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17th January 2021 – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

COME AND SEE: The two disciples who followed Christ along the riverbank when John the Baptist pointed him out to them, were eager to find out where Christ lived so that they could stay and talk with him. *Master where do you live?* They asked. Christ gave them the invitation *Come and see*. And we are told that they stayed with him that day.

Those words *Master, where do you live?* Have a different meaning for us when we ask that question from that of the two disciples. Christ still gives his invitation, but we know that we, unlike the disciples, cannot have the company of the visible living Christ. Where then can we find him? In many places. We can find him in the Eucharist where he is sacramentally present. We can, to quote of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *find him in his word, since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in Church*. We can find him in ourselves if we do our best to follow his way of life. He promised that if we did that he would come and make his dwelling place in us. And we can find him in a very special way in our fellow human beings particularly when they are in need. For Christ said that what we do for them we do for him: *Come and see me* homeless sleeping under archways or on pavements, hungry, cold, and friendless. *Come and see me* lying in hospital beds dying of cancer or with some incurable disease. *Come and see me* old, disabled, unhappy. This then is the vision of Christ that every true Christian must have. Christ said that he would be with us all days even to the end of the world. He will remain in many ways and under many different disguises. It is our duty to seek him out and find him and stay with him. He wants to make his home in us all and he wants us all who know and love him to spread this love and knowledge so that all will welcome him.

Masses and Prayers: Emilia Kolesnyk, Michael John Milgate, Bernice Baker recently deceased; Brian McCudden anniversary, John Lloyd (17/1), John King (ann.13/1), Ronald Needs (ann.17/1), Eileen Harland (ann.15/1), Edward (Ted) Murphy (ann.15/1), John Francis Hannon (ann.28/12).

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 install on you 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 a 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).



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

*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

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,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, gathered together at prayer in the temple of the Lord, let us offer our intercession to the God who has called us by name.

1. That Francis, our Pope, called to exercise the ministry of Peter in God's church, may inspire by his own example, our eager and ready response to Christ. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That the leaders of nations may hear in the voices of their people God's own voice summoning the world to a future of justice and peace. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That those who are seeking meaning and purpose for their lives may "come and see" and find in Christ the teacher for whom they search. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That married couples of our community may be blessed by God with deepening love and steadfast fidelity. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That educators may inspire our young people to embrace the beauty of chastity and develop relationships marked by mutual respect. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That we who have heard the good news and followed Jesus may find others who are in search of truth and bring them to Jesus. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That those whom God has called to eternal life may rejoice to remain forever with the Teacher they followed on earth. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. In the home of Mary, Mother of God, and through her intercession, we may "come and see" Jesus, as the Way, the Truth and the Life. **HAIL MARY.**

Lord God, hear our prayer and open our hearts to your grace. Let it go before us and be with us, that we may always be intent upon doing your will. 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

*You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
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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