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11th April 2021 – Second Sunday of Easter

PEACE OF SOUL: Three times in today's Gospel Christ says *Peace be with you*. His salutation was more than a polite form of welcome. It was an offer of grace, of that peace of which he spoke at the last supper *My peace I give you; not as the world gives do I give you*. Twice he spoke the words to his apostles who were hidden away behind shut doors for fear of the Jews. Christ not only dispersed their fears but also, by his presence and the showing of his wounds imparted a deep-down calmness of spirit allied with a profound joy. On a second occasion he offered peace to doubting Thomas. It was a peace which was the product of a faith learned at Christ's feet.

There can be no peace from Christ without faith. Faith is the response that must be given to Christ's offer of peace. It is the open door to peace, and the greater the faith the more profound will be the peace. Christ is the healer of the divisions within a person, or discords between head, and heart, and senses. His peace is not a religious narcotic. It does not anaesthetise action. On the contrary it is a strength to action, a powerful help to the endurance of life's difficulties. In the modern world this peace is at a discount. Tensions, restlessness, neurosis of various kinds afflict many people; an inner chaos of mind and heart created by confusion about the purpose of living and insecurity result in much unhappiness. The antidote to all this is peace of soul, but this is not easily won. On a natural level much can be done by learning how to relax, perhaps by listening to music or enjoying some other form of entertainment. A good holiday can clearly work wonders. But at a deeper level the peace that Christ offers has a more profound effect. Christ said *Come to me, all who labour and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls*.

Masses for the Deceased: Father Michael McCarthy, former Parish Priest of Oatley, recently deceased, Shirley Smith (ann.16/4), Catherine Mullaly (ann.16/4), Jean Curlisa (ann.13/4), Jack Saunders (ann.12/4)

Happy Easter to all! Our greetings over Easter should be: **Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**”

Thank you to all who were involved in making our Easter Triduum ceremonies a prayerful and moving experience: Acolytes, Readers, Organist and Singers, Wardens,

members of the Altar Society and those responsible for the streaming and visual presentations.

I will be away from the parish from the 12th to the 16th of April. Consequently, there will be no weekday Masses during that time. Mass will resume on Saturday, 17th April.

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. They are, however, still mandatory when travelling on public transport.

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).



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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.

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.*

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.

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the name of Jesus, the Living One, let us intercede for those who share with us the sufferings and the glory of the gospel, and for the needs of all the world.

1. That signs and wonders born of faith and love may be worked among all peoples through believers who bear testimony to Jesus. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That war and terror, born of past wrongs, may yield to deeds of forgiveness. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That our neophytes, who have come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, may inspire others to be added to the Lord. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That all Christians may come to know the power of the Risen Lord and always rejoice in the Divine Mercy of God manifest in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That the sick of our community and any who are troubled in spirit may find healing in the name of Jesus. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That we, who have not seen the risen Lord and yet have come to believe, may share the forgiveness we have received. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the dead, who acknowledged Jesus as their Lord and their God, may rejoice forever with the Living One. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. That we may rejoice with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven, that the Lord is risen indeed. **HAIL MARY.**

Almighty Father, you have given us your only begotten Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in sincerity of living and truth. 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

*Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son
was pleased to confer on us
the gift of redemption and of adoption,
give us gladness by his blessing.

Amen.

May he, by whose redeeming work
We have received the gift of everlasting freedom,
make us heirs to an eternal inheritance.

Amen.

And may we, who have already risen with Christ
in Baptism through faith,
by living in a right manner on this earth,
be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

Amen.

And 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, Alleluia, Alleluia! Thanks be to God,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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