

## 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)
<b>Saturday</b>	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)		
<b>Sunday</b>	8 am, 10 am		
<b>Monday</b>	8am (Rosary 7:45)	<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	<b>Exposition</b>	Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:30am)
<b>Thursday</b>	9 am (Rosary 8.45)		
<b>Friday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Saturday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

## 22nd January 2017, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses and Prayers:** Walter Hollis (rec dec), Phillip Trinder (rec dec), Daniel Beljo ( 15<sup>th</sup>ann) Dudley Byers (21/01), Ted Murphy (ann 15/1), Carlo DeMare (ann.12/01), John Mc Hart (ann.29/1), Mary Stephenson (ann.28/01), deceased members of CWL, for souls in purgatory, and those who are sick, including, Terri & Chris Sarno, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero and Patricia Dolan .

### AUSTRALIA DAY

On Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, all over Australia and perhaps Australians overseas, will be celebrating our National Day. Up to 1988, Australia Day was a relatively minor affair with a re-enactment ceremony in the little Park in Loftus Street and Macquarie Place. It was a re-enactment of European Settlement of Australia by the British in 1788 when the British flag was raised in that vicinity and Captain Arthur Phillip took possession of the Land on behalf of the Crown. All this took place under the curious and watchful eyes of the Gadigal people, who had lived in this land for thousands of years.

Prior to 1988, most Australians would not have realised that the 26<sup>th</sup> January was in fact Australia Day, being an ordinary working day. However, a Public Holiday was always observed on the Monday following the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Today we observe Australia Day as a truly National Day and fittingly on the actual day it falls (26<sup>th</sup> January), rather than perpetuate the hitherto practice of a "long weekend". We have also moved beyond the notion of British sovereignty and colonialism, but celebrate on this day our identity as a Nation and the various cultures that make up the fabric of our society, including the contribution of the Aboriginal people who came and settled this country first.

There is no better way to celebrate our special day than by attending Mass to pray for this great Nation of ours, and to ask God's continued blessing of all its people. We are enriched by our diversity of backgrounds and cultures, but strengthened by our national identity and unity. God bless Australia!

**A special Mass for Australia Day** will be celebrated in the Parish Church at 9 am on Thursday. As Thursday is a public holiday there will be no Mass at 12 noon or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Our next **Lectors Roster** will be drawn up at the end of January 2017. If you would like to sign up to read at any of the Masses, (young parishioners 16 years and over are most welcome to join in) please fill in the list in the foyer of the church. Likewise if existing Lectors want to change arrangements eg; days, Mass times , holidays etc, please add your details to the list, or contact the Parish Secretary on 9580 1864 or [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au).

**Catechist Sunday** will be celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> February with the Saturday Vigil Mass. It will be great if as many of you as possible can attend the Mass. A light supper will be provided afterwards in the church hall which will provide the opportunity for everyone to get together for the first time this year.

The program for tea bag labels is finished, so please don't donate anymore of them.

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, (behind the church , entrance via St James Ave), Earlwood: Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be on Sunday 12 February, commencing with Rosary at 2.30pm and Mass and Blessing of the Sick at 3pm. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Richard Umbers. Disabled parking is limited to the main drive entrance to the Grotto. Parking is also available in the Council carpark and surrounding streets

### Collections Last Week

1st: \$784	2nd: \$874	Envelopes: \$1928
Money Counters Roster	Sun 24 Jan	Kathryn Wojcicki Phil Stevens
	Sun 31 Jan	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan

### Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
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
Sat 28 Jan 5pm	Sam Attard	Jean DeVine	Anthony A Thomas B	Bill Quigley
Sun 29 Jan 8am	Anne Lee	Sandra Green	Martha K Emma D	Tom Ryan
Sun 29 Jan 10am	John Romanous	Joseph Nadile	Bella & Jackson A	Lewis DeGabriele
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 22 Jan	School Holidays	Brian Rayment	Marcia Smith Joan Gilmore	
Sun 29 Jan	School Holidays	Marcia Smith	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	