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16th AUGUST 2020 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST: Christ's love was universal. It was not confined to any particular class of people or to any special nationality. He came to save and help all people and made an offering of himself to all. The woman, in today's Gospel, who came to him for help was not a Jewess, a member of his own race, but a foreigner. But he did not allow this to stand in the way. He put her to the test and then granted her request because she had faith in him.

Christianity and racial prejudice are incompatible. All races of people are the objects of Christ's love and therefore all should be united in that love. In the Eucharist Christ offers himself to all. At the altar there are no class distinctions, colour bars, rich and poor, clever or ignorant, and there is only one nationality which is membership of the body of Christ. Nor are there any barriers to its entrance except those erected by human pride and selfishness. It is a terrible thing when Christians become bigoted and have a hatred for people of another race or culture. They are in reality, intolerant of Christ since Christ strives to express himself in everybody. He died upon the cross for all without exception. St. Paul expressed this by saying "Here there cannot be Greek, and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, Scythian, slave, or free, but Christ is all, and in all". There is nothing wrong in being patriotic, that is having a real love of one's own country, but this should not involve despising those who belong to some other nation. Hatred only breeds violence and war and bitterness. Love is of the very essence of Christianity – where there is no love there is no Christ. G.K. Chesterton said "Bigotry may be roughly defined as the anger of men who have no opinions". Certainly, such an anger is empty-headed and can only be the result of ignorance of another's real worth.

***Social Justice Statement 2020-21:** The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at*

<https://agora.catholic.org.au/e/576423/SocialJustice-2020/nf41c/517738070?h=6Sv7JdsoDHUMfCvf6HRBnLVu-cLCvNZHkhIGFc5iAK8>

Masses and Prayers: Clement Rosslund, Lina Kolozsi, Lorna Margaret Davey, Michael Christopher Barsi (recently deceased), Michael Kevin Allen, Sadie Mir (anniversaries), Samuel Mir, Therese and Norman Mir and all their deceased family members. William Geaney (ann.22/8),

ANNUAL LEAVE: I will be away from the parish from 17th to 31st August. During the two week of my absence there will be no weekday Masses. **Father Dani Penollar** will supply for the weekend Masses for Sunday 23rd and 29th August (5pm Vigil, 8am and 10am). I will return on Monday 31st August and the weekday Masses *will resume on Tuesday, 1st September (8 am).*

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 a shopping centres, supermarkets, public transport, and **places of worship**. This is not mandatory, but 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).



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connect@catholiccare.org

Sister Gabriel of Our Lady's Nurses, Coogee, advises that due to the Coronavirus pandemic they will not be holding their usual annual fete in October this year. On behalf of Our Lady's Nurses, she thanks everyone who has supported them over the years.

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.com.

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@bigpondnet.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 as 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

16th August 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

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 have prepared for those who love you
good things which no eye can see,
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love,
so that, loving you in all things and above all things,
we may attain your promises,
which surpass every human desire.
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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, together let us offer intercession for
the people of the whole world to the God who cares for all the nations
without difference or distinction.*

1. That believers and nonbelievers may work and talk together, healing the wounds that prejudice and rejection have inflicted upon us all. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That countries divided by religious, ethnic or racial conflict may seek reconciliation. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. For all young people who are searching for their unique place in life: That they may be open to God's call and be strengthened to respond. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

4. For those who work to enrich the liturgical celebrations of the Church with music and song. May they be richly rewarded by the Lord to whom they offer their talents and praises. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That we may beware of making an empty show of our religious practice, striving instead to let our faith transform us into true servants of the gospel. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That the Lord God may welcome home our dead, making them joyful in their eternal home. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. For greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate, and Queen assumed body and soul into heaven. **HAIL MARY.**

Loving Father, you created us of one stock in your image and likeness. Receive the prayers we offer in this house of prayer, open for all people. 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

*With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,
that, conformed to his image on earth,
we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven.
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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