

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

4th February 2018 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Patricia McGrath (rec dec), Ronald Needs (rec dec), John William King (rec dec), Vlado Pucak (rec dec), Fr Andrew Quinn (ann.9/2), Amin Lattouf (ann. 2/2), Joseph Gatt (ann.) John Feely (ann.4/2) 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.

TAKING ON MODERN SLAVERY

On Thursday, 8th February, 2018, we will celebrate the **Feast of St. Bakhita**, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Human Trafficking. Pope Francis has continued the papal tradition of clear denunciation of human trafficking and slavery and has designated St. Bakhita's feast day as a day of prayer, reflection and action to end the injustice of human trafficking. St. Josephine Bakhita, was born in the west Sudanese region of Darfur in 1869. As a young girl, she was kidnapped for slavery in both Sudan and Italy. Following her delivery from slavery she became a Canossian Sister and dedicated her life to sharing her story and to support the poor and suffering. Josephine died on 8th of February 1947 and was canonised in 2000.

On Thursday, **the Archbishop, Anthony Fisher, will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 5.30 pm** and launch the Archdiocese Anti-Slavery Taskforce, its strategy and initiatives in respect of supply chains, education and wider community engagement, all directed toward the eradication of modern-slavery and human trafficking.

A 2016 United Nations report uncovered more than 500 different human trafficking routes across many parts of the world. It is estimated that millions of women, girls, men and boys are trafficked annually into domestic servitude, sexual exploitation, pornography, forced marriage and forced labour. Almost 80 percent of detected victims of trafficking are women and girls.

Catechists required for 2018: Up to 3 new catechists are required for next year. Prior teaching experience not required (free training, resources & support provided). A catechist spends only 30 minutes teaching scripture in a class each week. Teaching scripture is very

rewarding. You get more out of it than you give. If you would like to join our friendly team of catechists who spread the "Good News" to 370 (approx.) students in the three local State Primary schools please contact Michael Cummins on 0413 586870 or

cumminsm@optusnet.com.au

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.

Life Ascending Movement. The next meeting is in the Marian Hall on Friday 9 Feb at 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. This new movement was formed in Australia only 19 years ago, following the work of the Second Vatican Council. It focuses on both prayer and action and is mainly for retirees. All are welcome. Enquiries to John Dolan (Secretary) on 9579 3925 or jjpidolan@yahoo.com.au.

Collections Last Week

1st: \$ 862	2nd: \$519	Envelopes: \$1664
Money Counters Roster	Sun 6 Feb	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan
	Sun 13 Feb	Anna Merrick, Sandy Cox, Maria Pak

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 3 Feb 5pm	Danny Clark	Damian & Niamh Callinan	Alex P Ivan G	Rafe
Sun 4 Feb 8am	Tom Ryan	Caroline Dimeo	Matthew & Livia V	Tom Ryan
Sun 4 Feb 10am	Glenn McLachlan	Lewis DeGabriele	Anthony A John M	Lewis Degabriele
Sat 10 Feb 5pm	Sam Attard	Sandra Soldo	Anna C Sorcha M	Brian Smith
Sun 11 Feb 8am	Anne Lee	Darren McDowell	Luke & Marc S	Tom Ryan
Sun 11 Feb 10am	John Romanous	Jade Serban	Audrey & Alana G	David Lee
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 4 Feb	Angela Nadile	Marcia Smith	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	
Sun 11 Feb	Alison Felici	Lewis DeGabriele	Lynne Ekholm	