

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)		

24 November 2019 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Masses and Prayers: Marie Monica Brymer (rec dec), Fay Dunphy (rec dec), Gerard Williams (ann.), dec members of CWL, those who are sick, and all the Holy Souls prayed for and remembered in November.

CHRIST THE KING: It is very important in these days of liturgical renewal to see this feast of Christ the King with its special liturgical significance. We must not think of Christ merely as a historical figure who once lived and assumed a position of authority. For us now he is the risen Christ. "He is risen and is still with us". In St. Paul's words he "takes precedence of all". Christ is at the head of humanity. He is its king. He has won people for himself by his death and resurrection and now draws them closely to himself through the liturgy of the Church and thus brings them to the throne of God. "Through Jesus Christ Our Lord" is the ending of the liturgical prayers of the Church.

Our king is our mediator. Through his glorious humanity we come to God. "The glory you have given to me, I have given to them" he said to his Father at the last supper. At the Eucharist the people gather round the altar to take part in the sacrifice of salvation. Physically they are separated from the altar but always they are caught up in the mystery of Christ. They are with him on the altar as Christ offers himself up to the Father. They are drawn there by the love of the Holy Spirit so that they are caught up in the very life of the Blessed Trinity.

One must not think then of the feast of Christ the King merely in terms of external glory or simply in terms of homage paid to kings, queens and other secular potentates. When the thief on the cross asked Christ to remember him when he came into his kingdom, the thief had an insight into the love of his sacred heart. He realised that Christ the King was someone to whom one paid a homage of love. This feast then is one of union with the king. We are chosen in Christ. In him and through him. And only in this way, does a Christian obtain his power.

New Catechists Required in 2020: Last year and in the current year, all scripture classes have been covered by some catechists teaching more than one class. In fairness, this situation cannot be expected to continue indefinitely. Accordingly, up to 3 new catechists are required to commence from around mid February next year. Being a catechist is very rewarding. If you would like to join our friendly and committed team of catechists in bringing the "Good News" to Catholic students in the three local State primary schools and are available for a 30 minute class on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning, please contact Fr Paul (9580 1864) or

M Cummins on (0413 586 870) or cumminsm@optus.net.au. Free training and resources are provided.

Father Paul warmly invites you and your Family on Sunday the 1st December at 2pm to join us for the **Blessing and Children decorating the Christmas Tree**. Afterwards please join us in the Marian hall for afternoon tea. There will be a raffle, lucky door prizes etc. For catering purposes please put your names down with number of people attending on the sheet provided in the foyer. Please also for dietary requirements. Sue Vit President SVDP Oatley

November is the month of the Holy Souls: I will offer all my Masses during November for the repose of the souls of all your deceased relatives and friends. Fr. Paul.

First Reconciliation Program for 2019.

Sacramental Liturgy – Thursday 28th November 7.00pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday 30th November from 9.30am to 11.30am (half hourly)

Lectors 2020/2021:

In the coming weeks I will be preparing the roster for the next 12 months.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our current lectors and I would love to welcome any new readers that would like to be included in the next roster. Please email - caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com and include your mass time preferences.

Proclaiming the work of the Lord is a rewarding way to be involved in our parish and everyone is welcome including members of our parish currently in high school or starting high school in 2020.

Collections and Rosters.

1st 762		2nd: \$417		Envelopes \$ 1901	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 26Nov	Vince & Jenny Elliott			
	Sun 03/12	Marcia & Brian Smith			
Masses	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 23Nov 5pm	Vince Elliott	Ana Simurina	Amber Lee Gaia el Khabbaz	John Perkins	
Sun 24 Nov 8am	Anne Lee	Sandra Soldo	No Servers	Mario Cuenca	
Sun 24 Nov 10am	Danny Clark	Jelena Suto	Sophia Siamprakos Mavina Khoury	Lewis DeGabriele	
Sat30 Nov 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Sandra/Audrey Green	Declan & Sorcha McIntyre	Bill Quigley	
Sun 1Dec 8am	Robert Dimeo	Dick McMillan	No Servers	Mark Shad	
Sun 1Dec 10am	Phillip Merrick	Francis D'Silva	Alana & Felicity Green	David Lee	
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 24 Nov	No Liturgy	Lewis DeGabriele	Marcia Smith		
Sun 1 Dec	Kylie Brakel	Brian Rayment	Susan Canham Angela Nadile		