

St Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, 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	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Thursday	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
Friday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Saturday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

26th February 2017, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers Florence Anderson (ann. 9/2), Denise Caramsing (ann.), Allan Bible (ann.8/2), Greg Harle (ann.14/2), Paul Ryan (ann.27/02), Umberto Torresan(ann.1/3), Eileen Murphy (ann.26/2), deceased members of CWL, and those who are sick, including, Lucy McCallum, Terri & Chris Sarno, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero and Patricia Dolan .

ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent begins next Wednesday. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others (almsgiving). In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their **eighteenth** year, until the beginning of their **sixtieth** year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their **fourteenth** year. The rationale behind the Church's law is an invitation for us to join ourselves to Jesus in his forty days of self-denial in the desert. As we imitate our Saviour, we confront our own human weakness and remind ourselves of the brevity of life and our need for salvation which only comes through faith and imitation of Christ.

The Paschal precept binds all Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

The practice of almsgiving during Lent is recommended by contributing to **Project Compassion**. Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available this Sunday in the foyer of the Church.

Ash Wednesday Masses with the blessing and imposition of ashes, are at 7 am, 9.15am (with the School Children), and 7 pm.

Stations of the Cross: We will be having the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7 pm in the Church. Come walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified.

Message from Archbishop Anthony

On Wednesday we will receive the mark of ashes on our foreheads, a sign of penance and humility as we begin the season of Lent. We do so with a heightened awareness of the pain

and suffering of all victims of sexual abuse, especially those who were abused by clergy and others representing the Church. May our Lenten penance this year be an act of intercession of solidarity with all who suffer, praying that they may find healing and a renewed trust in God and in other people.

Starting on Wednesday 8th March, during Lent, there will be five **Lenten Discussion Meetings** in the Marion Hall, every Wednesday at 10.30am.

World Day of Prayer service will be held at Christ Church, Mortdale on Friday 3rd March at 10.30 am. The programme has been prepared by ladies from The Philippines.

St Joseph's Primary, Kindergarten Enrolments 2018 - Catholic School Week

Catholic Schools Week will be held from Sunday 5 March - 11 March. The theme for CSW 2017 is 'Inspiring Spirits and Minds' which embodies the essence of who we are as a system of schools. The enrolment period for Kindergarten 2018 commences in Catholic Schools Week, enrolment packs are available from the school office from this week. School tours will be available for parents and children on the following afternoons for new families interested in enrolling their children at St Joseph's.

Monday 6 March 3:30 - 4:00pm; Tuesday 7 March 3:30 - 4:00pm

Wednesday 8 March 3:30 - 4:00pm; Friday 10 March 3:30 - 4:00pm

Please call the school administration office(9580 6588) or email(info@stjoeatley.catholic.edu.au) to book in for a tour during this week.

Collections Last Week

1st: \$904	2nd: \$432	Envelopes: \$2094
Money Counters Roster	Sun 28 Feb Lisa Parry Leanne Graham Tom Ryan	
	Sun 7 Mar Kathryn Wojcicki Lynne Ekholm	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 25 Feb 5 pm	Joe Shakkal	Nathaniel Gleeson	Kyler & Xavier I	Bill Quigley
Sun 26 Feb 8am	Anne Lee	Jelena Suto	Mitchell B Matthew V	Mark Shad
Sun 26 Feb 10am	Danny Clark	George Novak	Jackson A Thomas B	Lewis DeGabriele
Sat 4 Mar 5pm	Phillip Merrick	Chris' Mitchell	Declan M Alex P	John Perkins
Sun 5 Mar 8am	Tom Ryan	Kyle Mclachlan	Luke & Marc S	Seb Arena
Sun 5 Mar 10am	Glenn McLachlan	Andrew Clark	George B Hamish B	David Lee
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 26 Feb	Fiona Doolan	Lewis DeGabriele	Marcia Smith Joan Gilmore	
Sun 5 Mar	Elaine Hetherington	Brian Rayment	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	