

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
Sunday	8 am, 10 am	Confessions	Saturday 3:00-4:45 pm Good Friday after Stations of the Cross. After the Solemn Commemoration.
Monday	8am (Rosary 7:45)		
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Wednesday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Thursday	7.30 pm		
Friday	3pm Service		
Saturday	Easter Vigil 7pm		

25th March 2018 – PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Masses and Prayers: Joel Webber (rec. dec), Patricia Smith (rec dec.), Edward Pak (ann.29/3) John Rinaldy (8th Ann.) Ljubica Dragovic (ann.31/3), Ivy Phillips (ann.17/3), Moran Halliday (ann.17/3), Robin Rowan (ann.30/3), members of CWL, and those who are sick.

Palm Sunday – Parade of Glory: This Sunday begins Holy Week and is a day of glory and impending tragedy; the two are inextricably bound together. Overshadowing the splendour of the acceptance of Our Lord as Messiah and King is the darkness and the death to come. The palms will shape themselves into a cross; the Hosannas will become jeers and amid the plaudits of the crowd their proclaimed king rides on in sadness. Yet the sadness is not incompatible with joy. Christ longed for the moment of tragedy that lie ahead. It is his "hour" of which he is glorified. Joyfully he accepted his Father's will that he must die so that when he is lifted up from the earth, he will draw all to himself. The triumph of Christ is his Cross and Resurrection. "Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessings on Him who comes in the Name of the Lord!"

Project Compassion: Ditosa in Mozambique is cared for by her grandmother, after her parents died of AIDS – related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, aged 12, thanks to Caritas Australia's support, Ditosa has now graduated from school, with plans for university. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a just future.**

The Challenges of the Times: St. Bernadette Parish Carlton is running a series of eight talks by prominent lay individuals and clergy to explore topics as diverse as the role of youth in the Church to the revitalisation of Parish Communities. Lecture No. 3 will be given by Robert Haddad on the topic of **"Why we need a New Apologetics"**. This will be given on Wednesday, 4th April, 2018, from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm at St. Bernadette's Parish, 10 Argyle Street, Carlton.

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

Holy Thursday: 29th March (Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral 10.30am: all welcome)
 7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with the *Mandatum* and procession to the Altar of Repose – Adoration until 10.00pm.

Good Friday: 30th March 10 am Stations of the Cross (followed by Confessions)
 3pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (followed by Confessions).
7pm Easter Vigil (until approximately 8.30pm)

Holy Saturday: 31st March

Easter Sunday: 1st April 8 am Easter Mass
 10am Easter Mass

Easter Monday: 2nd April. 9am Mass only (Public Holiday).

Rosters for Easter

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Palm Sunday Sat 24/3 5pm	Joe Shakkal	Jean Devine	Emma D Martha K	John Perkins
Palm Sun 25 th Mar 8am	Robert Dimeo	Ana Simurina	No Servers	Seb Arena
Palm Sun 25 Mar 10am	Danny Clark	Audrey & Sandra Green	Livia V Ana Beretin L	George Battikha
Holy Thursday 7.30pm	Danny Clark Glenn McLachlan	Lewis DeGabriele George Battikha	Anna & David C	N/A
Good Friday 10am Stations 3pm Lords Passion	N/A Sam Attard John Romanous	Lewis DeGabriele George Battikha	10am John M Paris S 3pm : Livia & Matthew V	N/A
Easter Vigil 7pm	Joe Shakkal Sam Attard	Nathaniel Gleeson	Beth J Marita B Ivan G	John Perkins
Easter Sunday 8am	Tom Ryan	Mirjana Males	No Servers	Mark Shad
Easter Sunday 10am	Phillip Merrick	Jade Serban	Alana & Audrey G	Lewis DeGabriele
Children's Liturgy		Rosary	Altar Society	
25 th Mar Elaine Hetherington		Lewis DeGabriele	Marcia Smith, Marg Vella	