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1st November, 2020 – THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

SANCTITY: Saints have been of quite different kinds. They differed in what they did and the kind of work they undertook, and they were quite different in character. They are not all born with golden spoons in their mouths or surrounded by visions of angels. Nor were they disembodied spirits, but creature of flesh and blood like us. The trouble about words is that so often one uses them in one sense and people think of them in another. This is certainly true of sanctity. In some peoples' minds the word conjures up a picture of a strained glass figure, eyes raised to heaven and perhaps with a lily in its hand. Or if it is not that it is a picture of a glorified prig or in more modern terms, a square.

But the sanctity of the saints does not belong to a cloud-cuckoo land. Neither is it more difficult to acquire than a Victoria Cross. It is not something ethereal, bloodless, out of this world. It has to be gained very much in this world by heroic virtue and self-mastery. Saints had difficulties arising from their temperaments like everybody else. They made their mistakes and because they loved God so much, they did foolish things as most lovers do. It was this love behind their lives that was the energy that drove them forward, the fire that enkindled their enthusiasm. Today we keep the Solemnity of All Saints, but it is not only the feast of those who have been canonised. It is the feast of all who have won their spiritual spurs. The feast of all that vast army of unknown saints. After all the Church has been full of wonderful people, fathers and mothers, children, pastors and religious who have lived lives of great holiness and radiated happiness about them. Holiness makes real people and not sham angels. It is real people who enter Heaven and whose feast we keep today. Fortunately, God does not demand of us that we should all rise to the greatest heights of sanctity by only that we do our best with the graces he gives us.

Masses and Prayers: Marie Therese (Jenaine) Leeyee, recently deceased, Fay Love (ann.3/11), John Hoskins (ann.3/11), Donna White (ann.2/11), and all the Holy Souls we have in remembrance during the Month of November.

Monday is All Souls' Day when we remember with affection all our departed relatives and friends, especially the Holy Souls in Purgatory. *Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed will be at 8am.* During the month of November (the month of the Holy Souls), I will be offering all my Masses for your deceased relatives and friends.

Imposition of restrictions concerning Churches. From Friday, 23rd October, restrictions on Church attendance have been eased. There is now a limit of 300 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 as shopping centres, supermarkets, public transport, and *places of worship*. This is not mandatory, but strongly 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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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.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 oadleycc@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.

Sunday Mass

1st November 2020 (All Saints)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.*

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.

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.
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 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in communion with all the
saints and in the name of Jesus, let the incense of our prayer ascend
to God, whose children we are.*

1. That, acknowledging our complete dependence on God's gracious gifts, we may be counted among the poor in spirit whose future is God's reign. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That the Church, the joyful mother of a great company of saints, may bring all her children to the Kingdom of God. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That those who mourn with broken hearts or spirits may be comforted by God's compassion and consoled by God's people. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That in offering and receiving the Eucharist we may respond to God's universal call to holiness. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That by seeking peace and pursuing it in this life, we may, at the last day, be counted among God's angels and children. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That all who have gone before us in faith may be brought speedily to behold the face of God for ever. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Martyrs and Saints, will assist the pilgrim Church on her journey to the Kingdom of Heaven. **HAIL MARY.**

Father of holiness and grace, we offer our petitions with the prayers of blessed Mary and all the Saints, confident in your mercy revealed in their heroic lives. 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

*Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy
and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace,
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love,
we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.
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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