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15th November, 2020 – Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

THE IMPORTANCE OF WORK: There is a story that during the last great war a company of soldiers entered a bombed town in France and come across a broken statue of Christ lying on the ground. Some Christians among them joined the broken bits together but they could not find the hands, so someone wrote on a placard and hung it round the neck. On the placard were the words: “We are his hands”. Whether that story is true or not it is a good illustration of the significance of work for a Christian.

Christ said *I always do the things that please the Father*. Every person is intended to be another Christ at work – pleasing God by glorifying him through labour of his mind and body. In today's Gospel we are exhorted to make the most of our personality by developing the gifts that God has given us. It is an insult to God to misuse them or bury them without use. We are to be other Christs at work not only for our own benefit but for that of others and thus in the service of God. The founder of the Young Christian Workers wrote: “it is work that must continue God's act of creation; make use of creation, discover all the riches of creation, and place them at the service of humanity, in order that it may attain its destiny”. He goes on “Without work there is no host. Not a single drop of wine, no altar stone, no vestments, no church. Without work there is no religion”. All of us are in this world to do our bit to make it a better place to live in. God has given us a variety of talents and intends us to use them. The master in the parable did not give the talents completely to his servants, he only lent them to be made use of. In the end an account had to be rendered concerning their use.

Masses and Prayers: All the Holy Souls we have in remembrance during the Month of November.

November is the Month of the Holy Souls: During November, I will be 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, and choose sacramental Dates from the panel.

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.

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).



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 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.*

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.

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as industrious
servants working until the Master's return, let us pray on
behalf of all the human family.*

1. That **Francis**, our Pope, **Anthony**, our Bishop, and other leaders of the Church may lead us to the glory of our heavenly homeland. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That governments will respect and protect human life from conception to natural death. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That universities and other institutes of education may be centres of wisdom amidst the follies of this world. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That Christians who work in business and politics, science and technology, may bring gifts of competency and compassion. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That all women who work in and outside the home, will follow the example of the great women of the Scriptures. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That we, who know not the day nor the hour, may “stay wide awake and sober” watching and preparing the way of the Lord in our assemblies, our homes and our places of work. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That those who rejoiced in God’s gifts in this life may enter into the joy of the Master. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. That the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, may assist us in all our necessities. **HAIL MARY.**

Almighty and eternal God, stretch forth to your faithful people the right hand of heavenly help: that they may seek you with their whole heart and be worthy to receive what they have asked for in faith, hope and love. 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

*To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may bring us growth in charity.
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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