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28th March 2021 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

PARADE OF GLORY: This Sunday, which begins Holy Week, is a day of glory and impending tragedy; the two are inextricable bound together. Overshadowing the splendour of the Messianic acceptance of Christ is the darkness and the death to come. The palms will shape themselves into a cross; the Hosannas will become jeers and amid the plaudits of the crowd their proclaimed king rides on in sadness. The Messiah they hail is in tears as he makes his triumphant journey down from Bethany to the city. The sight of Jerusalem lying beneath him in all its loveliness makes the tears well up in him because he knows that soon all that beauty will be swept aside in ruins, like the palms strewn in his wake, it would become dust. In that city, which for centuries had been the centre of worship of God's people, he, the Holy One of God, the desired of Israel, was to meet his crucified death. It was a silent Messiah then, with marks of sadness on his countenance, who rode amid the acclamations of the multitude on that spring day in Palestine. Yet the sadness was not incompatible with joy. Christ longed for the moment of tragedy ahead. It was his 'hour' of which he had so often spoken. Joyfully he accepted his Father's edict that he must die. After all this, land and city had been prepared for this very purpose. Centuries before they had been granted to the chosen people of God so that one day the great work of salvation might be accomplished in them by a baptism of death.

And that death meant life. Anthony, in Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar*, looked down at the dead body of Caesar and said *Are all thy conquests, glories, triumphs, spoils shrunk to this little measure.* The greatness and power of Caesar has been reduced to ashes. But Mary could hold the dead Christ in her arms and hold one who *will rule from sea to sea to the very ends of the earth.* Today we make rejoicing with our palms because we know that through the death of Christ, we will rule with him for ever. For the procession of palms leads to eternal glory.

Masses for the Deceased: Marcia June Elliott, John Dolan, recently deceased, Elias Francis, anniversary, Josephine Doughan (ann.24/3), Dorothy Samuelson(ann.1/4), Robin Rowan (ann.30/3), James Anderson (ann.17/3).

Holy Week and Easter Services at St. Joseph's Oatley

- Holy Thursday: (Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral 10.30am; numbers are limited due to the 2 square metre rule – booking at the Cathedral Office is necessary)
- 7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with *Mandatum* and procession to the Altar of Repose – Adoration until 10.00pm
- Good Friday: 10am Stations of the Cross (followed by confessions)
3pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (followed by confessions)
(as numbers are limited due to the 2 square metre rule you will need to book for either or both ceremonies)
- Holy Saturday: 7pm Easter Vigil and vigil Mass of Easter (until approximately 8.30pm)
- (Please note that Daylight saving ends at 3am on the 4th of April)*
- Easter Sunday 8am Easter Mass
10am Easter Mass
(as numbers are limited due to the 2 square metre rule, you will need to book for these Masses)
- Easter Monday 9am Mass only.

The Masses on Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil and Easter Day, as well as the Ceremonies of Good Friday will be live streamed for the benefit of those who cannot attend in person.

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

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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).



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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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

*Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!*

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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Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
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 PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of Jesus, which is above all other names, let us offer our intercessions to God.

1. That the Church, teaching in the name of Christ, may sustain the weary with a word of courage, righteousness and hope. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That civil authorities may open their ears and listen to the voices that cry out for food, for dignity and for peace. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That those who face insult and degradation because of race, religious belief or political conviction may be supported by disciples of the Lord. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That we may accompany the elect to the waters of baptism, supporting them by our prayer and fasting, and confessing with them that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That, as we celebrate Holy Week and the Triduum, we may empty ourselves as Christ Jesus did, serving in unselfish love. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That those who by their suffering share in the passion of Christ may share fully in his exaltation. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lady of Sorrows, may support us as we follow her Divine Son in his passion, death and resurrection. **HAIL MARY.**

God our Father, in your wisdom you permitted your only Son to suffer for us. Through the Spirit, draw us closer to you that we may express our devout gratitude. 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

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, just as through the death of your Son
you have brought us to hope for what we believe,
so by his Resurrection
you may lead us to where you call.
Through Christ our Lord.

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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