

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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12th JULY, 2020 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THE SEED: Our Lord was constantly taking examples from nature as images of his kingdom. Today he takes the sower and the seed. Seeds have a mysterious power which beings to operate when they are placed in the earth. They act upon their surroundings to produce plants and flowers and fruit. What is so tiny in the beginning can become enormous in size in the end.

In the same way the life which Christ came to give to us all, if accepted in our hearts, has an immense and mysterious power to transform and make us capable of living for ever as well as receiving all kinds of gifts from God in this life. But first we must not allow the growth of the seed to be impeded. We must allow it to take firm hold. We must have a firm faith in the work of the divine sower Christ. If our faith is superficial so that it is easily lost, the seed will not bear fruit. Again, if all kinds of material interests and anxieties take hold of our life to the exclusion of all else there is no chance for the seed planted by Christ to take hold. The divine Sower wants us to be able to say, “My heart is ready O Lord, my heart is ready!” We have our part to do. We must prepare the ground to receive the seed. It cannot operate on poor soil. We should remember that the Sower himself worked long and hard to procure the seed for us. The seed would only be made fertile by his blood. It would be sown in darkness and death – in a veritable winter of pain and bodily dissolution. He said of himself “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it will remain only a grain of wheat; but if it dies it will yield a rich harvest”.

The soil then on which the divine sower cast his seed is the hearts of all. He offers it without exception. His work never ceases. The seed is sown in love, and love alone will fertilise it and make it grow.

Masses and Prayers: Peter Piccin and Margaret O’Leary (recently deceased), Fr. Kevin Dadswell, Fr. Leo Purcell, Terrence Joseph McKeon, Salvina Gatt, Linda and George Richard Darrell-Edwardes (anniversaries), deceased members of the Domeneghini and Convento families. Mary Kathleen (Molly) Murray (ann17/7), Bessie McPhee (14/7), Kevin McMullen (ann.17/7), Joyce McKenna (13/7), Kevin McGrath (ann.15/7), Winifred Bartlett

(ann.18/7), Beatrice Rolleston (ann. 17/7), Marie Molloy (ann.13/7), Dorothy Bewes (ann. 12/7), Terrence McKeon (ann.14/7), Freda Jenner (ann. 17/7),

Further Relaxation of restrictions concerning Churches. From the 1st July there is no limit of the number of 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.

Since the 7th June, we have returned to the normal Mass timetable i.e. 5 pm (Vigil), 8 am and 10 am. Weekday Masses will remain for the time being at 8 am, Monday to Saturday (9 am on Public Holidays). I invite parishioners who wish to attend the Sunday Mass, preferably to email the office outleycc@bigpond.net.au, or contact Nicki, the Parish Secretary, on Thursday or Friday, to make a reservation (9580 1864). Please nominate the Mass you wish to attend and the number of persons. Parishioners who attended Mass last Sunday have already made their reservation for subsequent weeks. However, if the demand exceeds the requirements, I would be happy to add another Mass to the Sunday, timetable, perhaps at 9 am. 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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Events Support: Collate stories and images from Palms' history to prepare for our 2020-2021 Diamond Jubilee.

Donor Support: Work with our Fundraising Co-ordinator to organise support for overseas placements. **To find out more about these opportunities, call the Palms team on 02 9560 5333.**

Sunday Mass

12th July 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

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 the 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.	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 show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honour.
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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let our prayer give voice to the needs of the whole of creation that waits with eager longing for God's word to accomplish its purpose.

1. That the Church like the sower in the parable, not judge the soil or measure the seed, but trust God to insure a bountiful yield. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That nations free of political repression may resist the lure of wealth and seek instead the glorious freedom of the children of God. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That people who have problems of doubt or suffering may receive the word of God and be converted. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

4. That Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and all who seek to spread the Gospel, may be faithful in their duties, courageous in their vocations, dedicated in their selflessness, and radiant in their witness, rejoicing in the gift they have received. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That life-giving rains and temperate weather may nurture the crops, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That our faithful departed may rejoice to become the first fruits of the new creation. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, may intercede for us in all our necessities. **HAIL MARY.**

Father in heaven, your graces always achieve their purposes. As we make these requests in prayer, teach us to value your blessings. 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 sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,
that, by our participation in this mystery,
its saving effects upon us may grow.
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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