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21st March 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

During the Fridays in Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church at 7.30pm. This is a good way to observe our Lenten Journey by Journeying with Our Lord in his passion and cross.

DEATH AND LIFE: Death and resurrection are the theme of today's Gospel. Christ said: *The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.* The death of Christ was both a tragedy and a triumph. It was a thing of horror because it was the result of sin; it was a thing of glory because it was the victory over sin. The cross, like a plant, was plunged deep into mud, and, like a plant, burst forth into blossom in the sunlight. The cross dug into the dust of which human beings were made, gave the dust a golden future. For the Christ who was so beaten and disfigured by pain was to unite himself with the human dust and rise with it in splendour.

Thus, death and resurrection are the lot of all Christians. The joy of being a Christian arises from our union with Christ. *The glory you have given to me I have given to them* were Christ's words to his Father at the last supper. They are true of all of us. We have risen with Christ. His splendour radiates through our being. He has taken hold of our mortal life and made it immortal. His death and resurrection have resulted in the happiness of millions. They have become the spur to faith and hope. *If you believe in me, he said, you will never die.* What a tremendous strength such words should give us when we are confronted with troubles and suffering. They should impart a warmth and a courage to the adventure of living and a confidence in the face of death. We are, after all, only emigrants returning to the place of our birth. *He who loves his life loses it.* Christ said. If we become so self-centred that what Christ did for us means nothing to us then, to quote Christ again *we lose our life.* Christ did everything for us; we should devote our lives to him in return. It would indeed be foolish to spurn Christ who is *The Resurrection and the Life*; for that would be to destroy our own life for which he died.

Masses for the Deceased: Marcia June Elliott, John Dolan, recently deceased, Anselmo (Tony) Angelotti, Ivy Phillips (ann.17/3), Jannette Battikha (ann. 15/3), Leo Lehane (ann.22/3), Joseph Doughan (ann.24/3), Beryl Gardner (ann.21/3), Pierre Bourdon (ann.25/3), Clifford Chapman (25/3), Robert Toth (ann.28/3),

The Enrolment period for Kindergarten 2022 runs from March to 30 April 2021.

Enrolment packs are now available from the school office.

School tours will be available on the following afternoons for new families interested in enrolling their children at St Joseph's. (Monday 22 March through Friday 26 March, 3:30-4:00pm).

Please contact the school office on 9580 6588 if you wish to attend one of the tours

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.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: This year has been designated by Pope Francis as the Year of St. Joseph. This is significant for the Parish as it is under the patronage of St. Joseph. We pray that under his patronage and protection, our Parish will grow and prosper with a resurgence of faith and devotion to the Mass and Sacraments. Bishop Terry Brady, who is an old boy of Oatley parish send us his greetings for the Feast Day of Parish dedicated to St. Joseph.

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. They are, however, still mandatory when travelling on public transport.

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).



The need is acute!

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to [enquire now](#).

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connect@catholiccare.org

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.

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.*

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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Collect

Let us pray.

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
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 LENT

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us offer prayers and supplications to God through Jesus who has become the source of our eternal salvation.

1. That all the people of God, from the least to the greatest, may know the Lord through the law of love written in their hearts. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That the judgment of this world may herald justice for the oppressed. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That the afflicted, who offer their prayers with loud cries and tears, may find strength in their union with Jesus, who was made perfect through suffering. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That the rights of the unborn child in our society will be preserved and championed by those who love and respect life and the dignity of the human person. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That those hoping to see Jesus may find the Son of Man glorified among us in our celebration and service. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That those who have been sown with Christ in death may bear an abundant harvest with Christ in eternal life. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and of the Church, may assist us on our journey of faith in the footsteps of her Divine Son. **HAIL MARY.**

Lord of all creation, hear the prayers we unite with the sacrifice your Son gave us. Grant to the living grace; to the departed rest; to the Church, the nation and all mankind, peace and concord; and to us and all your servants, life everlasting. 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

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We pray, almighty God,
that we may always be counted among the members of Christ,
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Bless, O Lord, your people,
who long for the gift of your mercy,
and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire
they may receive by your generous gift.
Through Christ our Lord.

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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