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4th OCTOBER, 2020 – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

DESTRUCTION: Often destruction is necessary to create a clearing ground for new buildings. Thus, the horror of slums makes way for better housing. Such destruction is clearly a good thing. It brings comfort, health, and happiness in the place of wretchedness. Nature itself survives on this principle. The decay of the old gives vitality to the new; seeds die in the earth and bring forth the beauty of plants and flowers.

Christ was an example of this. The ruin of the temple at Jerusalem was sad and in itself was an act of vandalism. Christ wept over the thought of it. He loved the temple's beauty and greatness but its destruction, which he predicted, made way for a new temple *not made with hands* which far surpassed the splendour of the old. This temple was Christ himself; a temple in which all could find salvation. But first of all, even this temple had its time of destruction. It lay crucified on a cross and darkness reigned over it. But then out of death and darkness came life and light and a whole new world arose to restore the unbalance of the old. *Destroy this temple, said our Lord and I will build it up again.* That is what happened and because of it the destiny of the world became diverted – mortality put on immortality. *The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.* This was the supreme example of the greatest good arising out of ruin. For out of death came a wonderful resurrection, not only of the temple which was Christ, but of men's hopes for the future *I am come that they may have life and have it abundantly*, said Christ. All of us need a kind of self-destruction. We are told that we must lose our life in order to gain it. We must, in other words destroy the egoism of our nature and in its place put on the new ego of Christ.

Masses and Prayers: Ray Byers (recently deceased), Maxwell Weeks (ann.02/10), Adrian Moore (27/09).

Imposition of restrictions concerning Churches. From Friday, 24th July, further restrictions have been imposed due to a spike in the number of new infections. There is now

a limit of 100 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).

Daylight Saving begins at 2 am this Sunday. Please ensure that your clocks are advanced *one hour* before retiring on Saturday evening.



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 **4th October, 2020**

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.*

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 ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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 OF THE CHURCH FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we worry about many things in this life. St. Paul tells us that there is no need to worry, but that we should “ask God with prayer and thanksgiving” for what we need.

1. That the Church may preach the kingdom, not as her private possession, but as a gift for which the Lord will one day demand an account. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

2. That nations may live in peace creating ways of justice and not of bloodshed or oppression. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That those who plant crops, tend, and harvest them may know and delight in our appreciation. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That our young people and our senior parishioners may come to know, teach, and treasure each other. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That human life may always be cherished and respected, from its earliest beginnings to its natural end. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That the challenging message of the Lord's parables may strengthen us to produce a harvest worthy of the master's trust. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the kingdom of God may be given now to our departed brothers and sisters who make manifest the fruits of the kingdom in their lives. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. That the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, may make us worthy of the promises of the Lord. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

Father, your Son was the stone rejected by the builders, but has become the cornerstone. We accept him with thanksgiving, and confidently bring these prayers to you, 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 good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
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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