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22nd November, 2020 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

THE JUDGMENT OF THE KING: When Christ died and had ascended into Heaven, he intended that the work of spreading his kingdom should be carried on by his committed followers. But this they could not do until first of all the kingdom had taken possession of themselves. It was the love of Christ within them that was to radiate out to others. Christ won people by feeding them when hungry. His love and devotion for them so gripped hold of them that they tried to make him their king. But he would have none of that. He was to reign over them but not as an earthly king but as king of their hearts.

He expected them to follow his example and feed the hungry and help those in need and thus by their unselfish service to win other over to love and serve him. The Gospel tells us of the reward for those who have done this and condemns those who have neglected to do it. And it is not only individuals who have this duty - nations are bound by it. It is their duty to help those other countries where people are undernourished and starving and homeless. There are certain difficulties about feeding the hungry peoples of the world, but it should not prove impossible with good will and a great deal of self-sacrifice. It may indeed mean fewer colour television set, computers games, washing machines and luxuries of various kinds but a nation like an individual, should be ready to follow the words of Christ to die to itself and live for others. It is the task of the individual to press governments to do their duty. Christ gives us a picture of the last judgment in terms of the corporal works of mercy. They are the test, after all our love and unselfishness. If we cannot love others by helping them when in need, how can we be true subjects of Christ the King? He said that those who love him must keep his commandments, and his great commandment is to love one another as He has loved us.

Masses and Prayers: Roger McCunnie, recently deceased: All the Holy Souls we have in remembrance during the Month of November.

November is the Month of the Holy Souls: During November, I am offering all my Masses for your deceased relatives and friends.

Sacrament of Confirmation: The children of the parish eligible for the Sacrament will be confirmed over the weekend 28th and 29th November. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sacrament Program for 2021: Please visit the Parish website:

www.stjosephschurch.com.au

Parish Visitation: Bishop Terry Brady will be visiting the Parish on the weekend 4th, 5th, and 6th December. He will celebrate all the weekend Masses on the 5th and 6th December and meet the parishioners.

Peakhurst Men's Walk and Talk

With a belief that its members should "never walk alone", Peakhurst's Men's Walk and Talk group is an opportunity for men, aged 15 and over, to take an hour for themselves to walk with the company of other blokes. Focussed on improving physical and mental health and providing a great opportunity to meet new people, this is a weekly, no-cost event.

Starting on Thursday 26 November from Our Lady of Fatima Church (corner of Forest Road and Isaac Street Peakhurst), the walk will take place around the newly refurbished lower Gannons Park with final laps around the sports fields.

Just turn up between 5.30pm and 5.45pm for a 6.00pm start on Thursdays. Come alone or bring a friend. This is a dog-free activity so please leave Rover at home. Parking is available in the church carpark. Check out the Facebook page Peakhurst Men's Walk and Talk for more information.

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: 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.

Sunday Mass

15th November 2020 – Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

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,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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 CHRIST THE KING

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, our King reigns from his Cross. He reigns in his eternal kingdom, where he intercedes for us. Through our loving Redeemer, let us make our prayers of intercession.

1. For the Church, the body of Christ, that its royal head may draw all believers into the visible unity of the one body. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. For all who exercise authority in our world today, that they may learn from the King who came to suffer and to serve. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. For all who reflect the image of Christ the King in the humiliation of the passion. May all the tribes of earth learn to lament our inhumanity to one another. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. For the children of our Parish being prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next weekend. May they be true to their Baptismal promises and, with the gifts of the Holy Spirit of courage and right-judgement, be strengthened in their commitment in the years ahead. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For this congregation, fashioned by Christ into a kingdom of priests. May our worship glorify God and our witness announce Christ's reign. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

6. That those who in this life looked for the coming of Christ's kingdom may find in eternal life the fullness of Christ's glorious reign. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven, will lead us to Christ and the kingdom where He reigns as Universal King forever. **HAIL MARY.**

God, our Father, may we never look back or hesitate to move forward in the journey towards your Kingdom. May these prayers strengthen our faith. 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 Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Having received the food of immortality,
we ask, O Lord,
that, glorying in obedience
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,
we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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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