

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
Saturday	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Sunday	8 am, 10 am	Exposition	Thursday, 9am to 11.45am (with benediction at 11.30am)
Monday	8am, 9.15 (Annunciation)		
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7.45)		
Wednesday	8am (rosary 7.45)		
Thursday	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
Friday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Saturday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

24th March 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Masses and Prayers: Maryanne Donnelly (rec dec), Maree Sherman (rec dec), Jim Cranney (rec dec), Ivy Gladys Phillips (ann. 17/3), James Anderson (ann.17/3), Giovanni Tesoriero (ann.21/3), Robin Lee Rowan (ann.30/3), Josephine Doughan (ann.24/3), Pierre Bourdon (ann.25/3), Clifford Chapman (ann. 25/3), members of CWL, and those who are sick, including Marcella Hill.

SECURITY: People have always sought security. That is why they have given up a nomad existence and formed themselves into national or communities where laws can bring them peace. Today in modern states security has become very complex. States pass laws in an endeavour to secure it for their citizens. Thus we have so called social security. This is an attempt to provide for the economic and health needs of the people. Science and technology are employed to help to give confidence against attacks from disease of various enemies.

But what neither the state of science can provide is that inner security which every human being needs. We can so easily become subject to our emotions and passions and arouse a civil war within us. Like the fig tree in the parable, we can become fruitless; be so taken up with ourselves that our spiritual life withers away. God would be perfectly just if he left us without the fertilising help of his grace.

We are in constant need of this grace of repentance; none of us is perfect and if we endeavour to be completely self-reliant, disaster will follow.

Our inward peace and security must arise from the recognition of God's power and love as shown to us in Christ. Christ said "Without me you can do nothing". The branches of the tree must be embedded in him. If we, the branches, are cut off from him, they cannot bear fruit and are only fit to be burnt. It is obviously prudent to take measures for material security, but a guarantee against economic or other material loss is no guarantee of inner security or peace. It alone cannot give us that peace of which Christ spoke and indeed it can so entice us as to do exactly the opposite. We have the consolation of knowing from Christ's words that if we do go wrong he will offer us the grace of repentance.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Peter, Solomon Islands, is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with a brighter future. **Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year you are empowering communities with**

hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

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.

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Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College (SCCVC) is a state-of-the-art, co-educational Catholic Secondary College for Years 11-12 students. Each student undertakes study that leads to a HSC with a focus on practical, hands-on, industry-based learning.

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17 Comer St Burwood NSW 2134 ph.: 8372 4400 fax.: 8372 4401

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Marist College Kogarah, is enrolling now for Year 7, 2021. Applications close Friday, 5th April, 2019. 'phone 9587 3211. Email: info@mckogarah.catholic.edu.au

Bethany College Year 7 2021; Applications due Friday 5th April 2019.

SVDP Oatley Conference is participating in an Appeal from **Saturday, 16th March to Friday 29 March** to assist the country communities affected by drought. Items for collection are non perishable food items & toiletries. Please place them in the baskets provided. Thank you for your assistance. **Paschal Lambs:** a special symbol of Easter. If you would like to order them, fill in the form in the foyer. Sue Vit, SVDP President.

COLLECTIONS AND ROSTERS

1st 952	2nd: \$631	Envelopes \$ 1698
Money Counters Roster	Sun 26 March	Vince & Jenny Elliott
	Sun 2 April	Marcia & Brian Smith

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 23 March 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Jean Devine	John M Alex P	John Perkins
Sun 24 March 8am	Robert Dimeo	Ana Simurina	No Servers	Mark Shad
Sun 24 March 10am	Phillip Merrick	Jade Serban	Paris S	George Battikha
Sat 30 March 5 pm	John Romanous	Jamie Dimeo	Luca J Lachlan H	Bill Quigley
Sun 31 March 8am	George Lazar	Vesna Zovic	No Servers	Seb Arena
Sun 31 March 10am	Joe Shakkal	Mirjana Males	Simon N Zamarah V	Lewis DeGabriele
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 24 March	Joseph Lucero	Brian Rayment	Marcia Smith	
Sun 31 March	Roseanne McGrath	Marcia Smith	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	