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14th February 2021 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ASH WEDNESDAY 17th February. There will be two Masses in the Church, 7.00 am and 8.00 am. The children in St. Joseph's School will have Mass in the undercroft of the School at 9.15 am *but this is restricted to children, teachers, and school staff only.*

DUST: There is a story of a man who had an old silver snuff box. It had become dented, dingy and full of holes so that it was useless for the purpose for which it was made. One day, a man took the box and dipped it into a bowl of acid. It crumbled and soon became a small heap of silver lying in the bottom of the bowl. Then a silversmith took the little heap and out of it fashioned a new box more precious and shapelier than the last without any dents, holes or dinginess. This is an example of what God does for us. Of ourselves we are like the useless old snuff box fit only for the rubbish bin. But God takes hold of us – shares his glory with us and makes us of great value.

We will be reminded of this on Ash Wednesday. Our humility should tell us that we are only dust fit to be swept up by a maid and thrown on a dust heap. But God has taken the dust and shaped it into an image of himself and thus given it a splendour beyond our imagining. We have *nothing* to be proud of and have *everything* to be proud of. We can be so full of ourselves that there is no room for God. If we are like that, we are full of false pride. If on the other hand, we recognise God's work in us we can be immensely proud of this fact.

Ash Wednesday also reminds us of physical death but a death which is an aspect of God's love. It is a death only to be feared if it is accompanied by spiritual death. Our bodies do return to the dust from which they came but is it a return to eternal glory. What is corrupt puts on incorruptibility. Ash Wednesday is the starting point of Lent, a season in which we think of the crucified Christ whose blood transformed the dust which had been made to the image of God but had been disfigured by sin. Of this too we can be proud that our greatness and dignity and eternal value spring from that blood which was shed with such profusion upon our earth.

Masses for the Deceased: Florence Anderson (dec), Denise Caramsing (ann.), Nelson Fierentino (rec dec) and prayers for his family Margaret and Leanne; Linda Snell (ann.17/2), Ron Cahill (ann.18/2).

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 Friday, 12th February, an unlimited number of people can attend Mass, provided that the one person per 2 metre square rule is observed. However, our Church will only hold at least eighty according to this regulation, any overflow would have to be accommodated in the Marion Hall where the Mass can be viewed on the TV monitor. Because of the easing of the restrictions, the Archbishop has lifted the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation. ***Parishioners are once again obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation when this is reasonably possible.*** Those of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of Covid19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping the Sabbath holy. 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 your 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 wearing of masks is no longer mandatory, but strongly recommended where social distancing is not possible.

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).



The need is acute!

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to [enquire now](#).

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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

*Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.*

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.

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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.

UNIVESAL PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, seeking God's blessing not for ourselves only but for all, let us pray to the God of steadfast love.

1. For the Church of God: May her preaching and witness form consciences attuned to the glory of God and the dignity of others. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. For this world in which so many suffer: May the resources of health and healing be more equitably shared. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. For all whom society stigmatizes as unclean: May they know the hand of friendship and the touch of healing offered by Christians. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. For those engaged in medical research: May their commitment to their discipline be enhanced by their compassion for the suffering and their respect for human life. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For us who eat and drink with the Lord at this Eucharist: May we do all for the glory of God and the good of our neighbour. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. For all the faithful departed: With all their sins forgiven, may they come with joy into the presence of our high priest, Jesus Christ. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. For greater devotion to the Holy Mother of God. May her powerful intercession bring comfort and strength in all our afflictions. **HAIL MARY.**

God of power and mercy, by whose grace your people give you praise and worthy service: hear our prayers and save us from faltering on our way to the joys you have promised. 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

*They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord,
so that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
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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