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28th February 2021 – Second 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.

MYSTERY AND REALITY: An agnostic writer compared religion to a gorgeous curtain hung between ourselves and reality. On the contrary, religion is not the curtain. It is the light that shines behind it that is the reality, and this can only be seen by the person of faith. For a few minutes three men on a hillside saw a brilliant light shining through the curtain of Christ's flesh revealing the fulness of his being, as God's own nature broke through in unveiled and direct manifestation. They gazed upon the transfigured presence resplendent against the background of a dark world. Here was the Light of Truth, like a beacon in a world full of cruelty, lust, and superstition. Archbishop A.C. Benson wrote: *Disguise it from ourselves as we will, we are all girt about with dark mysteries into which we have to look whether we dare or not.*

It is certainly true that our world is dark with mysteries. There is so much we do not understand. Like the cloud which enveloped the apostles, much is hidden from us. But we must remember that a voice came out of the cloud saying: *This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.* We are to listen to the Light of Truth gleaming against the blackness of the night. He has broken through some of the darkness, that part which is of the utmost importance for us and which is the most mysterious without him. This is the darkness of our destiny and our purpose in life and our significance. He has drawn the curtain back on so much that is meaningful, enabling us to see the why and wherefore of existence. He has shown us our identity by revealing to us that we are children of the Light and thus children of God. The world may indeed have its lusts and sin, but he has revealed himself as the Light in whose rays all may find redemption. All of us can share in the transfiguration of Christ. His glory can be our glory too. This he has promised us.

Masses for the Deceased: Faustine & Cajetan D'Silva. (ann.), Umberto Torresan (ann.1/3), Michael Power (ann.5/3),

Please pray for the Children of the parish who will make their first Communion during the coming week, and next Sunday. Special thanks are due to Ms. Sandra Green, our Sacramental Co-ordinator, and her helpers, who prepared the children for this important milestone in their journey of faith.

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. 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).



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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

*Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.*

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.

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, to the God who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for us, let us offer our intercessions.

1. That the people of God enduring persecution or tested by suffering may behold in the Lord's transfiguration the pledge of paschal victory. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That the angel of God may stay the hand of powers and interests that threaten to sacrifice peace in a holocaust of hate. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That the Lenten penance of Christians may bear fruit in practical charity for the victims of hardship and distress. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That the elect may listen to the voice of God's Beloved Son and by obedient faith share in the blessings promised to Abraham. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That we may always leave this holy mountain of word and worship with new vigour for bearing witness to the victory of the risen Christ. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That Christ who died and was raised to the right hand of God may lead to transfigured glory all our beloved departed brothers and sisters. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. We join our prayers with those of the Holy Mother of God, Mary Help of Christians.
HAIL MARY.

God, ever faithful to your promises, you call each of us to listen to your voice and to respond in loving obedience. Help us to be generous and faithful like Abraham. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and bless us as we come to your altar. 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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
with a blessing that endures for ever,
and keep them faithful
to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,
so that they may always desire and at last attain
that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body,
to the amazement of his Apostles.
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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