

## St Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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

## 7 March 2010: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### The Season of Lent

- Project Compassion.** The good news of the Gospel challenges us to change ourselves and our world for the better. Caritas Australia provides a practical realisation of this. Please take the box or envelopes to support Caritas.
- Stations of the Cross and confessions:** We will be having the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent at 7pm in the Church, followed by Confessions.

**Masses and prayers:** Please pray for Fr Alan Crawford (died 26/2), Garry Thorne (died 27/2), Celia Martin (died 27/2), Shirley Carroll (recently deceased), Betty Way (ann. 2/3), Maria Esther Orozco (ann. 22/2), Mary Eileen Doherty (ann. 28/2), David O'Connor (ann. 10/3), Lilian Hayden (ann.), Debbie Donahue (ann.), Kata and Antun Pejic (ann.) and those who are sick or who have asked for or need our prayers, including, Grace Liptak, Colin Graham, Deborah Costa, Shan Hocking and Fr Vince Hurley.

**Catechist Meeting:** The term 1 Oatley catechist meeting will be held in the church hall at 12.30pm on Thursday 11 May. All catechists are invited to attend, if available.

**Sacramental program piety items.** The St Vincent de Paul Society has acquired stock of religious items suitable for the upcoming sacramental program in the Parish. Prices are as marked and moneys for purchases can be left with the Mass warden or placed in the Piety Box on the church door.

**Lectors Roster** for 2010 has been completed. Please collect from the box in the foyer.

**CHOIR IS DESPERATE** for new members. We have lost a couple this year due to illness and moving house and in general we are all getting older. It is not a big commitment – just once a month – so there may be a few parishioners out there with reasonable voices. There are definitely no Pavarottis amongst us. Please give Patricia McCudden a call on 9570 8972 or 0403 222 278 if you are at all interested.

**Thinking about becoming a priest?** You're not the only one. There are over 40 men in our seminary discerning a possible call to the Priesthood and a further 5 who have been ordained

as deacons. Come and find out more at the Vocation Enquiry Day on Sunday 14 March 2010 at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. The day includes talks on the formation in the seminary, the application process and real life stories from current seminarians. There will also be guided tours of the Seminary and the Catholic Institute of Sydney (where seminarians undertake their theological studies), Mass, Adoration and morning and evening prayer. Time has been put aside to answer any questions you and the other men coming along may have at this stage. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided. For information or to register contact the Director of Vocations: [fr.michael.destoop@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:fr.michael.destoop@sydneycatholic.org) or 02 9390 5280. We're here to help you. No pressure. No strings attached.

**Letter to Women from the Catholic Bishops of Australia:** Please take a copy of this letter from the table in the foyer. Today is International Women's Day.

**Waverley College** will hold its Annual Open Day for prospective enrolments for 2011 & 2012 on Tuesday 9 March 2010 from 3.00 - 7.00 pm at 131 Birell St, Waverley. Ph: 9369 0600 [www.waverley.nsw.edu.au](http://www.waverley.nsw.edu.au)

**Santa Sabina College Open Day** is on Friday 19 March from 9.00am – 12.00pm. To discuss enrolment, scholarship and bursary opportunities at Santa Sabina College please call Ms Margaret Molloy, Coordinator of Admissions on 9745 7030 or [enrolment@ssc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enrolment@ssc.nsw.edu.au).

### Collections Last Week

| 1st: \$757              | 2nd: \$210                                                                                       | Envelopes: \$1,428 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Money Counters Roster   |                                                                                                  |                    |
| Sun 7 Mar<br>Sun 14 Mar | Margaret Pullen, Vince Elliott, Jenny Elliott<br>Margaret Pullen, Leo Sullivan, Kathryn Wojcicki |                    |

### Parish Liturgy Roster

|                    | Acolytes and Ministers                | Lectors               | Altar Servers                      | Mass Wardens     |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Sat 6 Mar 6pm      | Rod West                              | Barry Gilmore         | Astrid W<br>Lilie J                | Terry Clark      |
| Sun 7 Mar 8am      | Tom Ryan                              | Susan Canham          | Niamh C<br>Kaitlyn R               | Seb Arena        |
| Sun 7 Mar 10am     | Phillip Merrick                       | Caroline Dimeo        | Lavinia M<br>Christie M            | Richard McMillan |
| Sat 13 Mar 6pm     | Danny Clark                           | Kyle McLachlan        | Liam M<br>Conor M                  | John Perkins     |
| Sun 14 Mar 8am     | Shirley Quinlan                       | Shirley Quinlan       | Isabella B<br>Adriana B            | Tom Ryan         |
| Sun 14 Mar 10am    | Glenn McLachlan                       | Gerry Mahony          | Sara A<br>Emma B                   | Paul Doepel      |
| Children's Liturgy |                                       | Weekday Rosary Leader | Altar Society                      |                  |
| Sun 7 Mar          | Elaine Hetherington<br>Helen McCarthy | George Kent           | Margaret Pullen, Willy Van Wanrooy |                  |
| Sun 14 Mar         | Linda Bleakley                        | Bill Monaghan         | Wendy Grimes, Freda Jenner         |                  |

