

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)	Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Sunday	8 am, 10 am		
Monday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	Exposition	Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:30am)
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)		

17th September – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Nita Finneran (ann.17/9), Elizabeth Ritson (ann.24/9), Bernard Jenner (ann.20/9), Phyllis Buchanan (ann.18/9), Maryann Hobbs (ann.18/9), Ray Doughan (ann.19/9), Paul Pickering (ann.22/9), Annette Doutney (ann. 24/9), David Way (ann.13/9), Tony Kilgannon (ann.8/9), Oswald Henniker (ann.6/9), Charles Dwyer (ann.8/9), Shaun Fleming (ann.6/9), Judith Byers (ann.3/9), Joseph O'Connell (ann.7/9), Kathleen Lloyd (ann.6/9), Mary Sainsbery (ann.10/09), Hendrikus Emans(ann.12/9), Peter Nelson (ann.15/9), deceased members of CWL, and those who are sick, including, Terri & Chris Sarno, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero .

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time: Our faith is based on a living covenant with the God of compassion and love. Christ invites us to be drawn deeper into the flow of this eternal covenant of love. The challenging parable on forgiveness in today's Gospel reading reminds us that God has an immense capacity to forgive us our sins and his love and mercy is unconditional. Our love and compassion for our brothers and sisters must likewise be unconditional, not be superficial but from the heart. It is only if we choose not to forgive, that we will cut ourselves off from the flow of compassion and love that comes from God.

Congratulations to all the children from the parish who receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this Sunday afternoon. With the support and encouragement of their parents, sponsors and the Catholic Community at Oatley, we pray that the Holy Spirit will sustain their commitment with the sevenfold gifts the Spirit brings, that they will live good Christian lives and use their individual gifts to build up their Community of Faith.

Special thanks to Sandra Green and Kylie Strode, and the parent helpers, who meticulously prepared our children to receive this important Sacrament today.

The Annual Collection for the Retired Priests Foundation will be taken up on Sunday, 24th September. In the meantime envelopes are available in the foyer of the church. .

Congratulations to Nathaniel Gleeson, Angus Mullins and Alana Thorne, secondary school students from Oatley who were recipients of the **Archbishop's Award for Student Excellence**.

Marriage Plebiscite: As survey forms begin arriving in letterboxes across Australia, it is important that we are fully equipped with information about the consequences of changing the definition of marriage and the impacts this will have on individuals, families, education and churches. The Coalition for Marriage has released a comprehensive guide to some of the key consequences and questions around this important conversation. Go to www.coalitionformarriage.com.au/handbook to download your free copy.

Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill NSW: This assisted suicide bill will be tabled in the NSW Legislative Council on September 14. Please act now to inform MPs in both the Upper house (Legislative Council) and the Lower House (Legislative Assembly) of your views. Please write letters to you local MLA and to some of the MLCs.

For MP contact details and points to use in letters go to: www.no euthanasia.org.au

A Sacred Music Workshop will be held on Saturday 30 September at St Joseph's Riverwood Parish Centre from 10am to 2:30pm run by Miss Meagan Griffin. Participation is via donation but could you please contact the Parish Secretary (Margaret) at Riverwood by 27 September if you intend to come either by email at stjosephriverwood@outlook.com or by phone 9534 1537. The event is open to anyone interested in the riches of the Church's musical tradition. BYO lunch, tea and coffee supplied.

Collections Last Week

1st: \$880	2nd: \$548	Envelopes: \$1736
Money Counters Roster	Sun 19 Sept	Anna Merrick, Sandy Cox Maria Pak
	Sun 26 Sept	Kathryn Wojcicki Tom Ryan

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 16 Sept 5pm	Joe Shakkal	Brian & Marcia Smith	Martha K Emma D	John Perkins
Sun 17 Sept 8am	Tom Ryan	Damian & Niamh Callinan	Bridget C Chloe R	Seb Arena
Sun 17 Sept 10am	John Romanous	Jelena Suto	Matthew & Nicholas D	Lewis DeGabriele
Sat 23 Sept 5pm	Phillip Merrick	Patrick Salonga	Hamish B Alex P	Bill Quigley
Sun 24 Sept 8am	Anne Lee	Danny Klepac	Luke & Rory G	Mark Shad
Sun 24 Sept 10am	Danny Clark	Michael Gleeson	George B John M	David Lee
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 17 Sept	Confirmation	Marcia Smith	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	
Sun 24 Sept	School Holidays	Lewis DeGabriele	Marcia Smith Joan Gilmore	