

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	Thursday, 9am to 11:45am (with benediction at 11:40am)
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)		

7 September 2008: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and prayers: Please pray for Fr Michael (Steve) Hogan (died 29/8), Judy Byers (died 3/9, funeral 5/9), Rosaria Mangano (died 4/9), Rita Gorman (died 1/9, Judy Byers' sister), John Ward (died 29/8, aged 9), Robert Byers (ann. 1/9), Charles Dwyer (ann. 8/9), Mollie Sainsbery (ann. 10/9) and those who are sick or who have asked for or need our prayers, including, 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.

For those who nurtured our Faith

The second annual appeal for the **Retired Priests** of the Archdiocese will be held today. There is a rapidly increasing need for support of our sick and retired priests. Due to the looming increase in the number of priests to retire there is a real need for all Catholics to contribute to the Priest Retirement Foundation (established 2007). There are now 64 retired priests in Sydney. Soon there will be significantly more. Your generosity will allow our priests to retire with dignity and security, and be provided with the health care, accommodation and support they deserve. A nice story on Father Bill Hannon a recently retired priest is featured in this week's Catholic Weekly p14-15. (Envelopes and Brochures available in the pews today).

Catechist Notice: In the next few weeks Fr John will be making his third term visits to the 3 local State Primary schools.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will hold their next meeting on Saturday 13th September at 10 am in the Marian Hall. Any knitting for the New Guinea babies would be very much appreciated and may be left on the table at the Church.

Blood stocks severely low - National appeal called: The Australian Red Cross Blood Service (ARCBS) has announced a national appeal, in response to severely low blood stocks. Donations have been on the decline and blood stocks are low, in all blood groups. The ARCBS is urging Australians to give blood over the next two weeks. To make an appointment to give blood, call 13 14 95 or visit www.donateblood.com.au.

Invitation to Book Launch: "Call me David" Bishop David Cremin – a Memoir by Fr John McSweeney PE will be launched in the Crypt of St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 19 September at 2.30pm. It is sponsored by Foxtel who are sending a film crew to cover the launch. Proceeds will go entirely to charity. Recommended price \$29.95 but only \$25 for parishioners. All parishioners and friends are invited. For catering purposes please ring the Kingsgrove Parish Office on 9150 9665 (leaving message).

Money counters roster and meeting. Thank you to those who offered to go on a roster, which started last weekend. A training session will be held on Sunday, September 14 at 9.30am.

The Children's Singing Group will be singing next Sunday 14 September at the 10am Mass. New voices always welcome.

Australian Catholic University (ACU National) Open Night will be held on *Saturday 10 September* at the North Sydney Campus (MacKillop) at 40 Edward St, North Sydney from 5 till 8pm. The Strathfield Campus (Mount Saint Mary) at 25A Barker Rd, Strathfield, is having their **Open Day** on Saturday 13 September from 9am – 4pm. ACU National offers programs in Arts, Business, Education, Environmental Science, Exercise Science, Information Services, Nursing, Social Work, Theology and Visual Arts and Design. Visit www.acu.edu.au for more information.

Collections Last Weekend

1st: \$769	2nd: \$363	Envelopes: \$1489
Money Counters Roster		
Sun 7 Sep	Bernie Jenner, Leo Sullivan	
Sun 14 Sep	Margaret Pullen, Vesna Zuvic	

Parish Liturgy Roster

	Acolytes and Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Mass Wardens
Sat 6 Sep 6pm	Phillip Merrick	Brian/Marcia Smith	Kirsten Brymer Georgia Scotton	Bill Quigley
Sun 7 Sep 8am	Sam Attard	Shirley Quinlan	Jamie Dimeo Alexandra Elliott	Seb Arena
Sun 7 Sep 10am	Glenn McLachlan	Carreon Family	Kyle McLachlan Jared McLachlan	Maureen Owens
Sat 13 Sep 6pm	Sam Attard	Carmel Bollard	Lachlan Watt Madeleine Cox	Terry Clark
Sun 14 Sep 8am	Danny Clark	Susan Canham	Niamh Callinan Gabrielle Liaker	Tom Ryan
Sun 14 Sep 10am	Vince Cordi	Michael Gleeson	Melanie Ajaka Isabella Boulos	John Perkins
Children's Liturgy			Altar Society	
Sun 7 Sep	Fiona Doolan		Margaret Pullen, Willy Van Wanrooy	
Sun 14 Sep	Karen Horder, Cath Bush, Bronte Horder		Wendy Grimes, Freda Jenner	

