

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)

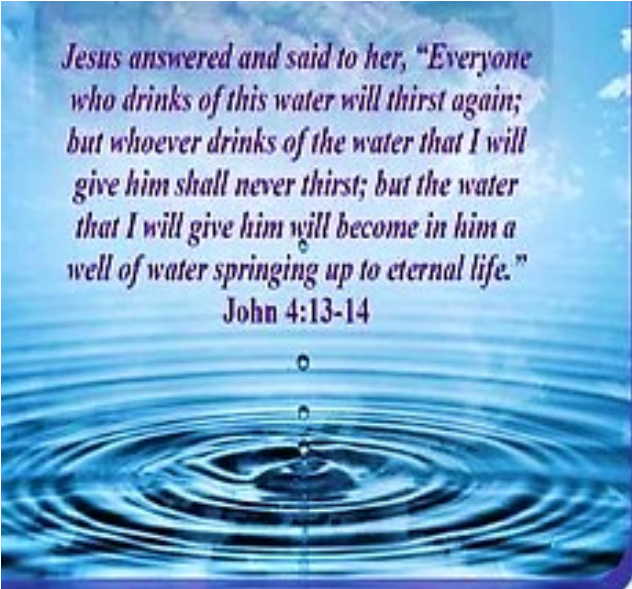
WELCOME

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.

12th March 2023 – Third Sunday of Lent

Masses for the Deceased: Angela Wafer, Warren Saunders, recently deceased; Carl Owens, Anselmo (Tony) Anzellotti, Marie Basquil, Jannette Battikha, Brother John Eric Hyde cfc, Father John Riordan, Cardinal Sir James D'arcy Freeman, Bishop Patrick Laurence Murphy, anniversaries.

LIVING WATER: In the past, people have built their cities on the banks of rivers and erected vast reservoirs to preserve water to feed industry and supply the needs of the population. Without water all would die. Christ was constantly giving to natural realities a spiritual significance. This he did with water. He showed how people needed 'living water' to keep them spiritually alive and to give value to their occupations. He used water as a figure of spiritual refreshment, that those who drink it will never thirst again. Christ spoke of it to the Samaritan women telling her that it was a gift from God. And as he spoke she felt within her the stirring of a diving desire for this water, a water that was to become in her a spring welling up into eternal life. Christ created this desire in her so that a new power took hold of her, a fresh illumination which enabled her to see in



Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

John 4:13-14

Christ the long-awaited Messiah. It was the personality of Our Lord that captivated her. And it is this that is at the heart of Christianity.

Our Lord's words are truth. They are the rod that beats upon the human heart to produce the living water. St. John, in his book of Revelation, tells us that the day

will come when *They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not smite them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.* The living water that Our Lord gives on earth will have done its work and become the spring welling up into eternal life. Meanwhile, all of us struggle here in the world, refreshed indeed by the living water, but perhaps seldom feeling its effects. We lead a life of faith amid what may often seem so arid and dark. At the same time we know that within us is a power and a glory which inspires us with hope and trust and love in the Christ who is their creator.

Stations of the Cross: This beautiful devotion apt for the season of Lent will be conducted in the Church each Friday during Lent at 7 pm. Come and walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH OATLEY: The sacramental program has recently been published on the St Joseph's website. Please refer to the following link for further details [SACRAMENTAL DATES 2023 | St Josephs \(stjosephschurch.com.au\)](#)

Also, the website provides you with the application form and further information for the upcoming First Holy Communion. Alternatively, click on the following link [First Holy Communion 2023 and the application form.](#)

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Kindergarten 2024 enrolments are now open: Please submit applications **online via the enrolment portal** on the St Joseph's School or Sydney Catholic Schools websites. Kindergarten applications will be due **BY Monday the 3rd of April 2023.** Please contact the school office if further information or assistance is required on Phone: 9580 6588. Alternatively, click on the following link for further information [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Oatley | Enrolment Information \(syd.catholic.edu.au\)](#)

Welcome to Children's Liturgy



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are looking forward to our young parishioners to join Children's Liturgy on **Sunday during the 10am Mass**. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work where the Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings.

The practice of almsgiving during Lent is recommended by contribution to **Project Compassion**. Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes are available this Sunday in the foyer of the Church.

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**



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. 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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