

## 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)
<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)		

**Fridays during Lent: 7pm Stations of the Cross.**

### 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Masses and Prayers:** Patricia Smith (rec dec), Georgette Shad (ann.14/3), Jim Tosi (ann.13/3), Leo Lehane (ann. 22/3), Josephine Doughan (ann.24/3), Beryl Gardener (ann.21/3), Pierre Bourdon (ann.25/3), Clifford Chapman (ann.25/3), members of CWL, and those who are sick. Thanksgiving Mass for the birth of Ruby Mary (7/3/18).

**Fifth Sunday of Lent:** Death and resurrection are the theme of today's Gospel. Christ said "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." The death of Christ was both a tragedy and a triumph. It was a thing of horror because it was the result of sin; it was a thing of glory because it was the victory over sin. The cross, like a plant, was plunged deep into mud, and like a plant, burst forth into blossom in the sunlight. The cross dug into the dust of which human beings were made, gave the dust a golden future. For the Christ, who was so beaten and disfigured by pain, was to unite himself with the human dust and rise with it in splendour. Traditionally all the crosses and images in the Church are covered from today. The cross is unveiled on Good Friday and the images at the Easter Celebration. Death conquered by the victory of the Resurrection!

**Project Compassion:** When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, near a rubbish dump in the Philippines. She is now a social worker, with plans to study a Master's degree whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.**

**Solemnity of St. Joseph, Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2018** - St. Joseph is the patron of our Parish. Mass on Monday will be in the Church at 8 am as usual. However, there will be a special combined Mass for our parish school and St. Joseph's School at Riverwood in Renown Park, Hurstville Grove, at 9.30 am. Parishioners are also invited to attend.

**Second Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter** (*Communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance*) will be available for parishioners at St Declan's, Penshurst, on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 pm.

### Holy Week and Easter Services at St. Joseph's Oatley:

Palm Sunday: 25 <sup>th</sup> March.	5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evening with blessing and distribution of palms. 8am Mass (including distribution of palms) 10am Mass with blessing and distribution of palms.
Holy Thursday: 29 <sup>th</sup> March	(Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral 10.30am: all welcome) 7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with the <i>Mandatum</i> and procession to the Altar of Repose – Adoration until 10.00pm.
Good Friday: 30 <sup>th</sup> March	10am Stations of the Cross (followed by confessions) 3pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (followed by confessions)
Holy Saturday: 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>7pm Easter Vigil</b> (until approximately 8.30pm)
Easter Sunday: 1 <sup>st</sup> April	8am Easter Mass 10am Easter Mass
Easter Monday: 2 <sup>nd</sup> April.	9am Mass only.

**Lectors are needed for the Easter Masses.** Please email [Caroline Dimeo at caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com](mailto:Caroline Dimeo at caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com)

### COLLECTIONS & LITURGY ROSTER

1st: \$936	2nd: \$430	Envelopes: \$1511
Money Counters Roster	Sun 20 March	Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Maria Pak
	Sun 27 March	Kathryn Wojcicki Tom Ryan

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 17 Mar 5pm	Phillip Merrick	Andrew & Thomas Clark	Anna C	Richard
Sun 18 Mar 8am	Anne Lee	Sandra Soldo	Bridget C Chloe R	Tom Ryan
Sun 18 Mar 10am	Glenn McLachlan	Jade Serban	Paris S Alana G	Maureen Owens
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		<b>Rosary Leader</b>	<b>Altar Society</b>	
Sun 18 Mar	Kylie Brackel	Marcia Smith	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	