

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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### St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Oatley

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<b>Schedule of Masses</b>		<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
<b>Saturday</b>	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8 am, 10 am	<b>Exposition</b>	Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:30am)
<b>Monday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
<b>Thursday</b>	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
<b>Friday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Saturday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

### 30th July – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses and Prayers:** Louisa Carullo (rec dec) , Antoni Pomes (rec dec), Jean Andrew (rec dec), Ellen & John Perkins (ann.19/7), John Donnelly (ann.16/7), Laurence Habib Battikha (ann. 22/7), , Cecilia Maria Nadile (dec. 16/7), 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), Francis Rohl (ann.2/8), Kevin Graham (ann.5/8), Michele , Mary Nott (ann. 5/8), Margaret Eddy, (ann. 3/8), Puntoriero (ann.6/8), deceased members of CWL, and those who are sick, including, Sophia Pak, Frank Toohey, Terri & Chris Sarno, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero .

Readings: 1King 3:5, 7-12, Romans 8: 28-30 Matt 13: 44-52

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time:** This week's readings lead us to reflect on the priceless treasures of wisdom, faith and the Kingdom of Heaven itself. Solomon does not ask for great honours or luxury goods, but simply for a discerning heart to govern his people wisely. St. Paul assures the Romans that God will turn everything to good, and their faith will not be in vain. The treasure in the Gospel was found by accident, while the merchant was looking for a pearl. The fishermen, hauling a net full of all kinds of fish, is an image of the Kingdom of Heaven. How do I feel at the prospect of fishermen sorting the contents of their catch: anxious, threatened or trusting in the Lord's absolute love for me? Have I understood all this? What response shall I make? ***Thy kingdom come.***

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Mass for Pregnant Mothers.** Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is ? You are warmly invited to attend the Annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of August at 10.30am. Morning tea will follow in the Cathedral Chapter Hall. **RSVP and enquiries** can be directed to [LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org) or call 9307 8404.

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

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL.** This 3-Day festival will be held in Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! We look forward to the whole Parish Community being involved. For more information, see our website [www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au)

### Collections Last Week

1st: \$799	2nd: \$384	Envelopes: \$1596
Money Counters Roster	Sun 1 Aug	Brian & Marcia Smith
	Sun 8 Aug	Lynne Ekholm Leo sullivan

### Holy Fathers Appeal \$1500

#### Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
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
Sat 5 Aug 5pm	Sam Attard	Marcia Smith	Alex P Xavier I	Rafe Kowron
Sun 6 Aug 8am	Tom Ryan	Richard McMillan	Bridie & Sorcha M	Seb Arena
Sun 6 Aug 10am	John Romanous	Jamie Dimeo	Mitchell B George B	Maureen Owens
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		<b>Rosary Leader</b>	<b>Altar Society</b>	
Sun 30 July	Danielle Purser	Brian Rayment	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	
Sun 6 Aug	Elaine Hetherington	Marcia Smith	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	