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27th SEPTEMBER, 2020 – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

REFUSAL AND ACCEPTANCE: The Christian is a person and not an angel, possessed of weaknesses and faults. There may be times when we wander away from our true vocation of service of God. St. Ignatius of Loyola, at the beginning of his book “The Spiritual Exercises” writes: *Man was created to praise, reverence, and serve God.* This is by no means always as easy a precept to follow. The joys of “Vanity Fair” may lure the Christian away from it. The desire for making money may become the be-all and end-all of our work. Its real dedication as an offering of service of God may be forgotten. But if fundamentally we are a person of good will, our Christianity should in the end win us over to a truer and better view of living.

We may, in other words, like the son in the Gospel say “No” when he was asked to word for God, but, like the son, afterward he will repent and go. God understands failure and he is always ready to transform them into successes provided the person does their part. The poet Robert Browning wrote:

*But what if I fail of my purpose here?
It is but to keep the nerves at strain,
To dry one's eyes and laugh at a fall,
And baffled, get up to begin again.*

God allows us to get up again and again after having failed him. What he wants is repentance. He hates us to shirk our responsibilities. This is what the second son in the parable did. He did, what some people do, he made a promise but never kept it. He was unreliable, not conscientious. Such people can be a menace in business and to good personal relationships. The lesson for all of us is that we must be honest and sincere in our lives for God. We may fail at times but at least we should try our best after our failures to start again and work for God with renewed energy.

Masses and Prayers: Ray Byers (recently deceased), Petar Obrovac (ann.12years), Maxwell Weekes (ann.2/10), Adrian Moore (ann.27/9), Zora Pavivic (ann.29/9),

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).



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 **27th September, 2020**

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

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 manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.
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 FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, to the God whose
vineyard we tend and whose kingdom we proclaim,
let us pray in the name of Jesus.*

1. That the Church may always know herself as a community of people who have changed their minds and hearts and returned to their commitments of worship and witness. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

2. That military powers may abide by treaty agreements to dismantle their stockpiles of weapons. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That those who have experienced hardship and injustice may find among us compassion and hope for a new beginning. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. That those who experience Christ's humiliation and cross because of physical illness, emotional anguish, or the misunderstanding of others, may also experience Christ's exaltation. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That we may respect and care for God's creation in the natural environment. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That those who in life confessed that Jesus is Lord may be exalted with Christ in heaven. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, she who is "full of grace", may help us on our pilgrimage of faith. **HAIL MARY.**

Father hear the petitions of your daughters and sons, who seek to do your will day by day. 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

*Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.
Who lives and reigns 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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