

# 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.**

# 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Deceased:** Cardinal George Pell, Amadeo Alvaro, Fortunata Coretta, Shirley Kem, Margaret Byrnes, recently deceased; Ted Murphy, Shirley Quinlan, Margaret Pullen, George Kent, Ronald Needs, Brian McCudden, anniversaries.

**SIN:** There is no such thing as sin. A man is no more responsible for his crimes than he is for his arthritis, his ugly face of flat feet. His actions are a response to his glands and hormones. Sin is nothing more than a psychiatric disease. The evildoer is the victim of a whole series of hereditary impulses. Such are the kind of opinions that are sometimes expressed to account for what us Christians call sin. Sin implies the supernatural and there are those to whom the supernatural is nothing but an illusion. Of course, there can be forces acting upon an individual which take away his freedom of action or lessen it and hence its evil. But to deny sin is to deny Christ of whom St. John the Baptist in today's Gospel said: *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*

Our Blessed Lord's mission on earth, his purpose on entering our world, was to provide a remedy for sin. How did he take away the sin of the world? It was by a cross. The darkness that enveloped Our Lord on the cross was a symbol of the triumph of evil that nailed him there. Without sin there would have been no wounds. But it was a short-lived triumph. For the light that shone on the resurrection morning banished the darkness and thus destroyed sin's power. Now all could conquer evil through Christ and receive forgiveness for sin. For Our Lord still takes away the sin of the world and has given us a special Sacrament specifically for this purpose – the Sacrament of Penance. In this Sacrament, we acknowledge that we are sinners in need of God's mercy by confessing our wrongdoings and resolving to sin no more. And through the power given to the Church, we can be assured (if we be truly penitent) that our sins are forgiven and forgotten.

How much God's healing power is needed today. Years ago, Cardinal Gilroy was asked by a young journalist what he considered the biggest problem facing the world at that time, The journalist was perhaps hoping that he would give some controversial answer to problems current at the time. The Cardinal answered without equivocation: "mortal sin, of course!" Sin is still prevalent. Wars and crimes, jealousies and hatred are witnesses to it. It is when we all turn to the crucified Christ, who is the source of all goodness, that love replaces evil and wrong-doing, and brings us true peace.



**Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.** He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'

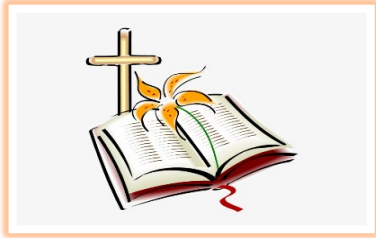


**I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God**

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 15 January 2023.



The Parish is very grateful to Father Hugh for assisting at St Joseph's Parish while Father Paul was away.



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



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Volunteers are needed. We are looking forward to welcoming our young parishioners back to Children's Liturgy during the 10am Sunday Mass in February. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work and we would be grateful for any interested parishioners to contact [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au) if they would be keen to assist in this important ministry.

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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