

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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## St. Joseph's Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil:** 5.00 pm **Sunday:** 8 am and 10 am

**Weekday Masses:** at 8 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

**Thursday:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 11 am and  
Mass at 12 md

**Public Holidays:** 9 am only

Confessions are available before the 5 pm Vigil Mass (4 pm to 4.45 pm)

## 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**A LONELY PLACE:** During the Second World War when the axis enemy were falling back, they were said to be making a retreat. If, on the other hand, our allies fell back, we would more likely be told that it was a strategic withdrawal. There is all the difference between the two. The former implies running away; the latter means a gathering of strength to advance more quickly and effectively. This may be done by resting the troops, taking up a better position or by waiting for fresh reinforcements.

Christians sometimes speak of making a retreat when they retire to some house for prayer and quiet. The word retreat here is not a good one; a strategic withdrawal is much better. It is what Christ loved to do. In today's Gospel he says to his disciples: *Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile.* Christ loved to get away at times from the pressures that bore down on him, from the noise and the crowds and the constant calls upon him. In quiet places he prayed and gained refreshment of spirit and strength to carry on his word through communing with his Father. We too will gain great benefit from occasionally making spiritual strategic withdrawals. Up and down the country there are quiet places called retreat houses when people go to pray and get away for a time from their normal occupations. The purpose is to retire apart from the noisy distractions of life. It is going to a quiet place to be alone with Christ to pray. It is listening like Elijah on the mountain, for the voice of God in the gently whispering air. It is getting into personal touch with him who made our very being in the silence of a retreat house we contemplate such questions as "Why was I made?" "Why do I exist?" "What is my purpose in life?" We think of the wonderful works of God in our redemption and salvation, and we do our best to draw nearer to Christ and understand more about his wonderful personality.

**Masses for the Deceased:** Fr. Anthony (Tony) Simari, Sr. Gemma Crowe csj recently deceased. Ellen Hilder, Sr. Mary Magdalen rsm, Peter Convento, Freda Jenner, Terrence Joseph McKeon, anniversaries.

**The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses:** You can access this on YouTube by following this link:

[bit.ly/stjoatley](https://bit.ly/stjoatley) or



**You can also access it by going to the Archdiocese of Sydney website where there is a list of Churches who stream their Masses each week. Just click on the link for St. Joseph's Parish, Oatley.**

**Sacramental Program for 2021:** Please visit the Parish website:  
[www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au)

**Closure of Churches due to the recent spread of the Corona virus.**

As from 6pm on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Greater Sydney (which includes the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong, and Shellharbour) is in lockdown until midnight on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Consequently, the Church is closed until further notice.

However, *funerals are permitted* with a limit of 10 attendees.

Weddings, however, *are not permitted*.

Baptisms *are not permitted*, except in case of emergency. Similarly, the anointing of the sick, and sick calls generally, are permitted in case of emergency only.

It seems clear that, because the new Delta strain of Covid virus is so infectious, we are being asked to be even more cautious than during the previous lockdown. "Stay home" means "avoid all unnecessary contact with other people."

During the lockdown, the Sunday Mass will be live streamed on YouTube, and you are encouraged to connect prayerfully to this medium. The streaming will begin at 5pm on Saturday and can be accessed at any time after the Mass has concluded.



**CCareline:** helping Sydney families with relationships, parenting, ageing services, disability, addictions and mental health concerns.  
[connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)

**St Vincent de Paul Oatley Conference** would like to take this opportunity to sincerely say Thank You to the Parish Community for your contribution towards our 2021 Winter Appeal. The amount raised is \$1,324.00.

Also, a Thank You to St Joseph's School for their generosity for the Food Drive for our Support Centre in Hurstville.

*This is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth Term 3 2021 Newsletter:***  
<https://bit.ly/vinniesschoolnews2021term3>

*Vinnies is proud to announce that over \$3 million was raised at the 2021 CEO Sleepout for New South Wales to help those who need it the most. Many primary and high schools are also holding their own event and supporting the **Vinnies Winter Appeal**. If you have any questions about how to get your school community involved with Vinnies, please email [christina.gilio@vinnies.org.au](mailto:christina.gilio@vinnies.org.au)*

*The 2021 edition of the **Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP)** for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>*

**PLANNED GIVING: Your contribution to the 2nd collection goes towards the running and upkeep of our parish, and 30% of what you donate is eligible for a tax deduction.**

**Envelope Contributors:** Please pick up your packs today in the church foyer.

**New Contributors:** If you wish to become part of our regularly giving programme at St Joseph's Parish Oatley, please fill in the planned giving form, which can be accessed by opening the attached hyperlink <https://www.stjosephschurch.com.au/donations> .Click on the button planned giving program to access and fill out form. Otherwise, you may obtain the form from the church foyer or contact the parish office for the application.

Please email the form to [oadleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oadleycc@bigpond.net.au) or drop it in to the Parish Office. Alternatively, you can post it to: St Joseph's Parish, 21C Frederick St, Oatley NSW 2223.

If you wish to donate to the Church Account (Second Collection) please scan the encryption below, with your mobile phone. This automatically directs you to the parish's Bpoint facility. Please follow the links. If you do not wish to make an internet or online payment, please email the Office [oadleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oadleycc@bigpond.net.au) or contact 9580 1864



TAX RECEIPTS for 2020-2021 will be available in August. If you wish to receive an emailed tax receipt, please email the parish office. Once again, we would like to thank all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley.

**Thank you for contributing to St. Joseph's Parish. I am very appreciative of your ongoing generosity and commitment to support our Parish in achieving its Pastoral Mission and meeting ongoing expenses. Fr. Paul.**

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**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Procession**

*See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

**Penitential Act**

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.  
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
Amen.

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

## **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

## **Collect**

Let us pray.

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants  
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,  
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,  
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** (Refer to your Sunday Missal or Liturgy Sheet)

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as disciples gathered around Jesus, let us offer to the Lord our intercessions for all God's children.*

1. For those called to shepherd the Lord's flock, especially **Francis**, our Pope, our Bishop **Anthony**, and his assistant Bishops: May they attend with compassion to the needs of all. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. For the birth of a new humanity, evangelized by the Gospel, reconciled to God and to one another: May Christ be our peace, putting to death the hostility that divides us. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. For a reawakening of faith and renewal in the lives of all Christians: May an increased religious fervor emerging at the end of the current pandemic, and absence of Eucharist during lockdown periods bear fruit in deeply committed Christians. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. For an increase of understanding between Jews and Christians: May the covenant's wisdom and Christ's gospel deepen our mutual respect. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For those who encourage dialogue among diverse groups: May we see that beyond our divisions we are members of one body. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. For all the faithful departed that the Good Shepherd has gathered to himself: May they live forever in the Lord's fold. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. For greater devotion to the Holy Mother of God: May we, like Mary, be blessed for believing the fulfillment of God's promise. **HAIL MARY.**

*Lord God, speak your word to us and make us listen to it and respond. May it bear the fruit of Christian living in us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

## **Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, our Salvation, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

## **Our Spiritual Communion**

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be *etc.*

## **Communion Antiphon**

*The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,  
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries  
to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## **BLESSING**

May the Lord bless us and keep us

May he let his face shine upon us  
and show us his mercy.

May he turn his countenance towards us  
and give us his peace.

And may Almighty God bless us all, in the name of the Father, and of Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Let us praise the Lord and glorify him in our lives.* Thanks be to God.