well. Parents, you can be justly proud. Please keep up the work of

encouraging your children in the practice of their faith.

Applications for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation 2022** (Year 2 and above) are now open and will close on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 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. Alternatively, click on the link attached for the [Reconciliation 2022 program and application form](#).



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**The next Parish MORNING TEA** will be on **Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October**, at 10.30 am in the Marion Hall (go through the Church). All are welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an informal and social gathering.



**MASS READERS: Volunteers are needed** to read at the Masses on the weekend. Please contact the office 9580-1864 or email [eatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:eatleycc@bigpond.net.au) if you are able to assist on some weekends.

**TAX RECEIPTS for parishioners' part of the envelope or credit card giving program for 2021-2022 are available.** Please email [eatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:eatleycc@bigpond.net.au) if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

**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 clicking on the following [APPLICATION FORM](#). Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley. *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](https://bit.ly/stjoatley) **OR**



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