

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Oatley

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| Schedule of Masses | | Baptisms | Confessions | Exposition |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Saturday | 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday) | By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am) | Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm | Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:30am) |
| Sunday | 8 am, 10 am | | | |
| Monday | 8am (Rosary 7:45) | | | |
| 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) | | | |

Fridays during Lent: 7pm Stations of the Cross.

11th March 2018 –Fourth Sunday of Lent

Masses and Prayers: Betty Way (ann.2/3), William Farrugia (ann.4/3), Jannette Battikha (ann. 15/3) Marie Miller (ann.17/3), Mary Shelton (ann.16/3), Mary Basquill (ann.16/3), members of CWL, and those who are sick.

Fourth Sunday of Lent:

One of the amazing facts about the tremendous sufferings and death of Christ is that it has become for Christians the supreme revelation and proof of God's love. And yet on a human level one would expect the opposite. It would seem to be a complete denial of God's very existence, to say nothing of his love. What makes faith difficult are life's cruelties, hatreds, injustices, and all of these are concentrated on Calvary. Why does the Christian not recoil from such happening? Why does he not turn away in disgust and say with the many "if there is a God, why does he allow this?" The answer is "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son and whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life". In the middle of Lent, Laetare Sunday reminds us again of the Pascal Mystery – Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ will come again!

Project Compassion: Evangeline, an Indigenous Australian in the Northern Territory, featured in Project Compassion 2016 was employed by the Caritas Australia supported Djilpin Arts and quickly rose to the role of Senior Arts-worker. Her career has flourished. Her work at Djilpin Arts contributes to its success, whilst providing training and opportunities for other young people in the community. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians. The work of Evangeline and Djilpin Arts is creating opportunities for First Peoples to remain on country and keep their culture alive. This work is essential for a just future.**

St Patrick's Day Mass All are welcome to join with Bishop Terry Brady to celebrate the Annual Feast Day Mass for St Patrick.

Time: 10.00am - 17 March, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Joey's Playgroup. Wednesday Mornings 9am in the school hall.

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles please join us with your toddlers! We will start with a story and craft activity, so please join us if only for a short time, otherwise please stay while we have lots of fun playing and meeting new friends! Please bring morning tea and a drink for your toddlers, morning tea will be supplied for adults.

Looking forward to seeing you there.. Rebecca Edgell, Family Educator

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CWL meeting that was to be held on 17th March has been CANCELLED. The next meeting will be held on Saturday 21st April at 10am.

COLLECTIONS

| 1st: \$845 | 2nd: \$430 | Envelopes: \$1736 |
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| Money Counters Roster | Sun 13 March Vince & Jenny Elliott | |
| | Sun 20 March Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Maria Pak | |

LITURGY ROSTER

| | Acolytes and Ministers | Lectors | Altar Servers | Mass Wardens |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Sat 10 Mar 5pm | Sam Attard | Brian & Marcia Smith | Beth J Martha K | Brian Smith |
| Sun 11 Mar 8am | Tom Ryan | Caroline Dimeo | No Servers | Mark Shad |
| Sun 11 Mar 10am | John Romanous | Francis D'Silva | Ivan G John M | David lee |
| Sat 17 Mar 5pm | Phillip Merrick | Andrew & Thomas Clark | Anna C Bridget M | Richard McMillan |
| Sun 18 Mar 8am | Anne Lee | Sandra Soldo | Bridget C Chloe R | Tom Ryan |
| Sun 18 Mar 10am | Glenn McLachlan | Jade Serban | Paris S Alana G | Maureen Owens |
| Children's Liturgy | | Rosary Leader | Altar Society | |
| Sun 11 Mar | Natalie Greguric | Brian Rayment | Lynne Ekholm | |
| Sun 18 Mar | Kylie Brackel | Marcia Smith | Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson | |