

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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26th JULY, 2020 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THE GREATNESS OF THE KINGDOM: Christians have from the beginning given everything for the kingdom of heaven. They have seen in it the treasure and the pearl of great value of which Christ speaks in today's Gospel, and they have been willing to give life itself to gain it. Christ set the example. He came to establish the kingdom. It was so precious that he was willing to suffer terrible torments and die on a cross to gain it for humankind.

The reason then why the treasure and the pearl are so valuable is the price that God has put on them. He so loved the world that he sent his Son into it to redeem it so that all could enter the kingdom. "You were bought, not with corruptible things such as gold and silver, but with the precious blood of the Lamb." This love of God is an immense mystery and it is only by trying to understand something of it that one can grasp the value of what he did. The martyrs understood it to the extent that they were willing to give all for it. St. Thomas More, for example, gave up a wonderful home and family, and his life for it. He said when he was in prison "is not this house (the Tower of London) as near heaven as my own in Chelsea?" He also said, "The field is won". He saw that it was worth giving everything he had for it. We should read carefully and meditate on Christ's words in today's gospel. We should pray for that vision of faith which recognises the splendour of the treasure of God's kingdom. We should also rouse our enthusiasm for it and express our gratitude for what Christ did to make it possible for us to gain it. It is not easily obtained. We must work hard not only to procure it, but also to keep it in our possession and not exchange it for some worthless material prize.

Masses and Prayers: Ellen Mavis Hilder (rec dec), Sr. Mary Mildred O'Callaghan rsm, Kenneth William Maher (anniversaries), Bridie Walsh (ann.23/7), Cyril Howley (ann.29/7), Beryl Stephens (ann.27/7), Francis Rohl (ann.2/8), Patrick Molloy (ann. 28/7).

Further Relaxation of restrictions concerning Churches. From the 1st July there is no limit of the number of 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.

Since the 7th June, we have returned to the normal Mass timetable i.e. 5 pm (Vigil), 8 am and 10 am. Weekday Masses will remain for the time being at 8 am, Monday to Saturday (9 am on Public Holidays). I invite parishioners who wish to attend the Sunday Mass, preferably to email the office ootleycc@bigpond.net.au, or contact Nicki, the Parish Secretary, on Thursday or Friday, to make a reservation (9580 1864). Please nominate the Mass you wish to attend and the number of persons. Parishioners who attended Mass last Sunday have already made their reservation for subsequent weeks. However, if the demand exceeds the requirements, I would be happy to add another Mass to the Sunday, timetable, perhaps at 9 am. 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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Sunday Mass

26th July 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

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, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
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.

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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us ask not for ourselves, nor seek material blessings only, but lift up to the Lord our God the deepest needs of all the earth.

1. That the Church may cast a wide net, embracing people of every kind, leaving the separation of good from evil to God and to God's own time. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That Christians and Jews may seek God's kingdom together as an inheritance treasured in common. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That counselors and therapists may be wise and discerning to help people move toward recovery. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

4. That all who are in positions of leadership in our Church and society may work to ensure that policies and procedures are implemented to protect children, young people and the vulnerable in our society. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That we may welcome the travelers who come among us, and experience together the enriching gift of hospitality. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That in accepting one another and celebrating our diversity, we may be conformed more perfectly to the image of Christ, who is firstborn among many brothers and sisters. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the dead whom God called to faith and justified in baptism may now, in turn, be glorified according to God's purpose. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. That the patronage and prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, will assist us now and at the last. **HAIL MARY.**

God of provident love, you call people into your kingdom; you make all things work to their good. We are confident that you hear our prayers, and that you will grant our requests, 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

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
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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