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8th November, 2020 – Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

WISDOM: Life is made up of so many things, jobs, books, holidays, television, home life, business life, things that go wrong and things that go right. Most of these things are part of ordinary every day living, they are the means by which people earn their keep or enjoy relaxation. But they also have a deeper meaning. They are in a very real sense a preparation for the future. What is done in life decides what a person will be like when he arrives at the door of death. The things of life must therefore be sanctified by prayer and worship. The liturgy, for example, is intended to give an eternal value to the actions of the day, to give us the oil of Christ's grace so that when we come to the door, the oil is alight and shining and has not gone out.

For this we need the gift of the Holy Spirit called Wisdom. Scripture, speaking of it says: *It is an infinite treasure to men and those who possess it become the friends of God.* The wise person has foresight both for a future on earth and an eternal future, for it in this latter that we will become united with God for ever. Wisdom, then, is the keynote of today's Gospel. That wisdom which looks to the present as a preparation for the day when the summons to Christ's presence comes. None of us knows when that will be. Nor do we know how it will come. It may be by a sudden accident or a heart attack; on the other hand, it may come through a slow illness. But however, it will come, and we must be ready now to face it. *You know not the day or the hour*, says Christ. We are to be like sentries at their post always on duty, never allowing the enemy to come and destroy us. This does not mean that we should always be thinking of death, be filled with anxieties about it. On the contrary, we should be thinking of life – living it to the full in the service of God. If we do this, death should have no real terrors for us. The door will open for us to enter the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Masses and Prayers: Marie Therese (Jeanine) Leeyee, recently deceased, Rita Fleming (ann.10/11), Laraine Edmonds (ann.9/11), and 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.

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).

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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

8th November 2020 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

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 and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
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-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in the name of Our Lord Jesus, who
is coming in glory, let us pray as the communion of saints.*

1. That all who believe in the resurrection of the body may join to nurture the human dignity of all destined for such glory. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That universities and other institutes of education may be centres of wisdom amidst the follies of this world. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

3. That we may comfort those who mourn, until one day we shall be gathered with our departed and be with the Lord forever. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That the dying may look to Christ with hope and penitent trust. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That brides and grooms who give themselves to each other in the marriage covenant may flourish in their commitment to live together in mutual love. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That the Wisdom of God's word may keep us seeing clearly; always ready to enter the wedding banquet. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That we may not grieve over our departed brothers and sisters as those who have no hope, but temper our mourning with faith that through Jesus they will rise again. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. That we who firmly believe that the Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of God and the Seat of Wisdom may seek and constantly receive the help of her prayers. **HAIL MARY.**

Almighty and Eternal God, forasmuch as without Your grace we are not able to please You: Mercifully grant our requests, and that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. 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 Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,
the grace of integrity may endure
in those your heavenly power has entered.
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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