

# 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)

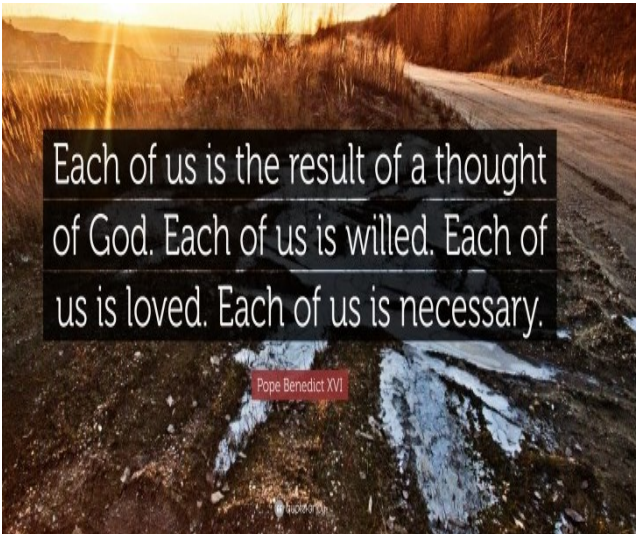
## WELCOME

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.

# 20th August 2023 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Deceased:** Thomas Joseph (Tom) Ryan, Maria Beljo, Cliff Baxter, Patricia Johnson, Paul Aloysius Hemsley, Anne Kellert, Petar Vidović, recently deceased; Margaret McMillan, Father Barry Brundell, Marco Sollazzo, Barica Celak, anniversaries.

**THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST:** Christ's love was universal. It was not confined to any particular class of people or to any special nationality. He came to save and help all and made an offering of himself to all. The woman, in today's Gospel, who came to him for help was not a daughter of Israel, a member of his own race, but an outsider – a foreigner. But he did not allow this to stand in the way. He put her to the test and then granted her request because she had faith in him.



Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary.

Pope Benedict XVI

Christianity and racial prejudice are incompatible. All people without exception are the objects of Christ's love and therefore all should be united in that love. In the Eucharist, our Lord offers himself to all. At the altar there are no class distinctions, colour bars, tests, rich and poor, clever, or ignorant and there

is only one nationality – membership of the body of Christ. Nor are there any barriers to its entrance except those erected by human pride and selfishness. It is terrible thing when Christians become bigoted and have a hatred for people of another race or culture. They are in reality

intolerant of Christ himself, since Christ strives to express himself in everybody. He died upon the cross for all. St. Paul expressed this by saying: *Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, Scythian, slave, free, but Christ is all, and in all.* There is nothing wrong in being patriotic, that is having a real love of one's country, but this should not involve despising those who belong to some other nation. Hatred only breeds violence and war, and bitterness. Love is of the very essence of Christianity – where there is no love there is no Christ. G. K. Chesterton said, "Bigotry may be roughly defined as the anger of men who have no opinions". Certainly, such an anger is empty-headed and can only be the result of ignorance of another's real worth.

**FATHER PAUL'S FAREWELL LUNCH-17th of September 2023 at 12pm:** An invitation to all the Parishoners of the Parish has been organised to farewell Father Paul Hilder and wish him all the best for his retirement. For further information refer to the posters/ brochures in the Church foyer or alternatively email : [jtperkins@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jtperkins@ozemail.com.au)

**FAREWELL BOOK FOR FR PAUL-** In the church foyer there is a farewell book for Fr Paul, where parishioners are invited to write a farewell message to him. The book will be presented to Fr Paul at his upcoming lunch on 17/9.



**CONFIRMATION:** The children of the parish who are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, have begun their classes and preparation to receive the Sacrament at St. Joseph's Oatley on Sunday, 10th of September. Please keep them in your prayers and encourage them to faithfully practice their faith.

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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We are looking forward to our young parishioners joining in the Children's Liturgy group on Sunday's during the 10am Mass. We are very fortunate to have some volunteers to lead this work where the Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings. Please encourage your children to join the group.

**THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL** was made at all Masses last weekend. If you missed to opportunity to give to this appeal, envelopes are still available in the foyer of the Church. I thank all our parishioners who generously support the pastoral works of the Archdiocese of Sydney, as well as other appeals made from time to time.

**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.

**TAX RECEIPTS for 2022-2023 are available.** Please email [oatleycc@bigpond.com](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.com) if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Your receipts will be emailed to you. Alternatively, call the office on 9580-1864 for your tax receipt. Once again, we would like to thank all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley.

*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](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) for a copy, or if you are online click on the tab below.*



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

