

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 (the confessional is in the sacristy and is completely private and anonymous)
Sunday	8 am, 10 am	Exposition	Suspended during school holidays
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)		

5 October 2008: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and prayers: Please pray for John Bernard McMillan (ann. 26/9), John Kevin McMillan (ann. 2/10), Joseph and Bertha Connors (anniversary) 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.

Farewell to Fr Vince and welcome home to Fr John: Fr Vince will be leaving us on Thursday. A fond farewell and big thank you to Fr Vince from all the parishioners. Fr John will return to the Parish on Thursday.

The Children's Singing Group will be singing next Sunday 12 October at the 10am Mass. New voices always welcome.

Respect Life Sunday, 5 October 2008: Today in the Archdiocese we are celebrating Respect Life Sunday. This is an opportunity to pray for greater love and respect for human life at every stage and in every condition. This year we are focusing upon how we can provide practical support and love to parents, especially mothers as they prepare for the birth of a child. A brochure on this theme, Welcoming and Celebrating the Gift of New Life, has been distributed to Sydney parishes. Please take one.

A message from Catherine Coman: Thank you to all of the wonderful parishioners who volunteered to assist with our Reading Program at St Joseph's. I will contact you early next term to set a date for a training session.

Parish History, a note from Norm Windred: I am currently putting together a history of the parish and would appreciate written contributions, photos and press clippings to ensure a full and accurate final result. These could be given to me personally or to Margaret in the office. Please put them in a large envelope with name and address so that they can be returned in due course. *Norm Windred*

St Joseph's Family Support Group will be running an **All new one-day Happy Kids Parenting Course:-** Will be held Monday 27 October in the Marian Hall 9.15am to 3pm. A workbook,

morning tea and lunch will be provided. Will look at many aspects of parenting kids from ages 0-18. Learn skills to help your kids be happy both in the short and long term. At a specially reduced cost of \$40. Bookings essential! Phone Saskia West 9580 7728.

BE EQUIPPED – Calling ALL Young People Ages 18 – 30

Want to be an Active Witness and be equipped to help other young people experience Christ? A post-WYD Youth Leaders Formation Course is just what you need! It is a one month - live in program at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre Grosevale, with the rewards of learning about leadership, faith, prayer and being a witness for the world. Meet other young people from across Sydney by taking part in a dynamic, fun and amazing spiritual journey. Cost \$495 only, which includes all meals, accommodation and resource materials. Places are limited and application closes on the 24th of October. For more information please contact Thérèse Nichols on 93905448 or email therese.nichols@wyd2008.org. (Download PDF with more details: http://www.sydney.catholic.org.au/events/Activi8/YouthLeadersFormationCourse_08.pdf)

Remembering those Married at St. Mary's: Those married at St. Mary's Cathedral, along with their families, are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday 12 October. The Mass at 10.30am in the Cathedral, with special blessing and renewal of vows, will be followed by morning tea. Earlier generations of marriages will also be remembered. (RSVP Mari 9220 0411).

Collections Last Weekend

1st: \$1227	2nd: \$783	Envelopes: \$1493
Money Counters Roster		
Sun 5 Oct Sun 12 Oct	Margaret Pullen, Marilynne Sontag Margaret Pullen, Bernie Jenner, Leo Sullivan	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 4 Oct 6pm	Sam Attard	Mark O'Brien	Georgia Scotton Madeleine Cox	Bill Quigley
Sun 5 Oct 8am	Phillip Merrick	Caroline Dimeo	Jamie Dimeo Thomas Merrick	Tom Ryan
Sun 5 Oct 10am	Louis Minihan	Roderick West	Alexandra Elliott Alex Sherman	Maureen Owens
Sat 11 Oct 6pm	Vince Cordi	Rayma Papworth	Lachlan Watt Julia Triani	Richard McMillan
Sun 12 Oct 8am	Sam Attard	Mirjana Males	Jordan West Jemille West	Mark Shad
Sun 12 Oct 10am	Phillip Merrick	Thomas Merrick	Alex Merrick Hayden Merrick	Terry Clark
Children's Liturgy			Altar Society	
Sun 5 Oct	No Liturgy – School Holidays		Margaret Pullen, Willy Van Wanrooy	
Sun 12 Oct	No Liturgy – School Holidays		Wendy Grimes, Freda Jenner	

