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23rd AUGUST 2020 – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PETER: In an old dictionary “Uranium” was described as “A rare, heavy, white, metallic element.....it has no important use”. Time has changed all that. Science has released a power within it that is of the utmost importance today. Peter was of little importance before Christ came into his life. He was a useful fisherman, one of many, who would have left no mark on his country when he died. It was Our Lord who released a great power within him so that he became of very great importance to the world. In some ways he was a weak man. He became a coward and was very impetuous. He liked to thrust himself forward. But Our Lord knew that fundamentally he was a man of good will. He knew that his faults did not arise from pride or selfishness but chiefly from human frailty. It was just the kind of material that he wanted to work on; to use the weak things of the world to confound the strong. So, from Peter's frailty he made a rock so firm that it became the foundation of a wide-world church. “Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church,” said Christ.

This was a Peter who would never die. Just as at the death of a king the cry goes up “the king is dead; long live the king”, so when Peter dies another takes his place. His task is to keep the faith alive and help it to spread among others, not by his own efforts alone but with the help of all the faithful. How different the first Peter was after Christ came back from the grave and had made him shepherd over his flock. He had only to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit to be filled with pride that he was a witness to Christ and finally to show his witness by martyrdom. This same Holy Spirit who gave such wisdom and strength to weak and slow minded Peter gives the firmness to the rock today on which the church is built. How surprised that first Peter would be if he could have gazed upon the great basilica in the heart of Rome around whose dome are written the words Christ spoke to him.

Social Justice Statement 2020-21: *The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at*

<https://agora.catholic.org.au/e/576423/SocialJustice-2020/nf41c/517738070?h=6Sv7JdsoDHUMfCvf6HRBnLVu-cLCvNZHkhIGFc5iAK8>

Masses and Prayers: Clement Rossland, Lina Kolozsi, Lorna Margaret Davey, Michael Christopher Barsi (recently deceased), Michael Kevin Allen, Sadie Mir (anniversaries), Samuel Mir, Therese and Norman Mir and all their deceased family members. .Daniel Beljo and the souls of all the Beljo Family, Roma Carlton (ann.29/8), Gloria Stonebridge (ann.28/8), Betty Elphick (ann.25/8), Giuseppe Calligaro (ann.24/8) .

ANNUAL LEAVE: I will be away from the parish from 17th to 31st August. During the two week of my absence there will be no weekday Masses. **Father Dani Penollar** will supply for the weekend Masses for Sunday 23rd and 29th August (5pm Vigil, 8am and 10am). I will return on Monday 31st August and the weekday Masses *will resume on Tuesday, 1st September (8 am).*

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 a 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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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 eatleycc@bigpond.com.

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 eatleycc@bigpondnet.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.

Sunday Mass

23rd August 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

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.

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| 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.

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
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-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray in the name of Jesus of
Nazareth, the Messiah, and the Son of the living God.*

1. That all who join with Peter in confessing Jesus as the Messiah may stand firm on the rock of this faith. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That Francis our Pope, echoing the voice of Peter, may proclaim the faith with humility and listen to the faithful with charity. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

3. That those who are wealthy in the knowledge of this world may attend to human suffering and so grow rich in the ways of God. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That those who suffer and so question the ways of God may find in us some sign of the glory of the cross. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That this community's profession of faith in Jesus may be made not only in words, but in deeds that build up the Church. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That the souls of the faithful departed may be cleansed and perfected in the merciful love of the Lord. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ through our lively faith in the Word made flesh, and through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of all Christians. **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 faithful 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 earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
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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