

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	8 am (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)		

23rd July – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Louisa Carullo (rec dec), Cecilia Maria Nadile (dec. 16/7), Ellen & John Perkins (ann.19/7), John Donnelly (ann.16/7), Laurence Habib Battikha (ann. 22/7), Carmen Camilleri (ann.21/7), Michelle Rooney (ann.19/7), Anthony Cheung (ann.23/7) Beryl Stephens (ann.27/7), Patrick Molloy (ann.28/7), deceased members of CWL, and those who are sick, including, Sophia Pak, Frank Toohey, Terri & Chris Sarno, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero .

Readings: Wisdom,12:13, 16-19, Romans 8:26-27. Matt 13:24-43

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time: For three Sundays in a row we are treated to a feast of parables. They bring the world of Jesus to life for us, a world of farmers sowing crops, women kneading dough, merchants in search of treasure, and fishermen casting nets. More than that, they open our eyes to the work of God in our midst. More still, they fire our imaginations and provoke us to change. One by one they summon us to stop building our own empires and to work instead for the reign of God. All else will pass away, God's reign alone will last.

The 2016 / 2017 tax receipts and new Planned Giving envelopes are now available to be picked up from the table in the church foyer. From the 1st July there is a tax deduction allowance of 25 per cent for those who contribute to the Planned Giving Program and who wish to avail themselves of this deduction. With the new envelopes there is a letter of explanation regarding this new arrangement. It will be necessary for those to wish to avail themselves of the new tax deductibility arrangement to complete the slip at the foot of the letter. My thanks to all who have contributed generously to the parish over the years.

If you wish to become a new subscriber to the Planned Giving Program, envelope boxes are available with a form to fill out your details, which should be returned to Nicky in the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal raised \$1950.00. Thank you to all who gave so generously to support the needy.

Marriage and Family Sunday 23 July 2017 Today in the Archdiocese of Sydney, we are celebrating Marriage and Family Sunday, when we remember, honour and pray for all marriages and families. This year we reflect on the importance of knowing ourselves through contemplating Christ. A brochure on this theme, **Know Yourself: How to Prepare for & Live Marriage Well**, has been prepared for this occasion. Please take a copy home to read and pass on to others.

The next **Charitable Works Fund Appeal** will be in August. Details to follow.

Weekend retreat: Gregorian Chant Presenter: Mr Tony Vaughan
Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566
When: Aug 4 – Aug 6 **Cost:** \$230 (concessions apply)
Ph: 02 8795 3400 retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Collections Last Week

1st: \$809	2nd: \$369	Envelopes: \$1833
Money Counters Roster	Sun 25 July Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Maria Pak	
	Sun 1 Aug Brian & Marcia Smith	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 22 July 5pm	Danny Clark	Danny Klepac	Luke & Marc S	Bill Quigley
Sun 23 July 8am	Tom Ryan	Damian, Niamh Callinan	Luke & Rory G	Mark Shad
Sun 23 July 10 am	Joe Shakkal	Francis D'Silva	Paris Serban Emma D	Lewis DeGabrielle
Sat 29 July 5pm	Vince Cordi	Sandra Soldo	Declan M John M	Brian Smith
Sun 30 July 8am	Anne Lee	Victoria Dondina	Anna C Audrey G	Tom Ryan
Sun 30 July 10 am	Glen Mclachlan	Michael Gleeson	Anthony A Hamish B	David Lee
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 23 July	Fina Doolan	Lewis DeGabrielle	Marcia Smith Joan Gilmore	
Sun 30 July	Danielle Purser	Brian Rayment	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	