

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)		
Sunday	8 am, 10 am		
Monday	8am (Rosary 7:45)	Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Wednesday	7am, 9.15am(with school),7.30pm	Exposition	Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:30am)
Thursday	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
Friday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Saturday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

11th February 2018 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Peter Cummins (rec dec), Fr Andrew Quinn (ann.9/2), Allan Bible (ann.8/2), Greg Harle (ann.14/2), Amin Lattouf (ann. 2/2), Joseph Gatt (ann.) John Feely (ann.4/2) Jan Anderson (ann.3/2) Marie McGuinness (ann.4/2), Velma Burns (ann.3/2), David Beljo (ann.), Alice Delaney (ann.14/2), Linda Snell (ann.17/2), Marjorie Keating (ann.12/2), Virginia Cameron (ann.14/2), Ronald Cahill (ann.18/2), Alfio Faenza (ann.) Florence Anderson (ann. 9/2) members of CWL, and those who are sick, including, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero, Emma Dowling.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent begins next Wednesday. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others (almsgiving). In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their **eighteenth** year, until the beginning of their **sixtieth** year, the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The rationale behind the Church's law is an invitation for us to join ourselves to Jesus in his forty days of self-denial in the desert. As we imitate our Saviour, we confront our own human weakness and remind ourselves of the brevity of life and our need for salvation which only come through faith and imitation of Christ.

The Paschal precept binds all Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. The faithful are also obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

The practice of almsgiving during Lent is recommended by contributing to **Project Compassion**. Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available this Sunday in the foyer of the Church.

Ash Wednesday Masses with the blessing and imposition of ashes, are at 7am, 9.15am (with the School Children), and 7pm. **Stations of the Cross:** We will be having the Stations of the

Cross each Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church. Come walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified.

Calvary Hospital Remembrance Service: will be held in Calvary Hospital, Chapel of the Resurrection, 111 Rocky Point Rd, Kogarah, on Saturday, 17/02/2018 at 2pm. Afternoon tea will follow in the Hospital's adjacent Conference Centre.. For more information, please contact the Pastoral Care Team on 9553 3111.

Catechists required for 2018: 2 new catechists are required for this year. Free training, resources & support is provided. It involves half hour of teaching scripture in a class each week. Please contact Michael Cummins on 0413 586 870 or cumminsm@optusnet.com.au

World Day of Prayer will be held in our Church on Friday 2nd March at 10am. Country of Suriname has prepared this service. All parishioners are cordially invited. Morning tea will follow.

Stamp Collections: On 5th February, the ladies resumed cutting & sorting used stamps for Mary McKillop International. Last year a total of \$5,800 was raised in NSW. Since 2001, a total of \$244,000 was raised. This helps women in Peru make beautiful Alpaca scarves and jumpers to sell through **Ethica**. The ladies meet in the Marion Hall and are looking for more volunteers. Thanks to you all for saving stamps. Contact Annette Rowley; 9570 5381.

Collections Last Week

1st: \$ 796	2nd: \$530	Envelopes: \$2047
Money Counters Roster	Sun 13 Feb Anna Merrick, Sandy Cox, Maria Pak	
	Sun 20 Feb Kathryn Wojcicki, Tom Ryan	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 10 Feb 5pm	Sam Attard	Sandra Soldo	Anna Childs	Brian
Sun 11 Feb 8am	Anne Lee	Darren McDowell	Luke & Marc Salonga	Tom Ryan
Sun 11 Feb 10am	John Romanous	Jade Serban	Audrey & Alana Green	David Lee
Sat 17 Feb 5pm	TBA	Richard McMillan	TBA	Richard McMillan
Sun 18 Feb 8am	Tom Ryan	Jean DeVine	TBA	Mark Shad
Sun 18 Feb 10am	TBA	Ana Simurina	TBA	Maureen Owens
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 11 Feb	Alison Felici	Lewis DeGabriele	Lynne Ekholm	
Sun 18 Feb	Danielle Purser	Brian Rayment	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	