

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.

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time – 19th February 2023

Masses for the Deceased: (Patricia) Jean Devine, Norman Joseph Windred, Cardinal George Pell, Amadeo Alvaro, Mila Lukas, recently deceased; Bishop Bede Heather, Denise Caramsing, Andja Dzajic, Grace Washington, Mia van der Velden, Sonja Moore, Raymond Mercer, Patricia Freeman, Derice Mercer, anniversaries.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE SEASON OF LENT: The Season of Lent begins **this coming Wednesday (22nd February)**. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others (almsgiving). In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are preparing to be baptised.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of *fast* and *abstinence*. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their ***eighteenth year***, until the beginning of their ***sixtieth year***. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their ***fourteenth year***. The rationale behind the Church's laws is an invitation for us to join ourselves to Jesus in his forty days of self-denial in the wilderness. As we imitate our Saviour, we confront our own human weakness and remind ourselves of the brevity of life and our need for salvation which only comes through faith and the imitation of Christ.

The Pascal precept binds all Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday (22nd February) and Trinity Sunday (4th June). The faithful are also obliged to confess their grave (mortal) sins individually in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

The practice of almsgiving during Lent is recommended by contribution to **Project Compassion**. Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes are available this Sunday in the foyer of the Church.

Please refer to the following link [Archdiocese Child Safeguarding Policy for information on the Archdiocese's Child Safeguarding policy](#). Also, the following link if you wish to contact the Safeguarding Office to provide feedback and ideas [Contact Us page](#).

Ash Wednesday Masses with the blessing and imposition of ashes are at 7 am, 9.15 am (with the School Children), and 7 pm.

Stations of the Cross: This beautiful devotion apt for the season of Lent will be conducted in the Church each Friday during Lent at 7 pm. Come and walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified.

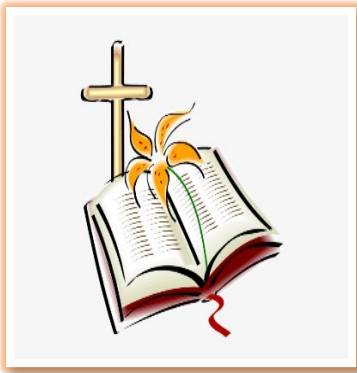
Altar Servers Training: We require anyone who may be interested in becoming an Altar server at the parish to attend the upcoming training sessions. All trainees must attend two afternoon training sessions. The training sessions are scheduled for either **Tuesday the 21st and 28th February 2023, at 4-5pm OR Friday the 24th February & 3rd March 2023, at 4-5pm. Training will be held in the Church at St Joseph's Oatley.** For further information, please contact the office on **9580-1864** or eatleycc@bigpond.net.au.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church Oatley on **Friday 3rd March at 10am.** It will be followed by the Parish Morning Tea in the Marion Hall. Everyone is welcome. For any queries, please ring Marcia on 95792174.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

The sacramental program has recently been published on the St Joseph's website. Please refer to the following link for further details [SACRAMENTAL DATES 2023 | St Josephs \(stjosephschurch.com.au\)](https://stjosephschurch.com.au)

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Kindergarten 2024 enrolments are now open: Please submit applications **online via the enrolment portal** on the St Joseph's School or Sydney Catholic Schools websites. Kindergarten applications will be due **BY Monday the 3rd of April 2023.** Please contact the school office if further information or assistance is required on Phone: 9580 6588. Alternatively, click on the following link for further information [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Oatley | Enrolment Information \(syd.catholic.edu.au\)](https://syd.catholic.edu.au)



URGENT CALL FOR NEW LECTORS 2023: Several of our readers have dropped off during the previous years and this has made the number of readers now available greatly reduced. We are urgently calling for good readers to come forward to offer themselves for this important ministry. If you can help, please email Caroline Dimeo: caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com. Ideally readers are allocated 5-6 readings per year.

Welcome to Children's Liturgy



CHILDREN'S LITURGY STARTING THIS SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY: We are looking forward to welcoming our young parishioners back to Children's Liturgy on the **19th of February during the 10am Sunday Mass**. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work where the Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings.

The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link: bit.ly/stjoatley **OR**



Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish. If you wish to support your Parish, St Joseph's Oatley, please click on the tab below.

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