

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: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 11 am and
Mass at 12 md.

Public Holidays: 9 am only

Confessions are now available before the 5 pm Vigil Mass (4 pm to 4.45 pm).

9th May 2021 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

DISEASE OF THE HEART: In a certain London suburb there used to be a house which was structurally excellent and yet remained empty. Its windows were dirty, and it gave the impression of complete neglect. No one would buy it or enter it. It was known as the leper house because the last occupant of the house had died of leprosy. People seemed to think that somehow the disease still lurked in its timbers. We know, now, of course, that the disease was only in the person and not in the house.

This is an example of Christ's words that it is what comes from the heart of man that defiles him and not what comes from the outside. The Gospel today reinforces this by implying that the cure for the leprosy of the heart is love. The love of which Christ speaks is not mere sentimentality. It means that God must come first in our lives even though this involves hurting the self. It also means putting ourselves out for other people. There is nothing bad in the world itself. When God created it, he saw that it was good. It is man who infects it with the disease of sin. And love is the only antidote. The great English martyr, Saint Robert Southwell said, "Not where I breathe, but where I love, I live". Good wholesome living comes from love. Love is a unifying force, not only for the divisions inside an individual, but also for the world at large. The Old Testament pictures us as being married to God, and Christ uses the same imagery. He is the bridegroom. We must be constantly falling in love with him and allowing our love to radiate out to others. *This I command you*, he said, *love one another as I have loved you*. Our task is to bring peace and happiness into other peoples' lives. We must not lead a selfish lonely life without any reference to those with whom we come in contact. We must be like surgeons administering large doses of our love and care in order to tear out the leprosy in peoples' hearts.

Masses for the Deceased: Brian Rayment, Kerry Ryan, Father Michael McCarthy (former Parish Priest of Oatley), Cardinal Edward Edris Cassidy, recently deceased, Lucy McCallum, Frances Canham, Helen Wright, anniversaries.

from Thursday, 29th April the daily Mass reverted to 12 midday to allow the children from the School to attend Mass as a class. Of course, on the other days of the week Mass will be at 8 am as usual. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11am concluding with Benediction before the Rosary and the celebration of Mass.

Mrs Nicola Rodrigues has resigned her position as Parish Secretary for health reasons. I take his opportunity on the behalf of the parish to thank her for the work she has done over the past five years. Our prayers and best wishes go with her. May God bless her and her family. Mrs. Nancy Miletic, will be taking up Nicky's work.

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



You can also access it by going to the Archdiocese of Sydney website where there is a list of Churches who stream their Masses each week. Just click on the link for St. Joseph's Parish, Oatley.

Sacramental Program for 2021: Please visit the Parish website:

www.stjosephschurch.com.au

Imposition of restrictions concerning Churches: From Friday, 12th February, an unlimited number of people can attend Mass, provided that the one person per 2 metre square rule is observed. However, our Church will only hold at least eighty according to this regulation, any overflow would have to be accommodated in the Marion Hall where the Mass can be viewed on the TV monitor. Because of the easing of the restrictions, the Archbishop has lifted the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation. ***Parishioners are once again obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation when this is reasonably possible.*** Those of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of Covid19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping the Sabbath holy. There is still the requirement of taking names and contact details of attendees. The use of a QR code is recommended for those with iPhones or smart phones. The NSW Services app would need to be install on your phone to access the code. The first time you use the code, it

will ask you to provide your name and contact number. It will then send you a code to enter with your details and the app will then be active. It is then used every time you attend Mass, or when and where you visit other venues that have a QR code registration system in place.

The wearing of masks is no longer mandatory, but strongly recommended where social distancing is not possible.

Parishioners who elect to attend Mass during the pandemic should consider the safety of other parishioners by staying away if they are unwell, and if so, getting tested and self-isolating while awaiting the results. It is also advisable that parishioners only attend Mass in their own parish and not move from parish to parish.

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PLANNED GIVING: Your contribution to the 2nd collection goes towards the running and upkeep of our parish, and 30% of what you donate is eligible for a tax deduction.

TAX RECEIPTS for 2019-2020 are now available, if you wish to receive a tax receipt please email: oatleycc@bigpond.net.au

New Contributors: Please refer to the planned giving form, which can be accessed on the website under **DONATIONS**, if you wish to become part of our regularly giving programme at St Joseph's Parish Oatley. Upon completion of the form please email to oatleycc@bigpond.net.au

Alternatively, if you wish to donate on an ad hoc basis to the Church Account (Second Collection), there is a Bpoint facility below on this website under "Donations" on the menu. Please follow the links.

Thank you for your contributing to St. Joseph's Parish. I am very appreciative of your ongoing generosity and commitment to support our Parish in achieving its Pastoral Mission and meeting ongoing expenses. Fr. Paul.

9th May 2021 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
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Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Refer to your Sunday Missal or Liturgy Sheet)

PROFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us offer our intercessions to the God who has first loved us and sent the Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1. That the Church may gladly welcome to the waters of baptism those of every nation who fear God and do what is acceptable to God. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That nations with plentiful resources may open their borders freely, imitating the generous hospitality of God, who shows no partiality. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That all who by lives of service make themselves friends to those in need may be signs to us of Christ, who laid down his life for his friends. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. For all mothers on this their special day: May we be grateful for their nurture, their love and guidance throughout our lives. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For the children of our parish preparing for First Reconciliation: May they always be aware of the Compassion and Mercy of God, who loves us even when we stray. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That we who have been born of God and know the God who is love may fulfill Christ's command to love one another as Christ has loved us. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That all the dead who kept the commandments and abided in Christ's love may know forever the joy of Christ. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. For greater devotion to the Holy Mother of God, Mary, model of all Mothers,
HAIL MARY.

Father, receive our prayers with that same love with which you sent our Son to be the sacrifice who takes away our sins. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, our Salvation, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be *etc.*

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son
was pleased to confer on us
the gift of redemption and of adoption,
give us gladness by his blessing.

Amen.

May he, by whose redeeming work
We have received the gift of everlasting freedom,
make us heirs to an eternal inheritance.

Amen.

And may we, who have already risen with Christ
in Baptism through faith,
by living in a right manner on this earth,
be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

Amen.

And may Almighty God bless us all, in the name of the Father, and of Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord and glorify him in our lives. Thanks be to God.

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