

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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<b>Schedule of Masses</b>	<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
<b>Saturday</b>	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	
<b>Sunday</b>	8 am, 10 am	
<b>Monday</b>	9am only	
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7.45)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	8am (rosary 7.45)	
<b>Thursday</b>	9am ANZAC Day	
	<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm

### 21 April 2019 – Sunday of the Resurrection.

**Masses and Prayers;** Terence Rodrigues (rec dec), Elias Francis (rec dec), John Gower (rec dec), Robert Toth (rec dec), James Gallagher (rec dec), Shirley Smith (ann.16/4), Katherine Mullaly (ann.16/4). members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

**THE FEAST OF LIGHT:** The Church's liturgy at this time of the year is full of the theme of light. The Easter fire struck from a flint, the Paschal candle, the procession with candles and the sudden illumination of the church at the Easter vigil all symbolise the shining splendour of the risen Christ. Three times the words are sung "*Lumen Christi*" (The Light of Christ) as the candle shows the way through the darkness. And in the great hymn the *Exultet* the Deacon or Priest sings "Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your king. Glory fills you. Darkness vanishes for ever."

Christ then is the external light. He came to illuminate every person who comes into the world. His radiance will be reflected in every Christian. In every Christian, Easter is perpetuated, since in Christ every Christian will rise to a new life of glory. Thus St. Peter could write "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his own marvellous light". Christian imagination has loved to see in the sunrise which the women saw as they made their way to the tomb in which Christ was buried, a symbol of the Light who rose from the tomb and shed his light across the world. Once all over Europe men and women would, from some vantage point, watch the sunrise on Easter morning. That moment of dawn was marked by the ringing of bells and the singing of choirs to greet the rising sun as a symbol of the risen Christ. Without the risen Christ the world would indeed be dark and a hopeless place; he has made it a world of hope and love; a place of encouragement for us all. He has dispersed the darkness of the mystery surrounding the purpose of human existence. In his light now we all see light!

**Happy Easter to all! Our greetings today should be "Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"**

**EASTER DUES ENVELOPES** are on the table in the foyer of the Church. Easter dues support the Priests of the Archdiocese, including your own Parish Priest.

**Thank you to all who were involved in making our Easter Triduum ceremonies a prayerful and moving experience: Acolytes, Readers, Servers, Organist and Singers, Wardens and members of the Altar Society, as well as those who prepared the Rosters.**

### 2019 ANZAC Eve Mass of Remembrance

Sydneysiders are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, active and retired members of the Defence Force for Mass, prayer and reflection on the Eve of ANZAC Day. There will be a Wreath laying ceremony with the Governor of NSW and the Australian army band will join the Cathedral choir to provide a beautiful musical accompaniment to the Mass.

Date: 24th April 2019, Time: 5.30pm. Location: St Mary's Cathedral

**ANZAC DAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL:** Thursday is a Public Holiday and a day of special commemoration on which we remember the men and women of our Defence Forces and all those who have given their lives in love and service to our country. **Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9 am in our Parish on Thursday** for our ANZACS and those who have died in defence of the freedom of our nation

CWL will hold their next meeting on Saturday 27th April at 10am in the Marion Hall

**Catechist helper needed** to assist a catechist with a large Kindy scripture class at Oatley West Public School. A helper will *not have to present the lesson*, but simply assist in handing out student activity books in class and helping students complete their work. If you are interested in helping a class from 9.30am to 10am on Tuesdays please contact Mike Cummins (0413 586870 or [cumminsm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cumminsm@optusnet.com.au)) or Natalie Heymann (0481 558635 or [natalie.heyman@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.heyman@gmail.com)). Also, due to relocation, a **catechist is needed** from around June to take over a Y1 class at the same time/school on Tuesdays. Please contact Mike Cummins if you would like to discuss this upcoming position.

### Collections and Rosters

1st \$1120	2nd: \$488	Envelopes \$ 1674
Money Counters Roster	Sun 23 April	Vince & Jenny Elliott
	Sun 30 April	Kathryn Wojcicky Carol Harland

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 27 April 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Jamie Dimeo	Anthony A Alex P	John Perkins
Sun 28 April 8am	Anne Lee	Damian Callinan	No Servers	Maria Pak
Sun 28 April 10am	Joe Shakkal	Audrey & Sandra Green	Zamarah V Simon N	Lewis DeGabriele
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 28 April	School Holidays	Lewis Degabriele	Marcia Smith	
Sun 5 May	Kylie Brakel	Brian Rayment	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	

