

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) | | |
| Sunday | 8 am, 10 am | | |
| Monday | 8am (Rosary 7:45) | Confessions | Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm |
| Tuesday | 8 am (Rosary 7:45) | | |
| Wednesday | 8am (Rosary 7:45) | Exposition | Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:30am) |
| Thursday | 12 Noon (Rosary 11.45) | | |
| Friday | 8 am (Rosary 7:45) | | |
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8th April 2018 – Second Sunday of Easter

Masses and Prayers: Joel Webber (rec dec), Patricia Smith (rec dec), Sylviawati Indromojo (rec dec), Edward Pak (ann.29/3), Ivy Phillips (ann.17/3), John Rinaldy (8th ann.), Rita Cutelli & dec members of the Toscano family, Giovanni Tesoriero (ann.21/3), Ljubica Dragovic (ann.31/3), Maria Grskovic (ann.23/3), Dorothy Samuelson (ann.1/4), Imelda Ryan (ann.9/4), Mary Liptak (ann.5/4), May Hargreaves (ann.8/4), members of CWL, and those who are sick.

Second Sunday of Easter: In former times this Sunday was called *Quasi Modo* Sunday. This was taken from the Entrance Antiphon of the Day which reads: *Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation.* The Spiritual milk that we are nourished is faith. Faith is an adventure of the spirit breaking through the world of the senses to the unseen world beyond. It is, in St. Paul's words "*The substance of things to be hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*". It is an encounter with God and our acceptance of the gift that is offered.

The trouble with Thomas in today's gospel was that he wanted evidence of his senses before he would accept that Christ had risen. His faith had been darkened by the gloom of Golgotha. A dead body on the cross was something he could understand and believed in, but a body raised from the dead that was unbelievable though his best friends had told him it was true. Also he must have heard Christ's prophecies about himself. Thomas had a touch of the humanist in him. He would not even trust his eyesight. He must not only see Christ but also touch his wounds before he would believe in him. We have not seen Christ or touched him but we believe. Why? Because the Christ we know from Scripture is one who cannot deceive us, cannot let us down. Our faith in him is not static. It is a living force in our lives. It gives significance to our decisions and encouragement when life becomes difficult. It is our faith that ultimately makes life worth living. Yes, like newborn babes, we crave for that pure spiritual milk of salvation, the gift given to us at baptism and makes us grow to salvation. Without our faith, life would be "full of sound and fury signifying nothing."

Monday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation: Masses are at 8 am and 9.15 am with the School Community.

CatholicCare Sydney: Do you have time to help people in your community?

We need volunteers to provide much needed companionship to elderly people who feel lonely and isolated in South West and Inner West Sydney. If you have time to spend with someone who would truly appreciate it, please call us on 13 18 19 and become a volunteer today.

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CWL meeting that was to be held on 17th March has been CANCELLED. The next meeting will be held on Saturday 21st April at 10am.

Life Ascending Movement: Next meeting is in the Marian Hall on Friday 13 April, from 10.30 am. – 12.30 pm. This new movement, *mainly for retirees*, was formed in Australia only 19 years ago, following the work of the Second Vatican Council. It focuses on both prayer and action. All are welcome. For enquiries contact John Dolan on 9579 3925 or iipidolan@yahoo.com.au.

COLLECTIONS & LITURGY ROSTER

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| 1st: \$1909 | 2nd: \$1369 | Envelopes: \$1560 |
| Money Counters Roster | Sun 10 April | Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan |
| | Sun 17 April | Anna Merrick Sandy Cox Maria Pak |

| | Acolytes and Ministers | Lectors | Altar Servers | Mass Wardens |
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| Sat 7 April 5pm | Phillip Merrick | Nathaniel Gleeson | Anthony A Alex P | Bill Quidley |
| Sun 8 April 8am | Anne Lee | Caroline Dimeo | Emma D Martha K | Tom Ryan |
| Sun 8 April 10am | Glenn Mclachlan | Francis D'Silva | Ana Beretin L Livia V | David Lee |
| Sat 14 April 5pm | Sam Attard | Krystelle Boulos | Beth J Bridget C | Brian Smith |
| Sun 15 April 8am | Tom Ryan | Sandra Soldo | Luke & Marc S | Seb Arena |
| Sun 15 April 10am | Danny Clark | Lewis DeGabriele | David & Anna C | Maureen Owens |
| Children's Liturgy | | Rosary Leader | Altar Society | |
| Sun 8 April | Roseanne McGrath | Brian Rayment | Lynne Ekholm | |
| Sun 15 April | School Holidays | Marcia Smith | Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson | |