

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)		
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)		

21st January 2018 –3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Vlado Pucak (rec dec), Doris Attard (ann.27/12), Marie Spataro(ann.03/01), Ted Murphy (ann.15/01), Christopher Trimboli (ann.11/01), Don Gouldon (ann.15/1), Erwin Krakhofer (ann.18/01), Alveen Laing (ann.15/01), Vida Kennedy (ann.18/01), John Lloyd (ann.17/01), Walter Hollis (ann.7/01), Henry Basquil (ann. 20/01), members of CWL, and those who are sick, including, Terri & Chris Sarno, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from original sin and re-born as adopted sons and daughters of God. We become members of Christ, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that we may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9). Baptism is aptly called by the Church, the Sacrament of Regeneration through water and the word. Usually the Church requires that a child or adult be baptised in his or her own Parish Church. Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish at Oatley should contact the Parish Office to make an appointment to speak with Father Paul about the requirements for baptism.

Baptisms are held every Sunday at 11am, after the 10am Parish Mass. It is customary to give an offering (Stole Fee) to the Priest after the ceremony.

Baptism of Infants

Infants are baptised at the request of their parents who consciously wish to share their faith with their children. The parents must understand that Almighty God holds them responsible for the Christian upbringing of the baptised infant. They will acknowledge how the child's first school is the home where they will endeavour to set a pattern of true Catholic living, and in particular, they will acknowledge their duty to promote family prayer and to **be faithful to their Sunday Mass obligation.**

It is also required that there should be two Godparents to assist the parents in the Christian upbringing of the child and to profess, with the parents, the Church's faith, in which the child is baptised. Godparents chosen by the parents should be Catholics. A baptised and believing

Christian who is not a member of the Catholic Church may act as a Christian witness along with a Catholic godparent.

Baptism of children of catechetical age (7 years or over)

Before these children are baptised they are required to undergo a period of instruction in the truths held and taught by the Catholic Church. This period will depend upon the understanding of the Child. Usually this instruction would be part of the religious curriculum in the parish School, or a Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program.

Baptism of Adults

Candidates for adult Baptism are prepared through a Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). This process usually takes one year and the Sacrament of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) are usually administered as part of the Easter Vigil ceremonies on Holy Saturday night.

Lectors; If you are interested in reading at the Weekend Masses, please contact Caroline Dimeo at caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com. We need new lectors for this year.

Children's Liturgy; We are also looking for someone who can prepare the Children's Liturgy which takes place during the 10am Mass. You don't have to teach the children, You just need to prepare the sheets and drop it in at the presbytery on a Friday. For more information contact Catherine Clarke at clark68family@gmail.com.

Collections Last Week

	1st: \$ 760	2nd: \$374	Envelopes: \$1678
Money Counters Roster	Sun 23Jan	Anna Merrick Sandy Cox	Maria Pak
	Sun 30 Jan	Marcia & Brian Smith	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 20 Jan 5pm	Sam Attard	Francis D'Silva	Mitchell B Anthony A	John Perkins
Sun 21 Jan 8am	Tom Ryan	Barry Gilmore	Emma D Jocelyn H	Seb Arena
Sun 21 Jan 10am	Danny Clark	Krystelle Boulos	John M George B	Maureen Owens
Sat 27 Jan 5pm	Phillip Merrick	Brian & Marcia Smith	Beth J Bridget C	Bill Quigley
Sun 28 Jan 8am	Anne Lee	Audrey Green	No Servers	Mark Shad
Sun 28 Jan 10am	Joe Shakkal	Andrew Clark	Marita B Ana Beretin L	George Battikha
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 21 Jan	School Holidays	Lewis DeGabriele	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	
Sun 28 Jan	School Holidays	Brian Rayment	Marcia Smith Marg Vella	