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30th AUGUST 2020 – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUFFERING: The existence of suffering in the world has puzzled and agonised many peoples' minds. It runs like a dark thread through a colourful tapestry of life and we all tend to blame the master artist for weaving the thread into the pattern. Some even go as far as to say that the existence of suffering is a proof that God does not exist. But surely the very opposite is true. He alone can give meaning to suffering. Do away with him and what is one to say to the incurably sick, the old and the lonely, to those in sorrow from the loss of someone loved? What can one say except "You've had it buddy – you are an unfortunate unit in a blind evolutionary movement. You are a drop-out from the revolving wheel of fortune".

The sufferer, on the other hand, who accepts God may not be able to see the reason for suffering but knows there is a good one for it. The sufferer also knows that good use can be made of the pain to transform it by prayer. One can often see this in the demeanour of the returning unmiracled sick from Lourdes, in their peace and fortitude. They have learned to make use of their suffering though they would have been glad if a miracle had deprived them of it. "If any man would come after me", said Our Lord, "let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me". Those are the words of a perfect man who made his way to glory through a cross and death. For the cross is the answer to the mystery of suffering though the cross itself is a mystery. God embracing pain as an expression of infinite love is beyond our capacity for understanding. But at least we can see that suffering can be a way of love, and that love transfigures pain to make it both bearable and valuable. In this way the cross becomes a liberating and purifying force. If we suffer with Christ, we shall also rise with him.

***Social Justice Statement 2020-21:** The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at*

<https://agora.catholic.org.au/e/576423/SocialJustice-2020/nf41c/517738070?h=6Sv7JdsoDHUMfCvf6HRBnLVu-cLCvNZHkhIGFc5iAK8>

Masses and Prayers: Clement Rosslund, Lina Kolozsi, Lorna Margaret Davey, Michael Christopher Barsi (recently deceased),

ANNUAL LEAVE: I will be away from the parish from 17th to 31st August. During the two week of my absence there will be no weekday Masses. **Father Dani Penollar** will supply for the weekend Masses for Sunday 23rd and 29th August (5pm Vigil, 8am and 10am). I will return on Monday 31st August and the weekday Masses *will resume on Tuesday, 1st September (8 am).*

Remember our Retired Priest's this Father's Day

The **Priests' Retirement Foundation** Father's Day Appeal will be held on **5 and 6 September 2020** Your donation will help care for our sick and retired priests, so please consider a gift towards this appeal. Thank you. You may also make a donation by going to the parish website. At the top of the first page; Make a Donation. Go to **Other** and state PR Foundation.

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 a shopping centres, supermarkets, public transport, and **places of worship**. This is not mandatory, but 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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connect@catholiccare.org

Sister Gabriel of Our Lady's Nurses, Coogee, advises that due to the Coronavirus pandemic they will not be holding their usual annual fete in October this year. On behalf of Our Lady's Nurses, she thanks everyone who has supported them over the years.

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 oadleycc@bigpond.com.

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 oadleycc@bigpondnet.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.

Sunday Mass

30th August 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.*

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.

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we seek always to discern and to
do God's will, let us appeal now to God's mercy.*

1. That all who confess Jesus as the Messiah may take up the cross. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That Pope Francis may lead us by example to set our hearts not on human insight but on divine wisdom. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That leaders of Government and industry will shun any power based on greed or intimidation but act with integrity as they strive to build a just and stable society. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

4. That migrants, refugees, international students and all itinerant people may never feel they are strangers within our parishes and communities. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That we may support the work of missionaries throughout the world by our prayer, and contributions to the Propagation of the Faith. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That we who offer the Eucharist may present ourselves as a living sacrifice. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the departed who spent their lives in the service of Christ, may follow Christ now to the salvation promised in the gospel. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. That through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, we may share in her courageous faith. **HAIL MARY.**

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, receive the prayers of the pilgrim people, seeking to discover your will, by walking in the footsteps of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. 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

*How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
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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