

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.

21st August 2022 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Deceased: Carmel Rooke, recently deceased; all the Holy Souls.

WHO ARE SAVED? “Are you saved?” Asked the little man with the billboard on which were inscribed in words what he was giving forth vocally. To the passers-by he was saying: “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved”. His words were a little cryptic depending very much on the meaning of the word ‘believe’. He probably had in mind that faith alone was sufficient for salvation, without good works. However that may be, what is certain is that nobody can guarantee their salvation. The grace of final perseverance is a gift of God. What we can do is to have supreme confidence that God will give it to us if we try and live the kind of life he wants us to live.

Someone asked Our Lord in today’s Gospel: Lord, will those who are saved be few?” Our Lord never answered such questions directly; instead, he gave replies from which he expected people to draw their own conclusions. This time he says in so many words that only those who make a real effort to make themselves ready can expect to receive grace from God to keep them on the way to salvation. He is giving us all a warning here. We must not sit back and expect him to do everything for us. He will knock at the door of our hearts, but he will not force an entrance if sin and indifference keep the door shut. Our Lord says that: men will come from East and West, and from North and South and sit at table in the kingdom of God. He does not say how many will partake of the heavenly banquet, but he says that there will be surprises. Some who were considered to be last will in fact be first. Those who sit at the table will be made up of all kinds of people, for the grace of God is not restricted. He invites all. He makes it possible for all to come; only human perversity turns the invitation down. Those who belong to this latter class are the ones to whom the host will say: I do not know where you come from; depart from me.

Father Paul will be concluding his annual leave from this Sunday until Friday, 2nd September. Father Hugh Thomas, a Redemptorist Priest from Kogarah, will supply for the weekend 27th and 28th August. There will be no weekday Masses during Father Paul's absence. These Masses will resume on Saturday, 3rd September, at 8 am.

RECONCILIATION: The boys and girls of the parish preparing for the Sacrament of Penance concluded their instruction last weekend. They are now ready for Reconciliation and will begin preparation classes in September for First Holy Communion. Please support them with your prayers and encouragement.

CONFIRMANDI: The boys and girls confirmed at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 7th August were welcomed back to the parish last Sunday and they received their commemorative Certificates. We congratulate them, their parents, and sponsors.



Our Special thanks go to those who prepared them for the Sacrament: Jane and Michael Gleeson, Yvonne and Andrew Laming, Lucy Doan, Susan Canham, Lucas Di Ciccio, Kylie Strode. Special thanks go to Sandra Green, and Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator who works tirelessly to ensure our programs run smoothly and our children are well prepared.

SACRAMENTAL DATES: See details are on the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au in the *tab Sacramental Dates 2022*.

RECONCILIATION 2022 (Year 2 and above) Term Four: Applications open at **the end of Term 3**. (See details on the parish website www.stjosephschurch.com.au)



CHILDREN'S LITURGY during the Sunday 10am Mass: We look forward to seeing our young parishioners attend Children's Liturgy during the *10am Sunday Mass*. Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding. For any interested parishioners able to assist in this important ministry please contact oatleycc@bigpond.net.au

The second Charitable Works Fund Appeal for the Archdiocese of Sydney will be made this weekend. The money collected for this Appeal assists in the furthering of the Church mission and service for the people of the Archdiocese. Envelopes are available on the tables in the Church foyer.

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](#). You can choose between making a regular monthly credit card contribution. Whereby, once set up, your contribution is processed each month. This is a good way to "set and forget" you're giving to support the running of our parish. Alternatively, you may wish to contribute via the envelope system. If you would like to give by credit card on a monthly basis, **OR** give via the envelope system please download and complete the attached [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**

