

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		
Monday	8am (Rosary 7:45)	Exposition	Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:30am)
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)		

5th November 2017 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Edward (Ted) Bleakley (rec dec), Robert Marshall (rec dec), Vincent Tesoriero, Marie Corrigan Marjorie Simpkins (rec dec), Joseph DeGabriele (ann.21/10), Robert Worthington (ann.20/10), (John Quinlan (ann.28/10), Antoinette Farrugia (ann.30/10), Fay Marie Love (ann.3/11), John Hoskins (ann.3/11), Donna White (ann.2/11), Rita Fleming (ann.10/11), Laraine Edmonds (ann.9/11) members of CWL, and those who are sick, including, Terri & Chris Sarno, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero .

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time: Our readings this week are both a harsh criticism of how some aspects of established religion can lead us to pride, and also a gentle teaching on simplicity and humility. The prophet Malachi has hard words for the priests who have strayed and led others to stumble. Jesus too, in the Gospel, criticizes the leaders who lay heavy burdens on the people – those who only think of their own importance, rather than of teaching God's word and care for others. Perhaps this week, awareness of our closeness to God will lead us to humble prayer rather than empty practice.

New Catechists are required for 2018. Up to 3 new catechists are required for next year. Prior teaching experience is not required (free training, resources and support provided). A catechist spends only 30 minutes teaching scripture calls each week. Teaching scripture is very rewarding, you get more 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 586 870 or cummins@optusnet.com.au

St. Joseph's Oatley Parish Children's Liturgy: Our Parish is seeking assistance with facilitating the Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 10am Mass. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and it makes a difference to the children of our Parish. If you are interested in helping or would like to find our more information about Children's Liturgy, please contact Angela Nadile on 'phone 0414 893 113, or email: snadillm2002@yahoo.com.au

The Charitable Works Fund Collection for the Archdiocese of Sydney will be taken up this weekend. Envelopes and pens are available on the pews. Please be generous in giving to this

important appeal which provides for the various works and services of the Archdiocese. Donations of \$2 and over attract 100 per cent tax deductibility.

The Parish extends our congratulations to the President and members of the Oatley Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on the 60th Anniversary of the Conference. The Parish fittingly celebrated this milestone with Mass on the 27th October celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady, and a function in the St. Joseph's Hall following the Mass. *Ad multos annos.*

The next **Altar Servers training programme** will run on Saturday 4th November from 3 to 430pm in the church. The programme is open to all children from year 4 and above that have received their First Holy Communion. It is a great way for children to be involved in the Mass and the commitment is one Mass per 4 to 5 weeks at present. Please contact Catherine Clark if you would like further information clark68family@optusnet.com.au . Enrolment forms will be in the church foyer and presbytery.

The Parish Choir are desperate for new members It is not a big obligation as we only practise & sing once a month at the Vigil Mass. None of us are Pavarottis so if there is anyone out there who can sing in tune, you would be very welcome to join us. Please ring Patricia McCudden on 95708972 or 0403222278.

Lectors Morning Tea: This is a reminder to all Lectors regarding the morning tea on Sunday 26/11/2017 at 11am. Please RSVP to Caroline Dimeo for catering purposes.

All Lectors are welcome to attend and invitations were sent a few weeks ago. Email - caroline.dimeo09@gmail.com (Please let me know if you did not receive the Paperless Post Invite)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation takes place on Saturday 25 Nov from 10am to 1pm.
Preparation Classes: 2. Sun 5/11 8.45 – 9.45am 3. Sunday 12/11 8.45- 9.45 4. Sun 19/11 8.45 - 9.45am

Collections Last Week

1st: \$ 807	2nd: \$386	Envelopes: \$2081
Money Counters Roster	Sun 7 Nov Tom Ryan Lynne Ekholm	
	Sun 14 Nov Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Maria Pak	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 11 Nov 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Damian & Niamh Callinan	John M Declan M	John Perkins
Sun 12 Nov 8am	Tom Ryan	Michael Gleeson	Martha K Chloe R	Tom Ryan
Sun 12 Nov 10am	John Romanous	Andrew Clark	Beth J Bridget C	Lewis DeGabriele
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 5 Nov	Elaine Hetherington	Brian Rayment	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	
Sun 5 Nov	Natalie Greguric	Marcia Smith	Wendy Grimes	