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24th January 2021 – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

THE CALL OF CHRIST: On the day that Christ came to the shores of the sea of Galilee an entirely new life began for the fishermen mending their nets. This was not only because of the completely new conditions under which their lives would be led but also because both their past and future would be endowed with an entirely new significance. It was not simply that they would lay aside their fishing tackle and undertake quite different work, it was also that all their work whether past or future would shine with a new light. It was almost as though it were lit up from within. Somehow the personality of Christ would grip them, not only as an exterior force leading them on to fresh enterprises but also as an internal power taking on an ever-greater hold of them. The Light of the World would shine within them adding lustre to all they did. Somehow, they would become new men, with new life and new powers. This would indeed take time. Today's Gospel provides the initial impulse to follow Christ so that the work of transformation would be accomplished.

What happened to those men has happened in greater or lesser degree to countless men and women through the ages. They have heard the voice of Christ calling them, not indeed as a physical sound, but as a compelling force urging them to become his followers in an incredibly special way. This meant leaving their careers and giving themselves wholeheartedly to his service. This required a transformation of spirit; a re-directing of their minds and hearts and occupations to follow the way of Christ and be able to say more and more as life goes on, with St. Paul: *I no longer live but Christ Jesus lives within me.* For the following of Christ must entail a diminishing of self so that a person can say, in the words of John the Baptist: *He must increase; I must decrease.*

Masses for the Deceased: Fr Isadore Anantharaj (rec dec), Neville Graham, Archbishop Phillip Wilson, Michael John Milgate, Emilia Kolesnyk, recently deceased; Marjorie Mary Saunders,(ann.27/1) Fr. Andrew Quinn, anniversaries, Ellen Munro (ann.31/1), John Machart (ann. 29/1), Mary Stephenson (ann.28/1), Alice McMullen (ann.30/1), Betty Chapman (ann.31/1), Theresa Washington (ann.(26/1) , Daniel Beljo (19ann.).

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

bit.ly/stjoatley or



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 midnight on 2nd January, the former restrictions on Church attendance have been re-imposed due to a spike in Covid infections in the Northern Peninsular and other areas in Greater Sydney. There is a limit of 100 people who can attend Mass, provided a 4 square metre per person rule is adhered to. However, our Church will only 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 use of a QR code is recommended for those with iPhones or smart phones. The NSW Services app would need to be installed 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 Government has now mandated the wearing of face masks when people are in crowded places, such as shopping centres, supermarkets, public transport, and *places of worship*. Anyone not wearing a mask when required will be subject to a \$200 fine.

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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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

*O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.*

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.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

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,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRIEST: *My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of Jesus, let us pray to God, whose kingdom has come near.*

- 1 For the Church, called like Jonah to preach God's word: May she faithfully proclaim to the world the challenge of conversion. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
- 2 For those consumed by work and possessions: May they realize that the appointed time is short and use it to grow in love. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
- 3 For all whose sins have alienated them from God: May God stir them, like the people of Nineveh, to repentance, and set aside the threat of punishment. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
- 4 For those whom God calls to serve in ministry: May they respond eagerly as followers of Christ to be fishers of people. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
- 5 For this passing world: May we hold on to the eternal truths of the Good News of Christ and his Church. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
- 6 For this Eucharistic Community: May our lives bear witness to our repentance and belief in the good news. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
- 7 For those who have passed beyond this present world: May they live in the fullness of God's time and the joy of God's kingdom. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
- 8 For the assistance of the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Refuge of Sinners: May her example inspire us to lead good and righteous lives. **HAIL MARY.**

PRIEST: *Father, hear the prayers of your people. Do not look on our sinful ways but show us your gentle mercy. 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

*Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, receiving the grace
by which you bring us to new life,
we may always glory in your gift.
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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