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9th AUGUST 2020 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

IT IS A GHOST: Today's Gospel gives us both a strange and attractive picture. The lonely Christ prays to his Father on the hillside overlooking the lake. After the strains and stresses of the day he needed strength and refreshment of spirit and this he finds in communion with his Father. Nor was it for his own self alone that he prayed. He had others in mind. When his prayer is over, he looks across at the boat tossed about by a storm which seems about to overwhelm it. We can almost picture it ourselves; the night illumined by moonlight, the lake, like polished steel rising and falling as though molten by a furnace and the boatmen struggling to reach the further shore.

There is symbolism in the scene. The boat with its crew toiling to survive and reach the shore is the church with its first members making their way through a stormy world. It is a world without hope until Christ appears. Unable to reach them by boat he walks upon the water as though it were solid ground. He knows that without him all their efforts will be in vain. And they, looking up from their labours, see something that fills them with fear. In the pale moonlight a figure appears silhouetted against the water and treading on it. "It is a ghost," they cry. Two fears grip hold of them; that of the storm and the apparition. This is what Christ wants. This is a dramatic parable that he has prepared. He wants to show them how different everything is once he is with them. His presence produces a great calm both in their hearts and on the water. Now they can easily make their way to the shore in peace.

There is a lesson here for us all. Life is a struggle and we need the help of Christ to bring us to our true destination. There may well be storms on the way, but his presence will provide a deep peace so that in the end all will be well.

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, Ellen Mavis Hilder, Jack Fickers (recently deceased), Ellen and John Perkins, Mary Catherine Williamson, Michael Kevin Allen, Father Chris Sheehy, Father George Connolly, Linda Ellen Hilder, Giovanna Degabriele (anniversaries) and Daniel Beljo .Rayma Papworth (ann.10/8). Kathleen Rohl (ann,12/8).

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).

 CCareline 131819 CatholicCare.org	CCareline: helping Sydney families with relationships, parenting, ageing services, disability, addictions and mental health concerns. connect@catholiccare.org
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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

9th August 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

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,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.
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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray on behalf of all the human family, for God never passes by, but draws near and abides with us in Christ.

1. That Christians may not grow discouraged with winds and waves against them, but take heart in Jesus who will see us safely through. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That Pope Francis, as successor of Peter, may be inspired to step beyond the safety and security of office and walk with faith toward Christ across turbulent seas. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

3. For the people of Beirut in Lebanon affected by the tragic explosion in the city. Give eternal rest to the dead, healing, and strength to the injured and sick, comfort and solace to the people who have lost family and friends, homes and possessions. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That child migrants and unaccompanied refugee children who are forced to leave their homes may find a safe home and a brighter future. May we continue to become aware of this situation and bring about positive change in their lives. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That we, disciples “of little faith”, to whom the Lord still draws near, may respond with exuberance as Christ comes to us. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That Christ may reach out and take the hand of those who died in faith and lead them safely across to the haven of eternal life. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of the Sea, will assist the wanderer in finding a safe haven in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. **HAIL MARY.**

Lord God, as you receive these prayers we make, grant us a strong faith and an abiding trust in your Son, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. 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

*O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

May the communion in your Sacrament
that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,
and confirm us in the light of your truth.
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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