

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley

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## 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE – CORPUS CHRISTI

**FAITH IN THE EUCHARIST:** It is difficult to realise what is comprised in the little white consecrated disc we call the host. For many it is nothing but a piece of bread but for believers it signifies the meaning of existence and even existence itself. When the priest hold it in his hands there is a real sense in which he can say “the whole world in in my hands”. There would be no world without the Christ of the Eucharist. St. Paul says, “*In him all things have their origin, their impulse, the centre of their being*”. He is “*The immortal king of ages*” who has put all things “*under his feet*”. Those who have faith see the host as crucifixion and resurrection, life, and death. Here is a power which imparts immortality.

The *Corpus Christi* (Body of Christ) looks so small to human eyes. Its sacramental presence is beyond comprehension. We know that Christ is not confined to the limits of the host nor any space and time. The one body of Christ is given to millions across the world as it has been given to millions in the past, “*Because there is one bread, we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread*”. Our faith then sees beyond the whiteness to a Christ who lived and walked in Palestine, who suffered and died and who rose again in glory. It is this Christ in glory whom the priest brings to humankind.

There are a countless number of hosts to human eyes but only one bread, that living bread who came down from Heaven. All who received these many hosts are receiving the same body and are therefore united together in that body. They become members of the *Corpus Christi*, of that Mystical Body which came into its fullness when Christ rose from the dead. In this way they share the life and death and resurrection of Christ, and will one day share his glory in Heaven “*When Christ, you life, shall appear*”, wrote St. Paul “*then you too will appear with him in glory*”.

**Masses and Prayers:** Alice Nelson, Jeannette Noul, Patrick Noone (recently deceased), Frances Canham, (anniversaries), Sadie and Samuel Mir, Therese and Norman Mir and all their deceased family members, Marie and George Noul, Brian Harrison (rec dec), Johann Sender (ann.16/6), Jean Henniker (ann.17/6), Terence Clark (ann.21/6), Phyllis Kolega (ann.15/6),

**Relaxation of restrictions concerning Churches.** With the further easing of the restrictions regarding attendance of parishioners at Church for worship. We are now allowed to accommodate fifty (50) people for Mass during the week and on Sundays. However, social

distancing must still be observed (i.e. 4 square metres per person). Our Church will hold at least forty persons according to this regulation, with another ten who could be accommodated in the Marion Hall.

From Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, the normal Mass timetable applies, i.e. 5 pm (Vigil), 8 am and 10 am. Weekday Masses will be 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 [eatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:eatleycc@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, only a maximum of fifty persons can attend any one Mass.

Confessions are now available before the 5 pm Vigil Mass (4 pm to 4.45 pm).



## Sunday Mass

14th June 2020

### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.*

### 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.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### **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 this wonderful Sacrament  
have left us a memorial of your Passion,  
grant us, we pray,  
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood  
that we may always experience in ourselves  
the fruits of your redemption.  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (See Bulletin 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.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST.

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we worship the living God, let us lift up our voices in prayer through Christ, the High Priest and mediator of the new covenant.*

1. That all the people of God, treasuring the book of the covenant, may live in peace by obeying the Lord's words and ordinances. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That all the peoples of the earth, redeemed by the blood of the covenant, may reverence each other as children of the one God who has chosen them. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That those who are struggling in their daily lives and confronted by temptation, may be strengthened by Christ's example of his fidelity to the Father. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That those who prepare our young people to share in the Eucharist and those who bring communion to the sick and housebound may be living signs of the presence of Christ, who is our Passover and our Peace. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. During this time of the pandemic when we have been cut off from reception of Holy Communion because of the closure of our Churches, may we long for the Eucharist and patiently await the day when once again we can receive the Lord sacramentally. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That we who are graced in this Most Holy Sacrament with the abiding presence of Lord and the Eucharistic love of Christ, the summit and source of our Christian life, may offer our lives as a living sacrifice of praise to God and service to all. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the Sacrifice of the Eucharist may bring the dead to eternal life. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
8. That our love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary will bring us closer to Christ.

### **HAIL MARY.**

*Father, we come before you and present our needs to you humbled by the Eucharistic love and generosity of your Son, our eternal Priest. 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**

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may delight for all eternity  
in that share in your divine life,  
which is foreshadowed in the present age  
by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

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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