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20th SEPTEMBER, 2020 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THE THOUGHTS AND WAYS OF GOD: “My thoughts are not your thoughts nor my ways your ways,” says the Lord. How true those words are of so much that God does both in our physical and our spiritual world. How much puzzlement, unbelief, resentment the dark tread of suffering woven into the pattern of human living has aroused. “Why does God allow this to happen?” people ask and can see no answer. God’s works are hidden from us, but we know that he has a wise plan even through we cannot understand its workings.

In today’s Gospel we have another example of a divine mystery in that the relationship between God’s justice and compassion is beyond our comprehension. But at least we can see how it works in practice. If God were only just towards us, we would be in an awfully bad way. One break-away from him by sin would be the end of all our happiness. Today’s parable shows us how merciful and compassionate God is. He certainly does not act according to human ideas of justice. For it is not only those who have been faithful to him all their lives that are given a welcome into his heavenly banquet, but those also who at the very last moment of sorrow appeal to him are given a like welcome. Always with God, where there is life there is hope. The love of God extends both to those who have laboured all their lives in God’s vineyard and to those who in their dying hour turn to him. We must not be like the brother of the prodigal son who resented the welcome given to his repentant brother. “Lo, these many years I have served you”, he said “and I never disobeyed your command....but when this son of your came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf”. None of us has any right to “the fatted calf”. We are all sinners, and all are at the mercy of God’s justice and compassion.

Masses and Prayers: Ray Byers, Ana Sousa, Simon Jerkovic (recently deceased), F,Peter Nelson (ann.15/9), Giuseppe Baroni (ann.13/9), Gregory Boyd (ann.15/9), Elias Francis. Elizabeth Ritson (ann.24/9). Valerie Day (ann.25/9), Leo Kennedy (ann.25/9), Adrian Moore (ann.27/9), Paul Pickering (ann.22/9), Annette Doutney (ann. 24/9), Zora Pavicic (ann.29/9).

Imposition of restrictions concerning Churches. From Friday, 24th July, further restrictions have been imposed due to a spike in the number of new infections. There is now

a limit of 100 people who can attend Mass, provided the 4 square metre per person rule is adhered to. However, our Church will hold at least forty persons according to this regulation, any overflow would have to be accommodated in the Marion Hall. There is still the requirement of taking names and contact details of attendees.

The Government has recommended the wearing of face masks when people are in crowded places, such as shopping centres, supermarkets, public transport, and *places of worship*. This is not mandatory, but strongly recommended given the length of time people are together at Mass.

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.

Please note, with the social distancing rule, only a maximum of fifty persons can be accommodated in the Church.

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

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The Priests' Retirement Father's Day Appeal – set up with the aim of looking after our sick and retired priests, provides them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement.

As a way of expressing your gratitude for our priests who have nurtured your Catholic faith and provided guidance, friendship and mercy through the years, we hope that you will consider giving back and donate to the Priests' Retirement Foundation.

To make your donation, please go to the Parish website: www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click *Help support our Parish during the Coronavirus pandemic*. Then click the Biller Code - 1726496 "Other". Then type in your full name and 'phone number and state "PR Retirement Foundation" as the purpose of the payment.

On behalf of the parish, I thank all our parishioners for supporting the Priests' Retirement Foundation Father's Day Appeal. Through your gift, the Foundation can continue in its mission to provide care for our growing number of sick and retired priests in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

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 as 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.

Ordinations to the Priesthood at St. Mary's Cathedral - we congratulate Noel Custodio, **Roberto Keryakos**, John Pham, and Jonathan Vala on their ordination to the Priesthood at St. Mary's Cathedral this morning. Roberto is known to many parishioners at St. Joseph's as he has frequently attended Mass here and ministered as a Deacon. His mother Dianna is a regular Mass attendee on Saturday evenings. Roberto will say Mass here on Monday, 21st September at 8 am.

Sunday Mass

20th September, 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

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.

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law
upon love of you and of our neighbour,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one 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 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

God's ways are not our ways. Because his justice and generosity exceed our standards, we can come to him in prayer, knowing that he listens, and that he will act.

1. That the Church may welcome all who come to the Lord's vineyard, whoever they are and whatever the hour. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That countries rich in agricultural or technological resources may be generous in sharing these benefits with nations in need. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That labourers faced with poor working conditions or unjust wages may find support in Christian social teaching and solidarity in the Christian Community. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

4. That all Christians will heed the message of justice proclaimed in the Gospels and make Social Justice their business by building up a truly just and equitable society. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That Catholic teachers and students may engage issues of social responsibility and justice. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That this Eucharistic Community may be the gospel's model of community in which there are neither first nor last, but only sisters and brothers in Christ. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That those who approach death and those who have died may ever proclaim that to live is Christ and to die is gain. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. That we may be assisted by the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Poor and Afflicted. **HAIL MARY.**

Loving Father, you are near to all who call on you. Welcome our prayers with your generous care, and show us once more your abundant compassion. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AM

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

*You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our 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 his mercy towards us.

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

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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