

## 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>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8 am, 10 am		
<b>Monday</b>	8am (Rosary 7:45)	<b>Exposition</b>	Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:30am)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	8am (Rosary 7.45)		
<b>Thursday</b>	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
<b>Friday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Saturday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

**Fridays during Lent: 7pm Stations of the Cross.**

## 25th February 2018 – Second Sunday of Lent

**Masses and Prayers:** Peter Cummins (rec dec), Sylviawati Indromojo (rec dec) Steve Hoy (dec), Raymond Mercer (ann.18/2), Patricia Freeman (ann.21/2), Virginia Cameron (ann.14/2), Ronald Cahill (ann.18/2), Joan Cahill (ann.20/2), Alfio Faenza (ann.) Paul Ryan (ann.27/2), Umberto Torresan (ann.1/3), Eileen Murphy (26/2) members of CWL, and those who are sick, including, Marcella Hill, Carole Tesoriero & Emma Dowling.

**Second Sunday of Lent:** The readings today invite us to listen and to trust that God will lead us in ways that are life-giving. Abraham learns that he can trust God with the life of his precious son, even though what he is asked to do seems contrary to all God's previous promises. His obedience and faithfulness are blessed by God.

**Pope Francis has recommendations for how we might engage in our own spiritual renewal during Lent:** Fast from hurting words and say kind words instead; Fast from anger and be filled with patience; Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope; Fast from worries and have trust in God; Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity; Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy; Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others; Fast from grudges and be reconciled; Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Rattanak is a skilled young barber living an independent life in rural Cambodia. But it wasn't always that way. As a child he contracted polio and also became deaf. Like many people who are deaf or hard of hearing, Rattanak faced isolation at home, with a lack of opportunity to escape poverty. His sister discovered the Deaf Development Program (DDP) run by Caritas Australia partner, Maryknoll Cambodia. It provides sign language, job training and interpreting services to people aged 16 and over who are deaf or hard of hearing and aims to raise awareness about deafness in the hearing community. So far, it has helped over 430 deaf or hard of hearing people with their education and more than 200 people to find jobs. It has also trained more than 300 people without deafness as sign language interpreters. Rattanak graduated from its education program in 2010 returning the

following year to train as a barber. The DDP then helped him to set up his shop in his parent's house in the village. Having emerged from his isolated world at home, Rattanak is now running a successful business, supporting himself and his wife....and now a baby! **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.**

**Prayers of Forgiveness and Reparation** for all people who have been affected, directly or indirectly, by abuse within the Church. The prayers centered on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, will be in **St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, at 6.30 pm on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, which is an **Ember Day** of prayer and fasting throughout Australia. Survivors of abuse who feel able to attend this liturgy are warmly welcome.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** will be celebrated from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March. The 2019 Kindergarten Enrolment Period commences during this week. School tours will be available on the following afternoons for new families interested in enrolling their children at St. Joseph's. Enrolment packs will be available from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March for collection.**  
**School tour dates: 5, 6, 8, and 9 March at 3.30pm.**

**Paschal Lambs :** They are a special symbol of Easter and you will be helping the Michaelite Priests. We will endeavour to have them available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March at each Mass. Kindly complete the form in the foyer. Orders will only be accepted until 28/2/18.SVDP Oatley

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will be held in our Church on Friday 2nd March at 10am. Country of Suriname has prepared this service. All parishioners are cordially invited. Morning tea will follow.

### COLLECTIONS & LITURGY ROSTER

1st: \$591		2nd: \$806		Envelopes: \$1661	
Money Counters Roster	Sun 27 Feb Leanne Graham Lisa Parry				
	Sun 6 March Brian & Marcia Smith				
	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens	
Sat 24 5pm	Glenn McLachlan	Nathaniel Gleeson	Chloe R Bridget C	John Perkins	
Sun 25 8am	Anne Lee	Mirjana Males	Marc & Luke S	Tom Ryan	
Sun 25 10am	Danny Clark	George Novak	Paris S Marita B	N/A	
Sat 3 Mar 5pm	TBA	Chris Mitchell	Alex P Mitchell B	Bill Quigley	
Sun 4 Mar 8am	Rob Dimeo	Kyle McLachlan	Ivan G Matthew V	Seb Arena	
Sun 4 Mar 10am	TBA	Lewis DeGabriele	Alana & Audrey G	Lewis DeGabriele	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		<b>Rosary Leader</b>	<b>Altar Society</b>		
Sun 25 Feb	Family Mass	Marcia Smith	Marcia Smith Marg Vella		
Sun 4 Mar	Leilah Nelson	Lewis DeGabriele	Susan Canham Angela Nadile		