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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 available before the 5 pm Vigil Mass (4 pm to 4.45 pm)

6th June 2021 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

SACRAMENT AND SACRIFICE: Our Blessed Lord at the last meal he had with his disciples instituted a sacrament and sacrifice. He told his disciples on that occasion to do what he had done in remembrance of him. The sacrifice was fulfilled on Calvary. This then was not to be purely an historic event. It was to be a force to be continually applied through the ages. The whole world was to be planted with crosses. Calvary in this way became the pivot of Christianity. From it radiates the strength of the Church, the power of its sacramental system, the ultimate source of its holiness, the power behind its prayer.

This is the reason why so many have consecrated their lives or faced death to preserve this memorial of the Passion and the presence of Christ in sacramental form. The English, Welsh and Scottish martyrs are splendid examples of this. They lived in a country of beautiful architecture, of lovely abbeys, cathedrals, and churches, all built to provide a setting for an altar where a priest might stand and offer up sacrifices to God. All that went to beautify the buildings, the exquisite stained-glass, the colourful frescoes, the statues carved in wood and marble and stone, were ultimately intended to lead, and attract worshipers to the altar where Christ would stand and through the agency of his priests, offer himself up for the redemption of the world in union with his mystical body on earth.

Today we have come to realise more clearly the part that the whole Mystical Body plays in the Eucharist. The priest is not a person apart who offers up Christ to the Father. Priest and people with Christ make the offering. The priest alone has the power of consecration, but once Christ is present all are united in the great sacrificial act of worship, praise, and love. Hence the Church says in her Document on the Liturgy: *The whole public worship is performed by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and his members.*

**Masses for the Deceased:**  Dr. Mark Carlton, Sister Janet Ryan OP, Dawn Gates,Brian Rayment, Kerry Ryan, Shirley Clare,recently deceased. Frances Canham, Catherine Mary Fowler and Maureen Stevens, Carol Tighe, anniversaries.

**The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses:** You can access this on YouTube by following this link:

[bit.ly/stjoatley](http://bit.ly/stjoatley) or

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**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.**

**Please keep in your prayers the children in the parish who are currently preparing for their first Holy Communion.**

**Sacramental Program for 2021:** Please visit the Parish website: [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://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.

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



**St Vincent de Paul Winter Collection**

**For the following 2 weeks commencing 5th June, St Vincent de Paul will be holding their winter appeal at St Joseph’s parish. Envelopes for the donations are available in the church foyer. Thank you for your kind donations.**

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**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Procession**

***He fed them with the finest wheat***

***and satisfied them with honey from the rock.***

**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.  **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**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.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament

have left us a memorial of your Passion,

grant us, we pray,

so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood

that we may always experience in ourselves

the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign with God the Father

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.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST.**

**PRIEST:** My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we worship the living God, let us lift up our voices in prayer through Christ, the High Priest and mediator of the new covenant.

1. That all the people of God, treasuring the book of the covenant, may live in peace by obeying the Lord’s words and ordinances. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That all the peoples of the earth, redeemed by the blood of the covenant, may reverence each other as children of the one God who has chosen them. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That those who are struggling in their daily lives and confronted by temptation, may be strengthened by Christ’s example of his fidelity to the Father. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That the children of our parish being prepared to receive Our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist for the first time will continue to grow in holiness and with a greater love for the Lord who is really and truly present in the Sacrament of his Most Holy Body and Blood. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That those who prepare our young people to share in the Eucharist and those who bring communion to the sick and housebound may be living signs of the presence of Christ, who is our Passover and our Peace. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That we who are graced in this Most Holy Sacrament with the abiding presence of Lord and the Eucharistic love of Christ, the summit and source of our Christian life, may offer our lives as a living sacrifice of praise to God and service to all. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the Sacrifice of the Eucharist may bring the dead to eternal life. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. That our love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary will bring us closer to Christ. **HAIL MARY.**

**PRIEST:** Father, we come before you and present our needs to you humbled by the Eucharistic love and generosity of your Son, our eternal Priest. 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**

***Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood***

***remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.***

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, we pray,

that we may delight for all eternity

in that share in your divine life,

which is foreshadowed in the present age

by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

**BLESSING**

May the Lord bless us and keep us

May he let his face shine upon us

and show us his mercy.

May he turn his countenance towards us

and give us his peace.

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.