

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
Monday	8 am (Rosary 7.45)	Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	Weekend Masses	
Wednesday	8 am (Rosary 7.45)	Saturday 5pm Vigil	
Thursday	12noon (Rosary 11.45)	Sunday 8am & 10am	
Friday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Saturday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		

9 February, 2020 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary time

Masses and Prayers : John Feely ([ann.4/2](#)), Denise Caramasing ([14/2](#)), Salvatore Ippolito ([ann.5/2](#)), members of CWL and those who are sick especially Courtney Leiba.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD: St Thomas Aquinas said “it is better to illuminate than to shine” This of course is true, but it is also true that one cannot illuminate unless one shines first. If we are to follow Christ's word in the Gospel telling us to let our light shine before men, we must first produce the fuel of good works so that we can become like John the Baptist, burning and shining lamps. Good works seem to dispel darkness in the world and in peoples minds and hearts. People become inspired to do good works by seeing the good works performed by others. St Theresa of Calcutta in her splendid work in India, for example, has so shone forth in the world that people have responded generously with help, not so much because she made , appeals for money but because people have seen or heard of her sheer dedication of herself and her sisters to the sick, the diseased and the dying.

There is nothing as infectious as complete unselfishness in the service of others. There is a fundamental goodness in nearly all people but it often needs the example of others to bring it into action. Christianity is not a religion of pious gesticulations and words. Love, which is at its heart must show itself in deeds. Only then will others be drawn to it and see its truth. Christ said that his followers would be judged, not by the number of times they cried out “Lord, Lord” but whether they have helped to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and given shelter to the homeless. Christ who said of himself “ I am the Light of the world”, went about doing good. Christians must reflect that Light in their lives by carrying on the work of Christ, who put himself completely at the service of others. We must not be in Christ's words, “hide our light under a bushel”. At the same time, we must not like the Pharisees, perform good deeds with the sole purpose of “showing Off”.

THE SACRAMENTALITY OF THE WORD can be understood by analogy with the real presence of Christ under the appearances of the consecrated bread and wine. By approaching the altar and partaking in the Eucharistic banquet we truly share in the body and blood of Christ. The proclamation of God's word at the celebration entails an acknowledgment that Christ himself is present, that he speaks to us, and that he wishes to be heard. St. Jerome speaks of the way we ought to approach both the Eucharist and the word of God: ‘We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the Body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: *whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood (Jn 9:53)*, even though these words can also be understood of the Eucharist, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching. When we approach the

Eucharist, if a crumb falls to the ground we are troubled. Yet when we are listening to the word of God, and God's Word and Christ's flesh and blood are being poured into our ears we pay no heed, what great peril should we not feel?’ Christ, truly present under the species of bread and wine, is analogously present in the word proclaimed in the liturgy. (*Verbum Domini 2010 56*).

New Catechists Required in 2020: Up to 3 new Catechists are required for this year. 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 Mike Cummins (0413 586870 or cummism@optusnet.com.au) . Free training and resources are provided.

Catholic Schools Week – 2021 Kindergarten enrolments.

Catholic Schools week will be held from 1-7 March. The 2021 Kindergarten Enrolment period commences during this week. Enrolment packs will be available from Monday 2 March for collection from the school office.

School Tours will be held on the following afternoons for new families interested in enrolling their children at St Joseph's.

School Tour Dates – 3.30pm each day (30mins)

Monday 2 March, Tuesday 3 March, Thursday 5 March, Friday 6 March.

Please contact the school Office if you would like to attend one of the tours on 95806588 or email info@stjoatley.catholic.edu.au

Collections & Rosters

1st \$786		2nd: \$278		Envelopes \$1679	
Money Counters Roster		Tues 11 Feb Lynne Ekholm & Leo Sullivan			
		Tues 18 Feb George & Kathy Novak			
Masses	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 8 Feb 5pm	Joe Shakkal	Sandra Soldo	Luca J Declan M	John Perkins	
Sun 9 Feb 8am	Anne Lee	Vesna Zuvic	No Servers	Seb Arena	
Sun 9 Feb 10am	Phillip Merrick	Avaleigh Rock	Mavina Khoury Ana Beretin L	George Battikha	
Sat 15 Feb 5pm	Phillip Merrick	Not in roster	Lachlan Hoy Ivan G	Bill Quigley	
Sun 16 Feb 8am	Robert Dimeo	Jean Devine	No Servers	Mario Cuenca	
Sun 16 Feb 10am	Joe Shakkal	Sandra Green	Alana & Felicity G	Lewis DeGabriele	
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society		
Sun 9 Feb	Alison Felici	Brian Rayment	Lynne Ekholm		
Sun 16 Feb	Natalia Greguric	Marcia Smith	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson		