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13th SEPTEMBER, 2020 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FORGIVENESS: The Scriptures are a story of forgiveness. It begins with a promise and culminates in a cross. The promise is carried forward in the story of Israel. Without God's constant forgiveness not even a remnant of Israel would have survived to usher in a new order of things in which the most sublime act of forgiveness took place. Faithlessness, fickleness, downright ingratitude were overlooked again and again; sins 'red and scarlet' were pardoned so that new starts were made, new hope inspired, new ground won and, what was most astonishing, sin so vile and evil became a 'happy fault' through the advent of Christ.

Christ is the embodiment of forgiveness. He was generous towards failures and weaknesses and ever ready to be merciful towards what was most hateful in humankind. At the same time, he expected his followers to have the same spirit of forgiveness that he had. In the parable, the unforgiving servant was thrown into prison and the lesson from his action given universal application by our Lord, "So also my heavenly father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother (and sister) from your heart". This Christ made forgiveness and obligation; it was not merely to be a magnanimous gesture. Someone has said "Only the brave knows how to forgive. Cowards never forgive; it is not in their nature". It is indeed hard of a person to learn the lesson of forgiveness; yet to do so is necessary for the protection of their own personality. Without it a person becomes case-hardened, imprisoned within a hard coating of insensitivity. The first Christian martyr Stephen, a man "full of the Holy Spirit" prayed as he lay dying battered with stones "Lord do not count this sin against them". This was a great Christian cry that has been echoed down the ages, a cry that was first heard from a cross coming from the Son of God so fulfilling the promise made to mankind at the beginning history.

Masses and Prayers: Ray Byers, Ana Sousa (recently deceased), Fr. Kevin Starkey (ann. 8/9), Peter Nelson (ann.15/9), Giuseppe Baroni (ann.13/9), Bernard Jenner (ann.20/9), Phyllis Buchanan (ann.18/9), Mary Ann Hobbs (ann.18/9), Ray Doughan (ann.19/9), Peter Nelson (15/9), Guiseppe Baroni (ann.13/9), Gregory Boyd (ann.15/9), Simon Jerkovic (dec), Elias Francis, David Way (ann.2000)

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 as 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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The Priests' Retirement Father's Day Appeal – set up with the aim of looking after our sick and retired priests, provides them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement.

As a way of expressing your gratitude for our priests who have nurtured your Catholic faith and provided guidance, friendship and mercy through the years, we hope that you will consider giving back and donate to the Priests' Retirement Foundation.

To make your donation, please go to the Parish website: www.stjosephschurch.com.au and click *Help support our Parish during the Coronavirus pandemic*. Then click the Biller Code - 1726496 "Other". Then type in your full name and 'phone number and state "PR Retirement Foundation" as the purpose of the payment. Alternatively, you can make your donation direct by clicking on to the following link:

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.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 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.

Ordinations to the Priesthood at St. Mary's Cathedral – Saturday, 19th September, 2020, 11am. Noel Custodio, **Roberto Keryakos**, John Pham, and Jonathan Vala. Roberto is known to many parishioners at St. Joseph's as he has frequently attended Mass here. His mother Dianna attends Mass here on Saturday evenings. Roberto has given at link which will enable you to watch the ordinations at the Cathedral online: <https://youtu.be/RWOtPzeveGk>

Sunday Mass

13th September, 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.*

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.

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
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-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, remembering the covenant the Most High has made with us, let us pray in the name of the Lord Jesus to whom we belong.

1. For the Church, the community of sinners and saints: May Christians be ever mindful of the Lord's gracious forgiveness and gladly extend forgiveness to others. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. For peoples who have been victimized in war, terrorists attacks and oppression: May all Christians and people of good will work tirelessly for justice, equality and universal peace and thus break the cycle of hatred and war. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. For the acceptance by all Christians that marriage, from the beginning, is ordained by God as an exclusive life-long commitment of love between one man and one woman and ordered to the procreation of children and their nurture in a secure and loving family. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

4. For those who have lost their jobs and are overwhelmed by financial worries: May they find understanding, opportunity and support. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For this community, united by baptism and reconciled by penance: May we bear witness to God's unconditional love by forgiving one another from the heart. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. For those who cannot forgive and forget. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. For all who did not live for themselves alone, but who in life and in death were the Lord's: May they be forever with Jesus. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. For greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Refuge of Sinners: May her intercession for us sinners make us know the forgiveness and mercy of her Divine Son.
HAIL MARY.

Kind and merciful Father, slow to anger, and rich in compassion, grant our petitions, 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

*How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray,
take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its effects, and not our own desires,
may always prevail in us.
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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