

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	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	8am (Rosary 7.45)	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)		

Fridays during Lent: 7pm Stations of the Cross.

18th February 2018 – First Sunday of Lent

Masses and Prayers: Peter Cummins (rec dec), Allan Bible (ann.8/2), Greg Harle (ann.14/2), 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), Joan Cahill (ann.20/2), Alfio Faenza (ann.) Florence Anderson (ann. 9/2) members of CWL, and those who are sick, including, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero & Emma Dowling.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT. Immediately after his baptism, Our Blessed Lord withdrew into the wilderness for forty days and forty nights, where he spent the time in fasting and prayer. At the end of that time he was tempted by the Devil to display his divine power to the whole world and gain popularity. He dismissed these temptations and thus teaches us that that we do not live on bread alone, but must serve only the one true God, and adhere to His holy Will. Our fasting, prayer and penance during the season of Lent strenghtens us in our resolve.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of twelve, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. She's now running her own sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader.

In 2015, Janaki joined a youth club formed by Caritas Australia partners, Caritas Nepal and the Ekata Foundation **Surkhet**, as part of the Children and Youth Empowerment Program which provides youth and job skills and income-generating projects. She took a loan from the youth club to purchase her first sewing machine. Two years on Janaki has 11 sewing machines and is running her own business, teaching others and is considered a community role model.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help our most vulnerable neighbours in Nepal to build a just future for their families and their communities.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK will be celebrated from 4th to 10th March. The 2019 Kindergarten Enrolment Period commences during this week. School tours will be available on the following afternoons for new families interested in enrolling their children at St. Joseph's. Enrolment packs will be available from **Monday 5th March for collection.**
School tour dates: 5, 6, 8, and 9 March at 3.30pm.

MARIST CATHOLIC COLLEGE, PENHURST. Will host an **OPEN DAY** on **Wednesday, 7th March from 3pm-7pm.** All are welcome to meet the students, teachers and tour the new learning facilities, including the South Hurstville Campus presentations.

Paschal Lambs : Lent begins early this year and the time has come once again for the famous Paschal Lambs. They are a special symbol of Easter and you will be helping the Michaelite Priests. We will endeavour to have them available on the 3rd and 4th March at each Mass. Kindly complete the form in the foyer. Orders will only be accepted until 28th February 2018.SVDP Oatley

Next Sunday 25th February, 10am Mass. Family Mass to welcome families of the kindergarten children at St Joseph's School.

Stamp Collections: On 5/2 /18, the ladies resumed cutting & sorting used stamps for Mary McKillop International. Last year a total of \$58,000 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 & LITURGY ROSTER

1st: \$ 881	2nd: \$544	Envelopes: \$1389
Money Counters Roster	Sun 20 Feb Kathryn Wojcicki, Tom Ryan	
	Sun 27 Feb Leanne Graham Lisa Parry	

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 17 5pm	Sam Attard	Richard Mcmillan	Declan & Sorcha M	Richard McMillan
Sun 18 8am	Tom Ryan	Jean DeVine	No Servers	Mark Shad
Sun 18 10am	Phillip Merrick	Ana Simurina	Emma Dimeo Ana Beretin L	Maureen Owens
Sat 24 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Nathaniel Gleeson	Chloe R Bridget C	John Perkins
Sun 25 8am	Anne Lee	Mirjana Males	Marc & Luke S	Tom Ryan
Sun 25 10am	Danny Clark	George Novak	Paris S Marita B	George Battikha
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 18 Feb	Danielle Purser	Brian Rayment	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	
Sun 25 Feb	Family Mass	Marcia Smith	Marcia Smith Marg Vella	