

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)		

22 September 2019 – 25 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Patricia Doepel (rec dec), Elizabeth Ritson (ann.24/9), Valerie Day (ann.25/9), Leo Kennedy (ann.25/9), Adrian Moore (ann.27/9), Annette Doutyney (ann.24/9), Zora Pavicic (ann. 29/9), dec members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Alice Nelson, Sr Gabriel OLN, Genevieve Shipton, Denise Bailey.

SPIRITUAL INGENUITY: The infamous great train robbery was clearly the result of immense planning and ingenuity. Every eventuality had to be foreseen, every mistake, as far as possible, to be guarded against, every detail considered. The whole operation required, not only nerves of steel, but courage and firm determination. All this was for worldly gain, for an immense prize in terms of money. They must indeed have been clever rogues who engineered this operation.

Christ tells us in today's Gospel that we should have some of the qualities of such rogues when we aim at heavenly riches. We who are children of the light should not learn from the worldly, nor, of course, from their worldliness, but from the energy and wisdom they employ in the pursuit of their aims. We have a much richer prize to gain than they have; we should have a much greater determination to gain it. Those who took part in the robbery had to have the wisdom of serpents to elude to police; we have to have such wisdom to pit ourselves against the activities of evil powers who try and rob us of our prize. St. Peter says of Satan that he goes about like a roaring lion seeking those whom he can devour.

We need the help of the Spirit of Wisdom to gain the kingdom of Heaven. The "I'm alright Jack" mentality will never gain it. Heaven has to be stormed and we have to have, as did the crooks in the train robbery, great determination and perseverance. In our own case we must give the lie to the words of the master in the parable that "the sons of this world are wiser in their generations than the sons of Light". A good prayer for today is "God, grant me the courage to change the things I can change, the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, and the wisdom to know the difference.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS: Draw 7 1st Prize \$20 No 41 Nathalie Yasmine. 2nd Prize \$5 No 33 Irene de Silva. Draw 8 1st Prize \$20 No 7 Jan Smith-Eagles. 2nd Prize \$5 No 35 Paul Monaghan.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend and to their parents and sponsors. Special thanks to Mrs. Sandra Green our parish Sacramental Coordinator, and the parent helpers, who prepared and encouraged the children to take this important

step in their journey of faith. Pray for the children that they may persevere and be true to their commitment.

PROPOGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL: This annual appeal will be made next weekend. There will be a guest speak who will speak about the Church's work in the missions. The promotion poster on the notice board in the foyer features Sister Stan Therese Mumuni, who runs the Nazareth Home for God's Children in the Diocese of Yendi in Ghana, with twin boys John and Paul. They have been rescued by Sister Therese and provided with a safe and loving home. *The 2019 Catholic Mission Church Appeal focuses on the work of the Church in Ghana as they prove ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable.*

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 13 October, 2019 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Richard Umbers. Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

Collections and Rosters

1st \$860		2nd: \$362		Envelopes \$ 2050	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 24 Sept	Vince & Jenny Elliott			
	Sun 01 Oct	Brian & Marcia Smith			
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 21 Sept 5pm	Joe Shakkal	Patrick Salonga	Amber L Gaia el K	Bill Quigley	
Sun 22 Sept 8am	Anne Lee	Richard McMillan	No Servers	Mario Cuenca	
Sun 22 Sep 10am	Phillip Merrick	Joseph Lucero	Alana G Mavina K	Lewis DeGabriele	
Sat 28 Sept 5pm	John Romanous	George Lazar	TBA	Rafe Kowron	
Sun 29 Sept 8am	Robert Dimeo	Krystelle Boulos	TBA	Mark Shad	
Sun 29 Sep 10am	Joe Shakal	Francis D'Silva	TBA	David Lee	
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 22 Sept	No Liturgy	Lewis DeGabriele	Marcia Smith		
Sun 29 Sept	School holidays	Brian Rayment	Susan Canham Angela Nadile		