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19th JULY, 2020 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

WHEAT AND WEEDS: There is a constant struggle between good and evil in the world. Christ, in today's Gospel, expresses this in a picture of the world as a field of wheat in which evil people have planted weeds in an endeavour to choke the wheat and so make of the world a wasteland where only weeds of evil grow.

Today movies, television, radio, and newspapers provide a picture of this world struggle. We can see or read about all kinds of evil forces at work which are opposed to the kingdom which Christ came to found. Some of these are blatant; others are more insidious. Violence, hatred, race prejudices, sex permissiveness, to name but a few, are in direct conflict with the values and standards of Christianity. This world-wide battle is always present. Christ tells us it will go on until the end of the world. But he also says that however fierce it may become, however hopeless the result may seem, his way of life will in the end triumph. This should be to all of us a source of joy and confidence. Christian people live in hope. They can never despair. There are times when darkness seems to cover the earth as it did on Calvary. But we know, that just as the darkness of Calvary was dispersed by the light of Easter morning, so will the darkness of evil be done away with when Christ appears in the light of glory at the end of time. This then should give us strength to fight the battle that goes on, not only on the world stage, but in the little cosmos of our own being. “Be of good heart,” Christ said, “I have overcome the world”. He must reign triumphant within us just as he will conquer the whole world and make it, in St. Paul's words “subject to himself”. Christ does not restrict the liberty of individuals to do evil now, but the time will come when all of us will have to give an account of our actions – good and bad.

Masses and Prayers: Terrence Joseph McKeon, Linda and George Richard Darrell-Edwardes (anniversaries). John Donnelly (ann.16/7), Zvonko Kucinic (sick), Maureen Gardiner -Oliver (ann,20/7), Anthony Cheung (ann.23/7),

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 otleycc@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

19th July 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

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.

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, because of our weakness we do not know how to pray as we ought, so let the Spirit help us and intercede for us now.

1. For the Church, that like the master of the field in the parable, she may defer judgment and await with patience the time of God's harvest. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That seeds of destruction sown in the human heart by the Enemy may not bear fruit in mutual ruin. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. For Christians everywhere, that they may give good example and promote improvements of civil society by conscientiously fulfilling their civic responsibilities. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. For those preparing for the sacrament of marriage. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

5. For the aged in our community: May they be sustained by our thoughtfulness and friendship. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. For peaceful times and our deliverance from all disease, affliction, anger, danger and distress. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. For the souls of all the faithful departed that they may be gathered together into the harvest of eternal life. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. For loving devotion to Mary, Mother of the Church. **HAIL MARY.**

*Heavenly Father, grant to the living grace; to the departed rest; to the Church, the nation and all mankind, peace and concord; and to us and all your servants life everlasting. 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

*The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of 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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