

St Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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Schedule of Masses		Baptisms	By appointment (usually first and third Sunday, 11am)
Saturday	5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)		
Sunday	8 am, 10 am		
Tuesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
Wednesday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	Confessions	Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
Thursday	12 noon (Rosary 11:45)		
Friday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)	Exposition	Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:40am)
Saturday	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

19 February 2012: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent

- Masses this week:** Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be at 7am and also at 9.15am to allow the St Joseph's school to mark the beginning of Lent.
- Lenten fast and abstinence.** Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 60; the law of abstinence binds those who are 14 or older. This is the minimal legal requirement, but Lent is much more than a legal obligation; it is an invitation to join ourselves to Jesus in his forty days of self-denial in the desert. As we imitate our Saviour, we confront our own human weakness and remind ourselves of the brevity of life and our need for salvation which only comes through imitation of Christ.
- The Law of Fast and Abstinence for Lent:** These laws are on the noticeboard of the Church and copies are available from the table in the foyer.
- Stations of the Cross:** We will be having the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent at 7pm in the Church. Come walk the journey in memory of Christ crucified.
- Project Compassion** promotes peace by pursuing justice. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or set of envelopes and give generously this Lent. Your donations allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to alleviate poverty and bring hope and justice to disadvantaged communities throughout the world. Collection boxes will be in the foyer.
- Lenten groups:** The Lenten Program will commence during the first week of Lent. If you wish to participate in a group please contact Margaret in the office.
- Palms:** Last year's palms to be used for Ash Wednesday can be left in the foyer.

Masses and prayers: Please pray for Raymond Mercer (ann. 18/2), Patricia Freeman (ann. 21/2), Joan Cahill (ann. 20/2) and those who are sick or who have asked for or need our prayers, including Fr Pat Keenan, Antoine Bakhos, Banjo Rosemont, Ted Bleakley, Katrina Klepac, and Karen Smith.

Fr John will be returning to the Parish this Tuesday 21 February. Many thanks to Fr Kevin O'Shea for helping out with weekend masses in Fr John's absence.

Children's Liturgy Group for next Sunday only will be held exclusively for kindergarten as part of the kindergarten welcome Mass at 10am.

2012 Vigil Mass Time Change: The Vigil Mass is now celebrated at 5pm on Saturday. Confessions are from 4.00 – 4.45pm.

The Parish morning tea will be held in the Marian Hall after the 8am Mass this Sunday, 19 February. **Everyone welcome.**

Kathleen Evans, the cancer survivor from Newcastle who came to prominence a few years ago as the recipient of a miracle by Saint Mary MacKillop, will be on *Australian Story* this Monday.

World Day of Prayer is a day - the first Friday of March each year - when coordinated services of Christian worship and prayer are held in over 170 countries across the world. The program for the service is prepared by women from one focus country, this year Malaysia. St Joseph's Church Oatley will host this district's Ecumenical Service on Friday 2 March at 10.30 am. We do hope that our Church will be well represented by many enthusiastic men and women of our parish. Morning tea will be served in the Marian Hall after the service. Ladies a plate please.

Collections Last Week

1st: \$765	2nd: \$324	Envelopes: \$1,382
Money Counters Roster	Sun 19 Feb Sun 26 Feb	Margaret Pullen, Leo Sullivan, Kathryn Wojcicki Margaret Pullen, Marcia Smith, Brian Smith

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 18 Feb 5pm	Sam Attard	Nathaniel Gleeson	Adriana B Jasmin C	Brian Smith
Sun 19 Feb 8am	Ellis Bollard	Damian/Niamh Callinan	Sara A Chloe B	Seb Arena
Sun 19 Feb 10am	Rod West	Sandra Green	Luke M Ross G	Lewis Degabriele
Sat 25 Feb 5pm	Vince Cordi	Barry Gilmore	Justin C Lucas P	Richard McMillan
Sun 26 Feb 8am	Tom Ryan	Jean Devine	Jonathan L Andrew C	Tom Ryan
Sun 26 Feb 10am	Glenn McLachlan	Emma Bennett	Krystelle B Sian A	David Lee
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 19 Feb	Maureen Vinalon	Bill Monaghan	Margaret Rayment, Kath Richardson	
Sun 26 Feb	Special Kindergarten Liturgy	Brian Rayment	Marcia Smith, Joan Gilmore	

Upcoming Parish Events

Feb 26	Sun	10am	Kindergarten Welcome Mass
Mar 2	Fri	10.30am	World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service at St Joseph's

