

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

15th January 2017, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Walter Hollis (rec dec), Phillip Trinder (rec dec), Kelly Sherlock (ann.11/01), Carlo DeMare (ann.12/01), Erwin Krakhoker (ann.18/01), Alveen Laing (ann.15/01), John Lloyd (ann.17/01), deceased members of CWL, for souls in purgatory, and those who are sick, including, Terri & Chris Sarno, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero and Patricia Dolan .

Baptism.

The Sacrament of Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments. Through Baptism, we are freed from original sin, and re-born as adopted sons and daughters of God. We become members of Christ, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that we may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light. (1 Peter 2 : 9). Baptism is aptly called by the Church, the Sacrament of Regeneration through water and the word.

Usually the Church requires that a child or adult be baptised in his or her own Parish Church. Parishioners of St Joseph's Church at Oatley should contact the Parish Office to make an appointment to speak with Fr Paul about the requirements for Baptism.

Baptisms are held every Sunday at 11am, after the 10 am Parish Mass. It is customary to give an offering (Stole Fees) after the ceremony and to bring your own Baptism Candle.

Baptism of Infants

Infants are baptised at the request of their parents , who consciously wish to share their faith with their children. The parents must understand that Almighty God holds them responsible for the Christian upbringing of the baptised infant. They will acknowledge how the child's first school is the home where they will endeavour to set a pattern of true Catholic living, and in

particular, they will acknowledge their duty to promote family prayer and **to be faithful to their Sunday Mass obligation.**

It is also required that there should be two Godparents to assist the parents in the Christian upbringing of the child and to profess, with the parents, the Church's faith in which the child is baptised. Godparents chosen by the parents should be Catholics. A baptised and believing Christian who is not a member of the Catholic Church may act as a Christian witness along with a Catholic Godparent.

Baptism of children of catechetical age (7 years or over)

Before these children are baptised they are required to undergo a period of instruction in the truths held and taught by the Catholic Church. This period will depend upon the understanding of the Child. Usually this instruction would be part of the religious curriculum in the parish School, or a Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian for Adults) program.

Baptism of Adults

Candidates for Adult Baptism are prepared through a Parish (RCIA). This process usually takes one year and the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation) are usually administered as part of the Easter Vigil ceremonies on Holy Saturday night.

Collections Last Week

1st: \$887	2nd: \$456	Envelopes: \$1908
Money Counters Roster	Sun 17 Jan Brian & Marcia Smith	
	Sun 24 Jan Kathryn Wojcicki Phil Stevens	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 14 Jan 5pm	Phillip Merrick	Carreon Family	Kyler & Xavier I	Rafe Kowron
Sun 15 Jan 8am	Anne Lee	Chris' Mitchell	Bridget C Chloe R	Mark Shad
Sun 15 Jan 1 0am	Danny Clark	Damian & Niamh Callinan	Joseph P Mitchell L	Maureen Owens
Sat 21 Jan 5pm	Vince Cordi	Francis DiSilva	Alex P Mitchell B	John Perkins
Sun 22 Jan 8am	Tom Ryan	Barry Gilmore	Luke & Rory G	Seb Arena
Sun 22 Jan 10am	Joe Shakkal	Hayden & Christie Merrick	George & Marita B	George Battikha
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 15 Jan	School Holidays	Lewis DeGabriele	Margaret Rayment Kath Richardson	
Sun 22 Jan	School Holidays	Brian Rayment	Marcia Smith Joan Gilmore	