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5th JULY, 2020 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THE SACRED HEART: There has been a certain emphasis in ecclesiastical ritual and art on the gentleness, meekness, and tenderness of Christ's character. *Joseph Ernest Renan*, the French Orientalist, said that “Tenderness of heart was in him transformed into infinite sweetness, vague poetry, universal charm”. Certainly, pictures and prayers have sometimes given an over sentimental picture of Christ. They have left out his strength of purpose, his fearlessness, his righteous anger. Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus must take these into account.

In today's Gospel, Christ urges those who are laden and heavy burdened to come to him because he is lowly and meek in heart. But one must realise that meekness does not mean weakness nor does humility imply feebleness. Christ was meek before *Caiaphas* – this meant that he exercised great self-restraint refusing to use the great powers that he had. Again, he was humble before him and this too involved great strength of character when one considers who Christ was. Christ's words to the “laden and heavy burdened” in the Gospel show great affection and compassion. He welcomes them to himself and they are to take his yoke upon them. This yoke, he says, is light. Christ does not mean that it will not involve suffering. He has already said that those who love him must take up their cross and follow him. The yoke remains a cross but love for him makes it bearable. We must then learn from Christ to be meek and humble; not the kind of meekness which means abject subjection; not the kind of humility which involves feeble submission; but the meekness of Christian self-restraint in the face of provocation, and the humility arising from an understanding of our true position in regard to God – that we are nothing without him. All this we can learn by prayer to the Sacred Heart, a heart whose human love for us is there to draw us inward to the infinite love of God.

Masses and Prayers: Peter Piccin and Margaret O'Leary (recently deceased), Fr. Basil Jansen, Fr. Kevin Nolan, Bishop John Heaps, Imelda Saunders, Kathleen O'Brien, Joan Press, Catherine (Kitty) Fisk, George Richard Darrell-Edwardes (anniversaries), deceased members of the Domeneghini and Convento families. Pietro Convento (ann.8/7), Dorothy Bewes (ann.12/7), Salvina Gatt (ann.3/7), John Dolan, (prayers for his wife for success of major surgery)

ABORIGINES AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS SUNDAY: “For thousands of years before the arrival of Western settlers (in Australia), the sole inhabitants of the land were indigenous peoples, the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. Their ancient heritage forms an essential part of the cultural landscape of modern Australia. Thanks to the Australian Government’s courageous decision to acknowledge the injustices committed against the indigenous peoples in the past, concrete steps are now being taken to achieve reconciliation based on mutual respect. Rightly, you are seeking to close the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians regarding life expectancy, educational achievement, and economic opportunity! This example of reconciliation offers hope to peoples all over the world who long to see their rights affirmed and their contribution to society acknowledged and promoted. *Pope Benedict XVI, World Youth Day 2008.*

Sunday, 5th July is observed in the Catholic Church as Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders Sunday. The message at the video link below may help you to acknowledge this occasion.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsSyfQ4LQP4&feature=youtu.be&mc_cid=960e4093da&mc_eid=86ad0cfb8f

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 oatleycc@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).



CCareline: helping Sydney families with relationships, parenting, ageing services, disability, addictions and mental health concerns.
connect@catholiccare.org

As you know *The Catholic Weekly* has temporarily transitioned to a digital presence only due to the government's decision to close all Churches during the COVID-19 pandemic.

While it has brought challenges, I am pleased to inform you that we have adapted extremely well and are continuing to produce the paper in a **digital form** making it available to everyone online at www.catholicweekly.com.au

What is a digital edition?

It is the current paper delivered on our website and which is formatted identically to the print edition.



This means that anyone who visits our website can find the latest edition online by clicking the tile they can read through the paper flicking through page by page.

Regular printed copies of the Weekly will be available from Sunday, 12th July.



Palms Australia is currently seeking office volunteers

Palms Australia is a registered Catholic charity that has been working to reduce poverty through long-term, skilled volunteering for 59 years.

Here's a great opportunity to assist in the following part-time volunteer roles.

The Connector: Help promote Palms placements and programs through church and community networks.

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

5th July 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

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 in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
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)

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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray to the God of heaven and earth who reveals to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

1. May pastors and all Christians pattern their lives after the example of the Master, who came in humility and called to himself the childlike of heart. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. May those who are wise and learned in the eyes of the world use their discoveries and insights to benefit the whole of the human family. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That those who work in shipping, in management, in unions, in support industries and services in aid of those who ply the seas, may be valued and rewarded in their work with success, and a greater understanding by those who benefit from their gifts. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

4. That all seafarers whose lives greatly depend on the ocean, may place their trust in God's strength and mercy to bring them safely to the next port. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who celebrate survival and the strength of culture and spirit. May their minds and hearts be guided by their connections to community, their family and cultural traditions. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. May we go forth to serve the world in that gentleness of heart that we learn from Christ, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. May the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead, raise our dead and give them eternal life.
8. May the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Devoted Handmaid of the Lord, assist us in following in the footsteps of her Divine Son. **HAIL MARY.**

*Lord of heaven and of earth, gathered in obedience to your Son's command,
your people ask you to accept their prayers, 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

*Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.
Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great gifts,
we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.
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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