

## 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>	8am (Rosary 7:45)	<b>Exposition</b>	Thursday, 9am to 11.45am (with benediction at 11.30am)
<b>Thursday</b>	12 Noon (Rosary 11.45)		
<b>Friday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		
<b>Saturday</b>	8 am (Rosary 7:45)		

### 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – The Most Holy Trinity

**Masses and Prayers:** Barbara Oakes (rec dec), Connie Smith (ann.25/5) Dulcie Byers (ann.23/5), Maureen Stevens (ann.31/5), All souls in Purgatory, members of CWL, and those who are sick.

**Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity** – God's own Feast day! We believe as Christians that we meet God in three relationships, each of which is personal; each of which is a relationship of love. We meet God as our Father who created us out of love and keeps us in being because he wants a response of love from us. We meet his Son, Jesus Christ, who is both God and man, who lived and died and rose again out of love for us to save us from evil. We meet God also in his Spirit who gives us strength and courage to face the challenges of life. We meet all three persons in the inner sanctuary of our being as St. Paul tells us "Do you not know that you are the temples of God and the Spirit of God dwells within you?" It is then in these three relationships that we think of the Trinity. We do not think of them as three dictators sitting on three different thrones; they form one God, not three but they differ in their relationships with us.

It was Christ who revealed to us the love of the Father and the Spirit and his own abiding love for us. Christ was appointed the official interpreter of God on earth. Christ's teaching about the nature of God gives warmth and beauty to the whole of life. It shows us a God who is not cold and distant, like the God of the philosophers, but a God who takes and interest in every individual life as Father, redeemer and spiritual guide and comforter. ***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

**State Schools' Mass:** will be celebrated at 10am on Thursday, 31 May at St Joseph's, Oatley. The Mass is celebrated for Y3-Y6 Catholic scripture students from the three local State Primary schools. Parents of the students and any other parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018** The parish's first holy communion preparation program is due to start on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May and will run over a four week period. We ask that you keep all candidates and their families in your prayers. The sacrament will be received during the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 16 June and during two separate masses on Sunday 17 June, to be held at 1.30pm and 4pm. Please note that the front half of the church will be reserved for candidates and their families at the Saturday Vigil Mass.

**Walk with Christ – Sunday 3 June 2018.** All are invited to participate in this year's Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 3 June 2018. Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will follow the Blessed Sacrament through the Sydney CBD, finishing at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction. If you are unable to join us for the Procession, you are more than welcome to join us for Adoration and Benediction from approximately 3:30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt. The event will conclude at approximately 4:30pm.

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal** will be held on the weekend of 2/3 June. Envelopes will be placed on the pews. Please donate to help the homeless and people undergoing hardship this winter.

### COLLECTIONS & LITURGY ROSTER

1st: \$413	2nd: \$328	Envelopes: \$1442
Money Counters Roster	Sun 29 May Brian and Marcia Smith	
	Sun 5 June Vince & Jenny Elliott	

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 26 May 5pm	Phillip Merrick	George Novak	Anna & David C	Richard McMillan
Sun 27 May 8am	Tom Ryan	Sandra Soldo	No Altar servers	Seb Arena
Sun 27 May 10am	Joe Shakkal	Alison Felici	Marita B Emma D	Lewis DeGabriele
Sat 2 June 5pm	TBA	Caroline Dimeo	Sorcha & Bridie Mc	John Perkins
Sun 3 June 8am	Robert Dimeo	Darren McDowell	No Altar servers	Mark Shad
Sun 3 June 10am	TBA	Emma Bennett	Livia V Ana Beretin Li	David Lee
Children's Liturgy		Rosary Leader	Altar Society	
Sun 27 May	Elaine Hetherington	Marcia Smith	Marcia Smith Marg Vella	
Sun 3 June	Leilah Nelson	Lewis DeGabriele	Susan Canham Angela Nadile	