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7th February 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SICK: We are told in today's Gospel that Christ healed many who were sick. He was doing this constantly during his life. His example has inspired a passion for healing which has shown itself in a multitude of ways. Hospitals, missionary doctors and an impetus to help the suffering all over the world are examples of it. A Father Damien in Molokai, a Mother Teresa in Calcutta, a Peter Claver in Cartagena are just a few out of a countless number who, under the inspiration of Christ have spent themselves in the service of the sick and dying. It has become a Christian duty to relieve pain. Why did Christ cure the sick? Certainly, it was out of compassion, but he also had a deeper reason. He wanted the cure to affect the whole personality – to give wholeness and thus effect holiness. He would cure the soul by curing the body. He likened himself to a physician saying: *They that are well have no need of a physician, but they who are sick.* And he went on to say: *For I came not to call the righteous but sinners.*

Did Christ see a reflection of himself in the sick? He told us that when we visit the sick we visit him. He identifies himself in some way with the illness. For, however distorted and disfigured the body may be, we know that the person was created in God's image, which is the likeness of his Son. In some way then a sick person was to Christ a faint image of his suffering self. The Christian then, when he ministers to the sick, does not do so for purely humanitarian reasons, though these will be present, but he also has in mind that the Spirit of Christ dwells within them and therefore have an immortal destiny. This may not be consciously present. The sick with whom he deals may be difficult, crochety and unreasonable, they may not seem to be in any way Christ-like; but he knows, if he thinks about it, that deep down Christ is endeavouring to express himself and it is his duty, as far as he is able to perfect Christ's image in them.

Masses for the Deceased: Neville Graham, Archbishop Phillip Wilson, Michael John Milgate, Emilia Kolesnyk, recently deceased; Marjorie Mary Saunders, Fr. Andrew Quinn, anniversaries, Buyung Elias (ann.), Frederika Streiff (ann.), Pauline Elias, Mary Elias (unborn), Josephine Wong (unborn), Christina Salim, Alexander Arifin, Agnes Arifin, Brother Arifin (unborn), Alice Delaney (ann.14/2), Marjorie Keating (ann.12/2), Virginia Cameron (ann.14/2),

The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link: bit.ly/stjoatley or



You can also access it by going to the Archdiocese of Sydney website where there is a list of Churches who stream their Masses each week. Just click on the link for St. Joseph's Parish, Oatley.

Sacramental Program for 2021: Please visit the Parish website:

www.stjosephschurch.com.au

Parish 2020 – A Call for Renewal On the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 12th December, 2020, Archbishop Anthony Fisher launched our new Archdiocesan Mission Plan *Go Make Disciples* which, with the assistance of the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, seeks to inspire and support the renewal of our parishes as places of encounter with the living Christ for the faithful and beyond.

In the weeks and months ahead we will all join together in prayer, calling on the Holy Spirit, to prepare the hearts of each of us and of all our parishes and Eucharistic communities to receive anew the fire of God's love and the desire to be ever more faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ. A summary of the Mission Plan is available in the porch of the Church.

Imposition of restrictions concerning Churches. From midnight on 2nd January, the former restrictions on Church attendance have been re-imposed due to a spike in Covid infections in the Northern Peninsular and other areas in Greater Sydney. There is a limit of 100 people who can attend Mass, provided a 4 square metre per person rule is adhered to. However, our Church will only 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 use of a QR code is recommended for those with iPhones or smart phones. The NSW Services app would need to be install on you phone to access the code. The first time you use the code, it will ask you to provide your name and contact number. It will then send you a code to enter with your details and the app will then be active. It is then used every time you attend Mass, or when and where you visit other venues that have a QR code registration system in place.

The Government has now mandated the wearing of face masks when people are in crowded places, such a shopping centres, supermarkets, public transport, and *places of worship*. Anyone not wearing a mask when required will be subject to a \$200 fine.

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.

Confessions are now available before the 5 pm Vigil Mass (4 pm to 4.45 pm).



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.

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our 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.

Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, 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.

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care,
that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace,
they may be defended always by your protection.
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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us join together in prayer to the God of compassion, who heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

1. That the Church may be continually healed in her human weakness, division, and sinfulness. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That by making themselves servants to all, world leaders may promote the human dignity that is rightfully due to all. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That those sick with various diseases of body, mind or spirit may find Christ's healing at the hands of those who assist in their recovery. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That those who are looking for the Lord Jesus may find him. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That the catechists in public schools and all called to parish ministry may be effective instruments of God's saving purpose. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That we whom Christ has lifted up to new life may use the healing bestowed on us in the generous service of others. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That those who have passed through the long night of suffering and death may come quickly to the dawn of eternal life in God's presence. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. That through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of all Consolation, we who were adopted in Christ the Beloved by God's gracious choice, may live holy and blameless lives. **HAIL MARY.**

Almighty and everlasting God hear our prayers, and in your mercy look upon our infirmities. In all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth your healing hand to help and defend us. 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

*Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

O God, who have willed that we be partakers
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,
grant us, we pray, so to live
that, made one in Christ,
we may joyfully bear fruit
for the salvation of the world.
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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