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2nd May 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

THE VINE: Long ago Isaiah used the metaphor of the vineyard to express the ingratitude of Israel. He said: *The lord of the vineyard had looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.* At the same time, he prophesied that things would be vastly different. The vineyard after cultivation and toil would produce a magnificent vine – the vine that was Christ. This vine did not spring up suddenly. It had its roots in the past and only came to complete maturity when the feet of the Messiah trod on the soil of Palestine. There was then a long period of fertilisation of the soil before the actual vine appeared. God's providence was at work bringing together the necessary elements for its growth.

I am the vine, said our Lord as he came out of the supper room on his way to the garden of Gethsemane. The vine growing by the wayside must have looked incredibly beautiful bathed in the light of the paschal moon. Christ had a keen aesthetic sense as is evident from the way he spoke about nature. But always he saw in nature not only its beauty but its symbolism. At a marriage feast in Cana he had changed water into wine showing how he could take hold of a common element and give to it a richer and more precious quality. So, he would take the juice of the vine and transform it into his own blood which would circulate in the veins of those who loved him. In this way men would become branches of the vine and gain strength and excellence from its growth. *I am the vine; you are the branches,* he said. We are to become part of the vine, joined to its main stem, receiving the energy of its growth so that we can bear good fruit. He is the divine power that gives to us spiritual strength in life. The metaphor of the vine is a love image. Where there is love there is union. The branches embedded in the vine show us how close a union between Christ and ourselves there can be if only we respond to his love.

Masses for the Deceased: Father Michael McCarthy, former Parish Priest of Oatley, Cardinal Edward Edris Cassidy, recently deceased, Doris Covic (ann.1/5), Daniel Andreallo (2nd ann)

From Thursday, 29th April the daily Mass will revert to 12 midday to allow the children from the School to attend Mass as a class. Of course, the other days of the week Mass will be at 8 am as usual. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11am concluding with Benediction before the Rosary and the celebration of Mass.

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

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

Parish 2020 – A Call for Renewal On the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 12th December, 2020, Archbishop Anthony Fisher launched our new Archdiocesan Mission Plan *Go Make Disciples* which, with the assistance of the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, seeks to inspire and support the renewal of our parishes as places of encounter with the living Christ for the faithful and beyond.

In the weeks and months ahead, we will all join together in prayer, calling on the Holy Spirit, to prepare the hearts of each of us and of all our parishes and Eucharistic communities to receive anew the fire of God's love and the desire to be ever more faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ. A summary of the Mission Plan is available in the porch of the Church.

Imposition of restrictions concerning Churches: From Friday, 12th February, an unlimited number of people can attend Mass, provided that the one person per 2 metre square rule is observed. However, our Church will only hold at least eighty according to this regulation, any overflow would have to be accommodated in the Marion Hall where the Mass can be viewed on the TV monitor. Because of the easing of the restrictions, the Archbishop has lifted the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation. ***Parishioners are once again obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation when this is reasonably possible.*** Those of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of Covid19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping the Sabbath holy. There is still the requirement of taking names and contact details of attendees. The use of a QR code is recommended for those with iPhones or smart phones. The NSW Services app would need to be install on your phone to access the code. The first time you use the code, it will ask you to provide your name and contact number. It will then send you a code to enter with your details and the app will then be active. It is then used every time you attend Mass, or when and where you visit other venues that have a QR code registration system in place.

The wearing of masks is no longer mandatory, but strongly recommended where social distancing is not possible.

Parishioners who elect to attend Mass during the pandemic should consider the safety of other parishioners by staying away if they are unwell, and if so, getting tested and self-isolating while awaiting the results. It is also advisable that parishioners only attend Mass in their own parish and not move from parish to parish.

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



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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.

TAX RECEIPTS for 2019-2020 are now available, if you wish to receive a tax receipt please email: oatleycc@bigpond.net.au

New Contributors: Please refer to the planned giving form, which can be accessed on the website under **DONATIONS**, if you wish to become part of our regularly giving programme at St Joseph's Parish Oatley. Upon completion of the form please email to oatleycc@bigpond.net.au

Alternatively, if you wish to donate on an ad hoc basis to the Church Account (Second Collection), there is a Bpoint facility below on this website under "Donations" on the menu. Please follow the links.

Envelope packs are available in the Church foyer to be picked up after Mass if you have not done so yet.

Thank you for your 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.

2nd May 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

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.
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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.

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, grafted as living branches onto Christ, the true Vine, let us ask God to provide for the needs of all.

1. For the Church in all her communities throughout the world: May she have peace and be built up in this paschal season. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. For the families of nations in all their rich diversity: May peoples seek peace not in word or speech only, but in truth and action. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. For those whose hearts condemn them to despair: May the God who is greater than our hearts reassure them with pardon and peace. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. For the newly initiated Christians: May they glorify the Father by bearing fruit. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For those whom the Vine grower is pruning by sickness, suffering or trials: May they persevere through this cleansing and see their yield increase. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. For this community's increase in faith and numbers: May we live in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. For all the departed who obeyed the commandments and did what pleased God: May they receive from God the eternal life for which they asked. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. Let us show our special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Christ the Priest, as we fly to her patronage. **HAIL MARY.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for listening to our petitions. Help us to trust always in your loving ways and to accept your will in our lives. 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

*I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.*

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 God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son
was pleased to confer on us
the gift of redemption and of adoption,
give us gladness by his blessing.

Amen.

May he, by whose redeeming work
We have received the gift of everlasting freedom,
make us heirs to an eternal inheritance.

Amen.

And may we, who have already risen with Christ
in Baptism through faith,
by living in a right manner on this earth,
be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

Amen.

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.

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