

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)

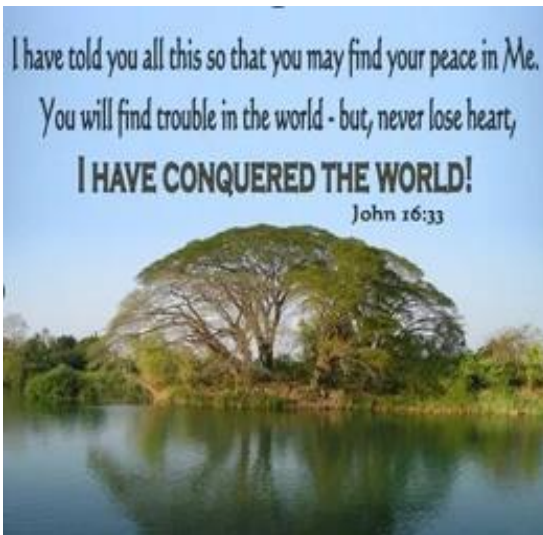
WELCOME BACK

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.

2nd October 2022 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Masses for the Deceased: Alan Wedeswieler, recently deceased; Hilda Marie Lee, Jose Eduardo Alvarez, Ralph Morris, Rev, Dennis Foley, Rev. Frank Mecham, John Bernard McMillan, John Kevin McMillan, Rita Cutelli, Monica McIntyre, anniversaries; deceased member of the Toscano family.

THE POWER OF FAITH: Our Lord is telling us in today's Gospel that faith is an explosive power. He uses the image of an uprooted tree to express it. Its violence transforms a person, uproots from the soil of complacency and egoism and imparts new powers and insight. Now a person can rise from the grave in a resurrection of glory; now life takes on a new significance, now we can live by principles which are the flowering forth from the rich soil of the grace and love of Christ. This living powerful faith enables us to view the world with new vision. We have *the evidence of things which do not appear*; bread is converted into "Bread from Heaven" and a vine is transformed into the being of Christ.



But although we have these new powers within us it does not cause us to run away from life. It does not confine us to an ivory tower in some far away castle. Faith has to do with ordinary living. It is not a starry-eyed affair. The person of faith remains very much down to earth, engaged amid the dust of everyday activities but with new strength and vision. Thus, life for us is no

longer meaningless: *I am the Resurrection and the Life*, says our Blessed Lord, *he who believes in me though he be dead shall live*. It is the Lord

who is the power within faith. He uproots what is dead and causes it to live in a new splendour of existence. Faith keeps a person *rooted and founded in Christ*. He gives the grace to believe; but there must be a response of acceptance from the human heart. Christ lays the trail, but we, in the end, must ignite the explosive force. Even Saul, who was knocked down on the Damascus road, by the violence of God's grace, was able to accept it because fundamentally he was a man of good will. The more we make ourselves ready to receive the grace of faith, the greater will be its explosive power in us.

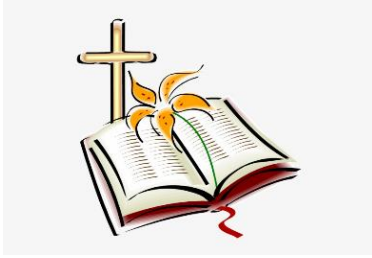
Daylight Saving commences this Sunday: Please move your clocks and watches forward one hour before retiring this Saturday evening.

Monday is a Public Holiday (Labor Day). Mass will be celebrated at 9am only. Drive carefully as double demerits will apply!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Applications for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation 2022** (Year 2 and above) are now open and will close on the 14th of October 2022. Please visit the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click on the **tab Sacramental Dates 2022** for further details. Alternatively, click on the link attached for the [Reconciliation 2022 program and application form](#).



SAVE THE DATE: The next **Parish MORNING TEA** will be on **Tuesday the 18th of October**, at 10.30 am in the Marion Hall (go through the Church). All are welcome to come and meet other parishioners in an informal and social gathering.



MASS READERS: Volunteers are needed to read at the Masses on the weekend. Please contact the office 9580-1864 or email oatleycc@bigpond.net.au if you are able to assist on some weekends.

Catholic Mission Church Appeal: This appeal will be made next weekend 8th & 9th of October. The Parish's funds will go towards assisting the households in Ethiopia. With over 70% of households in the remote township of Emdibir unable to provide enough nutritious food to their families, malnutrition and health issues have become a significant problem. In collaboration with the local community in Ethiopia, the Church, led by Fr Habtesilassie Antuan (Hab-tay-si-lassie An-twan), hopes to establish a goat rearing centre, where nutritious milk will be produced and distributed to families in most need to help reverse and prevent illness and malnutrition.

We invite you to donate to this essential program which can bring hope to those in most need.

TAX RECEIPTS for parishioners' part of the envelope or credit card giving program for 2021-2022 are available. Please email oatleycc@bigpond.net.au if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

New Contributors: If you wish to become part of our regularly giving programme at St Joseph's Parish Oatley, please fill in the planned giving form, which can be accessed by clicking on the following [APPLICATION FORM](#). Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley. *Fr. Paul*

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**

