

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

## 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses and Prayers:** Vlado Pucak (rec dec), Doris Attard (ann.27/12), Ted Murphy (ann.15/01), Christopher Trimboli (ann.11/01), Don Gouldon (ann.15/1), members of CWL, and those who are sick, including, Terri & Chris Sarno, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero,

### THE DATE OF EASTER AND MOVEABLE FEASTS FOR 2018

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars as December 25<sup>th</sup>, many of the important feasts of the Church year move based upon the date that Easter is set. In the Western Church Easter is determined as the Sunday falling after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall on any Sunday between 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Most missals and Christian Calendars (e.g. Columban Calendar) will include these dates from year to year, but in earlier days before calendars were common, most people would not have known the dates for the upcoming year. It was a time honoured custom that on the Feast of the Epiphany, the important dates of the **moveable** Feasts of the Church's year were solemnly proclaimed by the Deacon at High Mass after the singing of the Gospel. We no longer follow this quaint and antique practice, but it is good to know what these dates will be this year, 2018.

The centre point of the Liturgy is always Easter, and this year it will be observed on the **1st April**. The beginning of the Lenten Season in preparation for Easter will be on the **14th February, Ash Wednesday. Ascension Day** in Australia will be celebrated on the **13th May. Pentecost Sunday** will be on the **20th May, Trinity Sunday, on the 27th May** and the **feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** will be on **the 3<sup>rd</sup> June**, and the Friday following, **the 8<sup>th</sup> June**, will be the Solemnity of **the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. The Last Sunday of the Church's year, **the Solemnity of Christ the King**, will be celebrated on **the 25<sup>th</sup> November**, and a new Church year will commence with the **First Sunday of Advent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

During the course of the year we will celebrate Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles and the Saints on fixed days. There are two days of special significance for all Australians, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia 24<sup>th</sup> May, and St. Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) 8<sup>th</sup> August.

As a serious obligation, the Church enjoins on all the faithful to attend and assist at Mass on **all Sundays of the Church's year** and on **Holy Days of Obligation**. The Holy Days of Obligation in Australia are: Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December, and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15<sup>th</sup> August.

### Changes in Secretarial Assistance at St. Joseph's Parish.

The position of Parish Secretary at St. Joseph's has been reviewed and there will now be a job share arrangement between two assistants. **Nicky**, the Parish Secretary, will now work two days a week on Thursdays and Fridays. **Nancy Miletic** will be taking over the Book-keeping role of parish finances and will work on Wednesdays. All enquiries regarding general parish business such as bookings for Baptisms, Weddings, and appointments, sacramental programs, rosters and other parish business apart from planned-giving should be directed to Nicky. I will be here in the Office on most Tuesdays and can handle any enquiries from parishioners on that day.

**Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood**, on Sunday the 11 February 2018 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, Recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Anthony Randazzo. Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

### Collections Last Week

1st: \$ 865	2nd: \$374	Envelopes: \$1838
Money Counters Roster	Sun 16 Jan	Vince & Jenny Elliott
	Sun 23 Dec	Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Maria Pak

### Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 14 Jan 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Carreon Family	Anthony Attard Alex Purser	Richard McMillan
Sun 15 Jan 8am	Anne Lee	Darren McDowell	Luke & Marc Salonga	Tom Ryan
Sun 15 Jan 10am	John Romanous	Damian & Niamh Callinan	Luke & Abbie Geoghegan	David Lee
Sat 20 Jan 5pm	Sam Attard	Francis D'Silva	Mitchell Brell Anthony Attard	John Perkins
Sun 21 Jan 8am	Tom Ryan	Barry Gilmore	Emma Dimeo Jocelyn Ho	Seb Arena
Sun 21 Jan 10am	Danny Clark	Krystelle Boulos	John Mercieca George Battikha	Maureen Owens
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		<b>Rosary Leader</b>	<b>Altar Society</b>	
Sun 15 Jan	School Holidays	Brian Rayment	No one	
Sun 21 Jan	School Holidays	Lewis DeGabriele	No one	