

St Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment (usually Sunday, 11am)
Saturday	6 pm (Vigil for Sunday)	Confessions	Saturday 5:00-5:45 pm
Sunday	8 am, 10 am	(the confessional is in the sacristy and is completely private and anonymous)	
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	Exposition	Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:40am)
Wednesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Thursday	12 noon (Rosary 11:45)		
Friday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Saturday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

21 September 2008: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and prayers: Please pray for Rebecca McDonald (recently deceased, funeral 17 Sept), Hendrikus Emans (died 12/9/08, funeral 18 Sept), David Way (ann. 13/9), Rev Bernard Way (ann. 23/9) and those who are sick or who have asked for or need our prayers, including, Eileen Rathke, Deenel Park, Rita Wagstaff, Melanie Ajaka, Flavian Harris, Cath Mullally, Alexis Blades, Antoinette Karam, Margaret Hinton, Michelle Steffens, Terry Clark, Des O'Connell, Susan Childs, Denise Bailey, and Gabrielle.

Fr John away: I will be on a brief break from Tuesday 23 September until the end of the school holidays. During my absence, Fr Vince Reilly will be living in the parish and conducting liturgies as normal from Saturday, Sept 27 until my return. Unfortunately, Fr Vince cannot come to the parish until that Saturday so there will be communion services from Tuesday the 23rd until after the 8am Saturday service. I warmly welcome Fr Vince back to the parish.

Confirmation: This Sunday at 2:00pm Monsignor Bayada will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish. Our congratulations to the candidates, and our thanks to their parents and to Maureen Horne and to the team of catechists, Vicki McGrath, Jane Gleeson and the St Joseph's School Choir and other helpers who worked so hard to prepare the candidates.

Vocation Discernment Weekend – Fri evening to Sun afternoon (3-5 Oct 2008): "Why would God call an ordinary person like me?" Come to a free live-in retreat at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush, to listen to talks on what weaknesses the saints had on their way to sanctity. Those who attend do not need to attend the whole weekend, but must register for catering purposes. For registration or enquiries please contact the Vocation Centre on 9390 5287 or vocations@sydney.catholic.org.au

Convenor, Catholic Chaplaincy, University of Sydney: The Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of Convenor, Catholic Chaplaincy at the University of Sydney. This is a full time role based in Broadway. Applications to Anthony Spata, Polding Centre, Level

5, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney NSW 2000 or anthony.spata@ado.syd.catholic.org.au. Enquiries on 9390 5317. Please see notice-board for further details.

Change in Collection Procedure: As notified last weekend, starting this weekend we will take up both collections at the offertory time. At those Masses with an offertory hymn, the collections will be on either side of the hymn.

Counting roster. We are still in the training phase. Margaret Pullen, who has counted the money for many years with her husband Geoff, has generously agreed to assist on a weekly basis and will help "initiate" the newer counters. Thanks, Margaret! The roster is "work in progress."

Weekly Envelopes: A request from counters and our recorder: would contributors please write the amount of their donation in the space on the front of the envelope. This makes it much easier. Thank you!

The Annual Catechist Mass will be held at St Mary's Cathedral at 2pm this Sunday. All catechists and their families & friends are invited to attend. Oatley catechists receiving awards are: Bill Monaghan (Apostolic Blessing for 20 years service), Marilynne Sontag & Nathalie Yamine (both Certificate of Accreditation). Congratulations to Bill, Marilynne and Nathalie. Well done! Unfortunately, this year this Mass clashes with Confirmation at Oatley.

Collections Last Weekend

1st: \$760	2nd: \$280	Envelopes: \$1510
Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal to date:		\$1108
Money Counters Roster		
Sun 21 Sep	To be advised	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 20 Sep 6pm	Phillip Merrick	Barry Gilmore	Thomas Merrick Hayden Merrick	Rafe Kowron
Sun 21 Sep 8am	Vince Cordi	Bill Monaghan	Michael Armson Jordan West	Mark Shad
Sun 21 Sep 10am	Glenn McLachlan	Margaret Bleakley	Jamie Dimeo Julia Triani	Brian Smith
Sat 27 Sep 6pm	Danny Clark	Maureen Horne	Thomas Clark Jamie Dimeo	Paul Doepel
Sun 28 Sep 8am	Sam Attard	Jean Devine	Melanie Ajaka Isabella Boulos	Seb Arena
Sun 28 Sep 10am	Phillip Merrick	Damian Callinan	Niamh Callinan Alexandra Elliott	David Lee
Children's Liturgy			Altar Society	
Sun 21 Sep	Sandra Green		Margaret Rayment, Virginia Cameron, Pat Doepel	
Sun 28 Sep	No Liturgy – School Holidays		Marcia Smith, Joan Gilmore	

