

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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### St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, 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>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8 am, 10 am	<b>Exposition</b>	Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:30am)
<b>Monday</b>	8am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
<b>Thursday</b>	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
<b>Friday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Saturday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

## 10th December 2017 –Second Sunday of Advent

**Masses and Prayers:** Corrine Spruce (rec dec), Eric William Spruce (dec) Len Elliott & Madge Archer (rec dec), Phyllis Noble (ann.21/11), Graham Kelly (ann.23/11), Bernice O'Connor (ann.23/11), Giuseppe Talarico (ann.22/11), Allen Cameron (ann.29/11), Malcolm Blair (ann.27/11), Judith Sinclair, (ann.2/12), Dorothy Lloyd (ann.3/12), Margaret Stadtmiller (ann.9/12), members of CWL, and those who are sick, including, Terri & Chris Sarno, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero, Ray Byers.

### THE ADVENT WREATH.

Symbolism of the Wreath:

**Circle:** Represents the eternity of God and the continuity of the first and second coming of Christ.

**Green foliage:** suggests growth, life and hope.

**Red apples, pomegranates, holly and berries:** suggests the first creation, the forbidden fruit – the fall of our first parents Adam and Eve that merited a Redeemer in Christ who suffered and died for us on the Cross.

**Snow-tipped pine cones:** The winter of our existence in old Testament times before the coming of the Saviour.

**Pomegranate:** In the middle ages it was often thought that the forbidden fruit eaten by Adam and Eve was a pomegranate. A pomegranate is full a seeds which will bring forth new life. On the wreath, this would symbolize death and the hope of resurrection.

**Candles:** God gradually revealing His plan for our salvation throughout human history up to the coming of Our Lord and Saviour. The three mauve candles represent the first, second and fourth Sundays and the pink or rose candle is for the third Sunday.

**The First Candle:** is for the Prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah.

**The Second Candle:** is for Bethlehem, the city of King David from whence would come forth the promised Messiah.

**The Third Candle:** is for the Shepherds and for all who seek the Lord in humility.

**The Fourth Candle:** is for the Angels who heralded Christ's birth and sang their hymn of joy.

### THE JESSE TREE.

The idea of the Jesse Tree for Advent comes from the traditional window in many medieval Cathedrals whose design is based on the descent of Jesus from the royal line of King David in most cases springing from Jesse, the father of David, and ending in Jesus or the Virgin and Holy Child, with intermediary descendants placed on scrolls of foliage branching out of each other. Some have the descent as recorded in St. Luke's Gospel and others recorded in St. Matthew's Gospel. A simple Jesse tree for children in primary school has cards the children have prepared and coloured representing Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, Moses, Jesse, David, Solomon, Jonah, Mary and Joseph. Famous Jesse windows can be seen in the cathedrals of Wells, in England, and Chartres, in France. There is a depiction of a Jesse Tree in the window of the Church porch.

**The Parish Christmas Tree**. Fr Paul Hilder would like to invite you and your family to come to the Parish on Sunday, 17th December, at 3pm. Please bring a small decoration to hang on the tree and join the community in the Marian Hall for some afternoon tea. For catering purposes, there is a list in the church foyer to put your names down and number of people attending.

Any musicians interested in playing for the 7pm Christmas mass at the school. Please contact Astrid West. Email [astridwest1231@gmail.com](mailto:astridwest1231@gmail.com).

### Collections Last Week

1st: \$ 852	2nd: \$609	Envelopes: \$1921
Money Counters Roster	Sun 12 Dec	Anna Merrick Sandy Cox, Maria Pak
	Sun 19 Dec	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan

### Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 9 Dec 5pm	Joe Shakkal	George Novak	TBA	Richard McMillan
Sun 10 Dec 8am	Tom Ryan	Patrick Salonga	TBA	Seb Arena
Sun 10 Dec 10am	Phillip Merrick	Emma Bennett	TBA	Lewis Degabriele
Sat 16 Dec 5pm	TBA	Lewis Degabriele	TBA	John Perkins
Sun 17 Dec 8am	TBA	Darren McDowell	TBA	Brian Smith
Sun 17 Dec 10am	TBA	Jamie Dimeo	TBA	David Lee
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 10 Dec	Roseanne Mcgrath	Lewis DeGabriele	Wendy Grimes	
Sun 17 Dec	Angela Nadile	Brian Rayment	Margaret Rayment Cath Richardson	