

St Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses

Saturday	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
Sunday	8 am, 10 am
Monday	8am (Rosary 7:45)
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)

Baptisms	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Exposition	Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:30am)

29th January 2017, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Prayers: Walter Hollis (rec dec), Phillip Trinder (rec dec), John Feely(ann.4/2), Joseph Gatt (ann.), Henry Baskil (ann.), John Machhart (ann.29/1), Ellen Munro (ann.31/1), Janice Anderson (ann.3/1), Marie McGuinness (ann.4/2), Betty Chapman (ann.31/1), Vilma Burns (ann.3/2), Daniel Beljo (15thann) 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, and those who are sick, including, Terri & Chris Sarno, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero and Patricia Dolan .

THE DATE OF EASTER AND MOVEABLE FEASTS FOR 2017

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars as December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move based upon the date that Easter is set. In the Western Church Easter is determined as the Sunday falling after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall on any Sunday between 22nd March and 25th April.

Most missals and Christian Calendars (e.g. Columban Calendar) will include these dates from year to year, but in earlier days before calendars were common, most people would not have known the dates for the upcoming year. It was a time honoured custom that on the Feast of the Epiphany, the important dates of the **moveable** Feasts of the Church's year were solemnly proclaimed by the Deacon at High Mass after the singing of the Gospel. We no longer follow this quaint and antique practice, but it is good to know what these dates will be this year, 2017.

The centre point of the Liturgy is always Easter, and this year it will be observed on the **16th April**. The beginning of the Lenten Season in preparation for Easter will be on the **1st March, Ash Wednesday. Ascension Day** in Australia will be celebrated on the **28th May. Pentecost Sunday** will on the **4th June, Trinity Sunday, on the 11th June** and the **feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** will be on **the 18th June**, and the Friday following, **the 23rd June**, will be the Solemnity of **the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. The Last

Sunday of the Church's year, **the Solemnity of Christ the King**, will be celebrated on **the 26th November**, and a new Church year will commence with the **First Sunday of Advent on the 3rd December. (to be continued.....)**

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.

Catechist Sunday will be celebrated on 4th 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.

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: \$760	2nd: \$380	Envelopes: \$1512
Money Counters Roster	Sun 31 Jan	Lynne Ekholm Leo Sullivan
	Sun 7 Feb	Tom Ryan Anna Merrick Maria Pak

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
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	Tom Ryan
Sun 29 Jan 10am	John Romanous	Joseph Nadile	Bella & Jackson A	Lewis DeGabriele
Sat 4 Feb 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	TBA	Declan & Sorcha M	Brian Smith
Sun 5 Feb 8 am	Tom Ryan	TBA	Alana & Audrey G	Tom Ryan
Sun 5 Feb 10am	Phillip Merrick	TBA	Matthew & Nicholas D	David Lee
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 29 Jan	School Holidays	Marcia Smith	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	
Sun 5 Feb	Angela Nadile	Lewis DeGabriele	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	