

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.

29th October 2023 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Dolores Carreon, Ross Poynter, Amin Boustani, recently deceased; Joseph Degabriele, Kathleen Feely, Marie Therese Jeanine Leeyee, Rev. Willian (Bill) Davis, Patricia Callaghan, Rev. Francis Xavier Roberts, anniversaries, deceased members of the Valastro, Mangano and Arena families, and Amadeo Alvaro.

LOVING GOD IN OTHERS: Our Lord said that his command that all should love each other is like his command that they should love God. One kind of love is involved in the other. In fact, the one kind should become the other. There is a solidarity in the human race arising from their common origin in God and their common redemption by Jesus. Because of this latter we are united in a mystic union. God willed that the incarnation should become, in some real sense, a reincarnation of every man and woman so that all should relive in their lives the life of Christ. For Christ, when he died upon the cross and rose again from the tomb, had not only his physical body but a new mystical body of which he desired that all should be members.

Fundamentally the reason why we should love our brothers and sisters is because we see the divine Christ in them. It is Christ who lives in under-developed countries, who is homeless, hungry, and naked; it is Christ who lives in slum conditions with no proper roof over his head or normal human amenities. It is Christ who suffers in hospitals, who has cancer or is crippled or blind. It is Christ who is old and lonely with no friends and little money. The last Vatican Council stressed the importance of love of others. In the document on the it said: To those who believe in divine love, Christ gives assurance that they way of love lies open to all, and that the effort to establish a universal brotherhood is not a hopeless one. It cautions them, at the same time, that this love is not something to be reserved for important matters but must be pursued chiefly in the ordinary circumstance of life. Everyone in their daily dealings with people must come across plenty of instances where they have the opportunity to show love to someone in need.

Farewell: This weekend marks my departure from St. Joseph's Oatley as I sign off as your Parish Priest for the last eight years. Monday will be a new beginning for me as I enter retirement mode. Nevertheless, I will be helping out at Regina Coeli at Beverly Hills in November whilst the Parish Priest is on leave. Priests never really retire but take up lesser duties and help whenever and wherever parishes may need a locum to supply. The last few weeks have been particularly stressful for me as I have been preparing myself for the move, but I am confident that all will be well once I have settled into my new digs in Beverly Hills.

I have now been a priest of the Archdiocese of Sydney for 48 years and it is now time to step down from all the responsibilities of running a parish and perhaps enjoy a quieter life. I have always enjoyed my Priestly ministry and the many people I have connected with over those years. My appointment as your Parish Priest has been particularly rewarding with such good, faithful, and caring parishioners, supportive teachers, and loving children. I will never forget the warmth of your welcome when I first arrived and your continued encouragement and support. Farewells are never easy and there is always sadness in parting. In this life, we are but pilgrims on a journey led our blessed Lord. On that journey we connect with many people who share their journey with us. I will miss you all but still cherish the memories and retain my deep affection for you. Remember me in your prayers as I will remember you in all my Masses. *Father Paul.*



Father Paul will be celebrating his final Mass at Oatley Parish this Sunday 29th of October at 10am. Following this Mass there will be a morning tea in the Marian Hall to wish him well and to say farewell. A celebratory cake, tea, coffee and nibbles will be enjoyed at that time. **Please join us and all are welcome to attend.**

DEFIBRILLATOR: Please note a defibrillator is installed in the Parish Church.

Wednesday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints. On this day we commemorate all the faithful who have passed from this life and are now enjoying the vision of God in heaven. Mass on Wednesday will be at **8 am** as usual. All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, it is a day of special devotion where it is fitting for us to attend Mass on this day.

Thursday 2nd November is All Souls' Day when we remember with affection all our departed relatives and friends, especially the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed will be at **12 md.** November is traditionally the month of the Holy Souls.

Angels, Bells and wooden Reindeers Christmas Sale: After each Mass next weekend on **Saturday the 4th and Sunday 5th of November**, there will be a sale of Christmas decorations. All the decorations are handmade and each is totally unique. Each decoration is adorned with a 2023 charm. These are a great present to give a special teacher, friend, family member or a new baby. The cost of each decoration ranges from \$5-\$20. **Please only bring cash as we do not have Eftpos facilities. The proceeds from the sales will be sent to the Marist Learning Zone.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION-Applications for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 2023 (Year 2 and above) are now open. Please visit the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click on the **tab Sacramental Dates 2023** for further details. Alternatively, click on the link attached for the [Reconciliation 2023 program and application form.](#)

CURRENT PLANNED GIVING: Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are now available in the foyer of the Church, please take your set of envelopes. *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 and become one of our regular givers. 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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