

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) 8 am, 10 am		
Sunday	8am (Rosary 7:45)	Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Monday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	Exposition	Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:30am)
Wednesday	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
Thursday	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
Friday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Saturday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

28th January 2018 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Patricia McGrath (rec dec), Ronald Needs (rec dec), John William King (rec dec), Vlado Pucak (rec dec), Doris Attard (ann.27/12), John Machart (ann.29/1), Ellen Munro (ann.31/1), Jan Anderson (ann.3/2), Mary Stephenson (ann.28/1), Alice McMullen (30/1), Marie McGuinness (ann.4/2), Betty Chapman (ann.31/01), Velma Burns (ann.3/2), Marjorie Saunders (ann 27/1), David Beljo (ann), Dudley Byers (ann.21/1), 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.

AUSTRALIA DAY

On Friday, 26th January, 2018, all over Australia and perhaps overseas, Australians celebrated our National Day. Up to 1988, Australia Day was a relatively minor affair with a re-enactment ceremony in the little Park in Loftus Street and Macquarie Place. It was a re-enactment of European Settlement of Australia by the British in 1788 when the British flag was raised in that vicinity and Captain Arthur Phillip took possession of the Land on behalf of the Crown. All this took place under the curious and watchful eyes of the Gadigal people, who had lived in this land for thousands of years.

Prior to 1988, most Australians would not have realised that the 26th January was in fact Australia Day, being an ordinary working day. However, a Public Holiday was always observed on the Monday following the 26th.

Today we observe Australia Day as a truly National Day and fittingly on the actual day it falls (26th January), rather than perpetuate the hitherto practice of a "long weekend". We have also moved beyond the notion of British sovereignty and colonialism, but celebrate on this day our identity as a Nation and the various cultures that make up the fabric of our society, including the contribution of the Aboriginal people who came and settled this country first.

On Friday, the parish celebrated a special Australia Day Mass to pray for this great Nation of ours, and to ask God's continued blessing on all her people. We are enriched by our diversity of backgrounds and cultures, but strengthened by our national identity and unity. God bless Australia!

FORUM ON RELEVANCE OF RELIGION IN OUR CHANGING WORLD.

Over the coming months St. Bernadette's Parish, Carlton, is hosting a series of eight talks by prominent Catholic speakers addressing the Challenges of the Times in Our Changing World. Details of the full programme including those of the speakers can be found in **the brochures available at the Church door.**

The opening speaker for the series will be the Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher. An invitation is extended to parishioners, and their friends, from Oatley parish to attend his talk which will be given at St. Bernadette's Parish Hall, 10 Argyle Street, Carlton, on **Thursday, 15th February starting at 7.30 pm.**

MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE, SUTHERLAND, EX-STUDENTS 1965 -1970

A reunion will be held at Cronulla, Saturday March 3rd 2018 from Noon until 5 pm. \$60 buffet lunch. For further details or to book a ticket contact Tricia or Janette at MICReunion1968@gmail.com

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: \$ 712	2nd: \$374	Envelopes: \$1747
Money Counters Roster	Sun 30 Jan	Marcia & Brian Smith
	Sun 6 Feb	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 27 Jan 5pm	Phillip Merrick	Brian & Marcia Smith	Beth Jacobs Bridget Clark	Bill Quigley
Sun 28 Jan 8am	Anne Lee	Audrey Green	No Servers	Mark Shad
Sun 28 Jan 10am	Joe Shakkal	Andrew Clark	Marita Battikha Ana Beretin Licha	George Battikha
Sat 3 Feb 5pm	Danny Clark	TBA	TBA	Rafe Kowron
Sun 4 Feb 8am	Tom Ryan	TBA	TBA	Tom Ryan
Sun 4 Feb 10am	Glenn McLachlan	TBA	TBA	Lewis Degabriele
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 28 Jan	School Holidays	Brian Rayment	Marcia Smith Marg Vella	
Sun 4 Feb	Angela Nadile	Marcia Smith	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	