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4th April 2021 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

LIFE AND DEATH: The history recorded in Scripture both in the Old and New Testaments is one of continual decline and restoration, of disillusionment and hope, of crucifixion and resurrection, culminating in the final and complete resurrection which restored all things in Christ. Again, and again in that history all seemed lost; there was nothing but death to all longings and aspirations and each time there came new life and expectation. For the history of Israel was not a continuous upward curve leading to a peak of achievement. It was rather a cyclic movement in which loss and gain followed one another often in quick succession when achievement at one time was at its lowest level and the next rose far beyond all expectation. Yet it was a forward movement. God was guiding events. Out of failure he brought success. Out of what seemed to be the end of everything he brought new life and vigour. Prison doors were opened, new lands gained, new temples built on the ruins of the old. From disloyalty and defection, a remnant of the chosen people moved forward to final victory. Thus, the stage was set for the final denouement.

From the darkness which covered the earth and from death upon a cross there came the light of a glorious all-embracing resurrection and the world gained its finest hour. This is the splendour and greatness of Easter that out of past ruin and destruction, out of darkness often of near despair, out of sin itself, God brought forth goodness. And people who had walked in a night of sin came forth in the reflected light and glory of the risen Christ. ***I am risen and am still with you*** sings the Church on Easter Sunday. Now salvation and hope and future bliss belong to humankind who has risen with its Saviour. Now the risen Christ is in our midst ready to guide, protect and inspire those who have faith in his presence. He will even come and make his abode with them.

Masses for the Deceased: Marcia June Elliott, John Dolan, recently deceased, Elias Francis, anniversary, Darcy Smith (ann.30/3), Imelda Ryan (ann.9/4), Mary Grace Liptak (ann.5/4), May Hargreaves (ann.8/4).

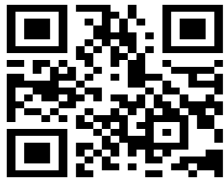
Happy Easter to all! Our greetings today should be: **Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**”

Thank you to all who were involved in making our Easter Triduum ceremonies a prayerful and moving experience: Acolytes, Readers, Organist and Singers, Wardens, members of the Altar Society and those responsible for the streaming and visual presentations.

Easter Monday (Public Holiday) 9am Mass only

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

bit.ly/stjoatley or



You can also access it by going to the Archdiocese of Sydney website where there is a list of Churches who stream their Masses each week. Just click on the link for St. Joseph's Parish, Oatley.

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.

Message from St Joseph's Primary School for Easter.

Each class has created a beautiful artwork depicting part of the Holy Week story. We invite you to stop by and admire our work and reflect on the story we are telling. Wishing you all a very happy, safe and Holy Easter.

Imposition of restrictions concerning Churches: From Friday, 12th February, an unlimited number of people can attend Mass, provided that the one person per 2 metre square rule is observed. However, our Church will only hold at least eighty according to this regulation, any overflow would have to be accommodated in the Marion Hall where the Mass can be viewed on the TV monitor. Because of the easing of the restrictions, the Archbishop has lifted the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation. ***Parishioners are once again obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation when this is reasonably possible.*** Those of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of Covid19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping the Sabbath holy. 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 wearing of masks is no longer mandatory, but strongly recommended where social distancing is not possible. They are, however, still mandatory when travelling on public transport.

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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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

*I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.*

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.
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, 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.

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
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 EASTER SUNDAY.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on this, the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad as we pray to the God who raised Jesus from the dead.

1. For the people of God, brought through saving waters to a land of promise: May we joyfully proclaim, with our lips and our lives, the good news of Christ's victory over sin and death. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. For all the peoples of the earth during this festival of Christ's resurrection: May the gloom of malice and evil yield to a blossoming of sincerity and truth. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. For those newly baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ: May they walk always with Christ in newness of life. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. For those who are sick or housebound. May the risen Christ visit them with healing power and new hope. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For this assembly gathered here today to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord: May we remain faithful to our baptismal promises. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. For those who have died and whose lives are hidden with Christ in God: May they live forever with Christ in the glory of the resurrection. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. Let us rejoice with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven, and be glad that he Lord is truly risen. **HAIL MARY.**

God our Father, through the death of your Son, you gave us the hope of eternal life. Grant that through his Resurrection we may obtain the life we long for. 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

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Bless, O Lord, your people,
who long for the gift of your mercy,
and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire
they may receive by your generous gift.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

And 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, Alleluia, Alleluia! Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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