

## 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)		

## 17th December 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent

**Masses and Prayers:** Corinne Spruce (rec dec), Eric William Spruce (dec), Len Elliott & Madge Archer (rec dec), Judith Sinclair, (ann.2/12), Dorothy Lloyd (ann.3/12), Margaret Stadtmiller (ann.9/12), Karen Smith (ann.14/12), Brian Jackson (ann.15/12), Vincent Bourke (ann.16/12), George Kent (ann.18/12), Rita Wagstaff (ann.20/12), Ronald Stonebridge (ann.20/12), Kelly Sherlock (ann.), Betty Beath (ann.21/12), Marie McCarthy (ann.,25/12), members of CWL, and those who are sick, including, Terri & Chris Sarno, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero, Ray Byers.

### Christmas Masses at St. Joseph's at Oatley

Confessions: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 3.30 pm to 4.45 pm

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December: 5 pm Vigil Mass in the Church.

7 pm Mass in the undercroft of the school (Children's Mass but all

welcome.)

Midnight Mass: Starting with carols at 11.30 pm.

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December: 8am (dawn Mass); 10 am

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> December: 9am (Feast of St. Stephen).

### THE CHRISTMAS NOVENA

This begins on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. At this point the Advent proclamation of the coming of the kingdom by the Prophets and John the Baptist gives way to the Christmas story in which the impending birth of Saviour and the Blessed Virgin Mary take centre stage. These days serve to prepare us more directly for Our Lord's birth. During this time it is customary to erect the Christmas crib, to decorate the tree and to sing Christmas Carols.

### THE O ANTIPHONS

These are also known as the greater Antiphons. In the Roman rite they are sung with the Alleluia as the verse before the Gospel on the seven days before the vigil of Christmas (17<sup>th</sup> December to 23<sup>rd</sup>). Each antiphon begins with the interjection "O". During the season of Advent the Old Testament readings announce the coming of the Messiah, and the closer the

feast of Christmas approaches, the more the liturgy accentuates the call of the Saviour with the cry "Come".

The seven antiphons: O Sapientia (Wisdom), O Adonai (the Lawgiver), O Radix Jesse (tree of Jesse), O Clavis David (Key of David), O Oriens Splendor (Dayspring from on high), O Rex Gentium (King of the Nations), O Emmanuel (God with us); in verse order form an acrostic from the initials of each invocation "ERO CRAS" (tomorrow I shall be there). This is the Lord's response to those who have faithfully prepared for His coming during the season of Advent through prayer and penitence.

A metrical version of the "O" antiphons is the hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel".

Any musicians interested in playing for the 7pm Christmas mass at the school. Please contact Astrid West . Email [astrid.west1231@gmail.com](mailto:astrid.west1231@gmail.com).

**New Catechists are required for 2018.** Up to 3 new catechists are required for next year. Prior teaching experience is not required (free training, resources and support provided). A catechist spends only 30 minutes teaching scripture calls each week. Teaching scripture is very rewarding, you get more than you give. If you would like to join our friendly team of Catechists who spread the "Good News" to 370 (approx.) students in the three local State Primary schools, please contact Michael Cummins on 0413 586 870 or [cummins@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cummins@optusnet.com.au)

### Collections Last Week

1st: \$982	2nd: \$572	Envelopes: \$1590
Money Counters Roster	Sun 19 Dec	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan
	Sun 2 Jan 2018	Marcia & Brian Smith

### Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 16 Dec 5pm	Phillip Merrick	Lewis Degabriele	Bridie McIntyre Ana Beretin Licha	John Perkins
Sun 17 Dec 8am	Anne Lee	Darren McDowell	Livia & Matthew Vucic	Brian Smith
Sun 17 Dec 10am	John Romanous	Jamie Dimeo	Alana & Audrey Green	David Lee
Sat 23 Dec 5pm	Sam Attard	Nathaniel Gleeson	Emma Dimeo Martha Kossenber	Bill Quigley
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 8am	Tom Ryan	Jean DeVine	Luke & Marc Salonga	Tom Ryan
Sun 24 Dec 10am	Phillip Merrick	Danny Klepac	Rory & Abbie Geoghan	Maureen Owens
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		<b>Rosary Leader</b>	<b>Altar Society</b>	
Sun 17 Dec	Alison Felici	Brian Rayment	Margaret Rayment Cath Richardson	
Sun 24 Dec	School holidays	Marcia Smith	Marcia Smith Marg Vella	