

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 11.45am (with benediction at 11.30am)
Monday	9am (Rosary 8.45)		
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Wednesday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Thursday	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
Friday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Saturday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

3rd February 2019 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Masses and Prayers; Grace Washington (rec dec), Montague Williams (rec dec), Rita Briscoe-Hough (rec dec), Eileen Harland (rec dec), Ignatius McCristal (rec dec), Josephine Sidoti (rec dec), Valerio Domene – Ghini (rec dec), Janice Anderson (ann.3/2), Marie McGuinness (ann.4/2), Fr Andrew Quinn (ann.9/2), John Feely (ann.4/2), members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

CHRIST RETURNS HOME: If one wanted a proof that Christ was in no way considered an extraordinary person when he lived at Nazareth, today's Gospel would provide one. He comes back to his home town and those who had known him from boyhood are astonished at what they consider to be a complete change in him. Their astonishment gives way to anger and a desire even to kill him when he makes extraordinary claims about himself. They ask one another where he has acquired the wisdom with which he speaks and they refuse to accept him, thinking him guilty of either trickery or malevolent power.

Christ never wanted to be other than a man of the people. For most of his life he lived as an ordinary craftsman without giving any indication to his fellow townsmen of the power within him. Even during his public life he acted with great simplicity and humility, only working miracles and speaking with authority to further the spread of his kingdom on earth. And what better way than this could Christ have devised?

Perhaps the best help we can derive from Christ's example is to bring home to ourselves that, though, like him, we perform the most ordinary tasks, yet there is a very real sense in which, if we have faith in Christ, we are far from ordinary. After all if we are good Christians, Christ is working with and in us, so that we can say with St. Paul "For it is when I am weak that I am strong". Christ was unable to work miracles in his home country because of unbelief. Lack of faith acts as a barrier to the entrance of God's power. What Christ wants from us is a living faith. If we have that, though he may not cure our sickness or rid us of suffering, he will certainly work miracles of grace within us.

Life Ascending Movement. Next meeting is in the Marian Hall on Friday 8 February from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.

The Life Ascending Movement was formed in Australia only 20 years ago, following the work of the Second Vatican Council. It is mainly for retirees and focuses on both prayer and action. All parishioners are invited to attend its monthly meeting on 8 February.

New Lectors: I invite all our new Lectors to a workshop in the Church on Wednesday, 6th February, 2019, commencing at 7.30 pm. The ministry of the Lector is an important one as it proclaims the Word of God to the congregation so that it comes alive and active to all who hear. All existing Lectors are also invited to attend. Fr. Paul

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 10 February 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 Terry Brady. Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

Money Counters 2019: Due to retirements and people moving away, we require, three volunteer money counters for this year and onward. Please see Fr Paul if you are interested.

On behalf of Mary MacKillop, we thank you for your generous support for assisting with used stamps. In 2018, we raised \$68,000. A great effort from many people. From 2001 to now, we have raised \$ 312,000. It is through your efforts, that the legacy of St Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today. Sr Helen Saunders"

We will recommence, here in Oatley on Monday 4th February in the Marion Hall from 1 – 3 pm and would love to see new faces there to help. Annette Rowley

COLLECTIONS AND ROSTERS

1st: 783	2nd: \$338	Envelopes: \$1553
Money Counters Roster	Sun 5 Feb	Brian & Marcia Smith
	Sun 12 Feb	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 2 Feb 5pm	Danny Clark	Caroline Dimeo	David Childs Lachlan Hoy	Brian Smith
Sun 3 Feb 8am	Anne Lee	Damian Callinan	No servers	Maria Pak
Sun 3 Feb 10am	TBA	Francis D'Silva	Livia Zovic Ana Beretin Licha	Lewis DeGabriele
Sat 9 Feb 5pm	Vince Elliott	Sandra Soldo	Amber Lee Gaia el Khabbaz	Richard McMillan
Sun 10 Feb 8am	Robert Dimeo	Vesna Zovic	No Servers	Mark Shad
Sun 10 Feb 10am	Phillip Merrick	Ana Simurina	Marita Batthika Mavina Khoury	David Lee
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 3 Feb	Angela Nadile	Lewis DeGabriele	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	
Sun 10 Feb	Alison Felici	Brian Rayment	Lynne Ekholm	