

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH**  
**OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL**



**Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B**

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

### Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were  
made, alleluia.

### First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** The stone rejected by the builders has  
become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord

than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

2. I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end. **(R.)**

### Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

*We shall see God as he is.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished  
on us,

by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge  
him,

therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children  
of God

but what we are to be in the future has not  
yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel [John 10:11-18](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his  
sheep.*

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down  
his life for his sheep.  
The hired man, since he is not the  
shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
abandons the sheep and runs away  
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the  
sheep;  
this is because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.  
I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.  
And there are other sheep I have  
that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock  
and one shepherd.  
The Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been given  
by my Father.'

## Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## Reflection By Dr Scott Hahn

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the  
good shepherd the prophets had promised  
to Israel.

He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—  
who frees people from bondage to sin and  
gathers them into one flock, the Church,  
under a new covenant, made in His blood.

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far  
more than the dispersed children of Israel.  
And He gave His Church the mission of  
shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today's First Reading, we see the  
beginnings of that mission in the testimony  
of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd  
of His Church.

Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we  
sing today is a prophecy of their rejection  
and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the  
"builders" of Israel's temple that God has  
made the stone they rejected the  
cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the  
Church.

Through the ministry of the Church, the  
shepherd still speaks, and forgives sins, and  
makes His body and blood present, that all  
may know Him in the breaking of the bread.  
It is a mission that will continue until all the  
world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again,  
Jesus made it possible for us to know God as  
He did—as sons and daughters of the Father  
who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle,  
He calls us His children, as He called Israel

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**Recent Deaths:** Sr Mary

Madden rsm

**Anniversaries:**

**Sick:** Cora Jardine, John Nihill, and John Moulder

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Welcomer:** Peter Shaddock

**Reader:** Louise Fitzpatrick  
Leach

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

Gerald Leach

**Offertory Procession:**

Merril & John Boland

**Eucharistic Minister:** Leo O'Callaghan

**Projectionist:** Marie Shaddock

**Collections: 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Ouyen \$252.75

Planned Giving \$90.00

Caritas \$1099.85

**April Church Cleaning**

Carmel Vallance &

Marlene O'Callaghan

**Presbytery:** Celia Reidy

**Mass Times:**

**Ouyen** each Sunday at 11am

**Underbool** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays  
at 9am

**Weekday Masses this week**

**Thursday** at 5:30pm &

**Friday** at 10:30am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Father will be available  
after the 11am Mass or any  
time by appointment.

**Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament**

**Thursdays** 2:30 – 5:30pm

**Pope's Prayer Intention for April:** For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**Sacramental Preparation** for Reconciliation is beginning again, if you know of anyone who is interested in their child receiving any of the sacraments please see Marie; a notice will also be placed in the school newsletter.

**Some Outcomes from Leadership Team Meeting** held Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

~ **Ministry to our sick and bereaved parishioners.** We would like to establish a small group of 3-4 people who visit those at home or in hospital/hostel or help those who have lost a family member with their funeral preparations and bereavement. If you would like to be a part of this team please see one of the Leadership Team. Guidance and training can be done in our parish.

~ **Combining of the Presbytery and church cleaning rosters** so that cleaning the presbytery becomes a part of the church cleaning roster. Presbytery cleaning mostly involves emptying the bin and at the end of the month changing the sheets and vacuuming. This will begin next month. Please see Marie, Cheryl or Carmel if you have any questions or concerns about this.

~ **Parish meeting** toward the middle of the year to keep everyone updated.

**The new roster of priests will look like this for our parish:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fr Shaiju, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fr John, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fr Shaiju, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fr Matt

**Sr Mary Madden rsm RIP** The Funeral Mass for Sr Mary Madden rsm will take place on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at St Alipius Church Ballarat East at 10.30am AEST. The live-stream links are:

Funeral <https://youtube.com/live/aeXkdNueREc?feature=share>;

Burial <https://youtube.com/live/xTbxpt2SWpI?feature=share>.

**Prayer For Australia:** Eternal Father, I offer you the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ offered at all the Masses throughout the world, in atonement, and to protect Australia from the sin of abortion, euthanasia, and from every evil. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer for Freedom of Religious Belief:** Heavenly Father, we pray for our politicians to work openly with our faith communities, and for faith leaders, teachers, parents and guardians of children, to protect religious freedom from within our churches. We pray for the appropriate formation of children in accordance with the traditional teachings of their families. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady Help of Christians. Amen



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His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them.

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

**This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday.** The Universal Church celebrates Vocation Sunday on this day. We remember young women and men throughout our country and diocese and pray they may be open to hear and respond generously to the Lord's call. It is an opportunity for us to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life and for us especially to remember our seminarians, living and studying at Corpus Christi College in Carlton. We have three seminarians currently, they are: Channa Thilakarathna, Deacon Cay Trinh, and Simon Zakari. Channa and Simon are both in third year and moved to Australia last year. Channa was born and raised in Sri Lanka, and Simon was born and raised in Nigeria. Cay was born and raised in Vietnam and migrated to Australia in 2016. Bishop Paul ordained him to the diaconate last December, and he will become a priest of our diocese later this year. Let's pray for Channa, Cay and Simon as they complete their studies, that they will be good and holy priests who love and serve God and His people.



**This Thursday we bring to mind those who have paid the ultimate price in the service of our country. Fr Shaiju will be saying Mass at 5:30pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> for all those who can attend.**

**Next Sunday we will be celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat with a barbeque after Mass. The Parish will provide the meat and we ask those coming to bring a small salad to share. If you know of someone that isn't always aware of what is on at the church or has a past connection with our church/school please invite them to come along; the more the merrier.**

**Bishop Paul will be visiting our parish** on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. He will be here for Mass, followed by lunch, and a chance to speak with him; more details about this nearer to the time.

**Diocesan History Timeline & Parish History** As part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, a timeline of significant dates and events over the past 150 years has been published on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/> There has also been an "Our History" section added to parish pages on the website for parishes to update with their own history. If you would like to add any dates to the diocesan timeline or need assistance with adding information to the parish "Our History" section, please email [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)  
are: Funeral <https://youtube.com/live/aeXkdNueREc?feature=share> Burial <https://youtube.com/live/xTbxpt2SWpI?feature=share>.

**Words of Wisdom** "I was an agnostic until I realized that I had to choose between God and fate. The idea that humanity and nature are the result of fate was not convincing at all. I find the presence of God everywhere."- Andrea Bocelli

**Something to Smile About . . .** "I didn't mean to push all your buttons. I was just looking for the mute button!" 😊

**St Joseph's Parish is a Child Safe Parish - Parish Safety Officer: Mrs Melanie Grace 0477 846 777**