

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



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

### Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

### First Reading Is 8:23 – 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

**In the Galilean country, the people have seen  
a great light.**

In days past the Lord humbled the land  
of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days  
to come he will confer glory on the Way of the  
Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the  
nations.

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase,  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the  
spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;

whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. **(R.)**

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

### Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians

**I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters,  
make up the differences between you.**

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences  
between you, and instead of disagreeing among  
yourselves, to be united again in your belief and  
practice. From what Chloe's people have been  
telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there  
are serious differences among you. What I mean  
are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for  
Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I  
am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out?  
Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you  
baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to  
preach the Good News, and not to preach that in  
the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion  
of Christ cannot be expressed.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Mt 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.**

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!  
The people that lived in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of  
death  
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

## Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

## Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

Today's Liturgy gives us a lesson in ancient Israelite geography and history.

Isaiah's prophecy in today's First Reading is quoted by Matthew in today's Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David.

Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians, and the tribes were hauled off into captivity.

It marked the beginning of the kingdom's end. The Davidic empire finally crumbled in the sixth century BC, when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile.

Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfills that prophecy—announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall.

His gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations—symbolized by the "Galilee of the Nations." Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be "fishers of men," gathering people from the ends of the earth.

They are to preach the gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose—in a worldwide kingdom of God.

By their preaching, Isaiah's promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed.

And we are able now, as we sing in today's Psalm, to dwell in the house of the Lord, to worship Him in the land of the living.

"The Lord never tires of forgiving us. It is we who get tired of asking for pardon."

Pope Francis

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### Recent Deaths:

### Anniversaries:

**Sick:** Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, Laura Burns and John Nihill 🙏

May our healing God touch the lives of our sick bringing them comfort & peace.

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Mass

Ouyen: 11:00am

Reader: Peter Shaddock

Prayers of the Faithful: Marie Shaddock

Offertory Procession: Val Latta & Margaret Collins

Eucharistic Minister: Marlene O'Callaghan

Projectionist: Carmel Vallance

### Collections 15<sup>th</sup> January

Ouyen: \$ 230.20

Planned Giving: \$ 350.00

### Church Cleaning:

January: Peter & Marie Shaddock

### Presbytery Cleaning:

January: Faye Nihill

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Father will be available after the Friday Mass for Reconciliation, after the 11:00am Masses, or at any other time by appointment.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** each Thursday from 2pm-5pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm & Rosary 4pm; all welcome.

### Summary of the New Covid Provisions:

- ~ QR Codes are no longer required to sign in
- ~ Kindness and Common Sense strictly enforced
- ~ Face masks are no longer required to be worn

Please see Marie this week, if you would like a **Lenten Booklet**

**Pope's Prayer Intention for January:** Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations - We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.

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

### Mass Timetable

Wk 1	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 2	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 3	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 4	U'Bool	Mass	9:00am	Sunday
	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 5	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday

**Mass next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 10:00am**



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**Congratulations to Ann**, who today makes her first Holy Communion. Ann has been preparing a long time for this day and has finally made it after many set-backs. May she and all the children inspire us to remember the importance and fervour of our own first Holy Communion and every Holy Communion. Ann and her family will be home in Febraury.

**Lenten Booklets** – yes, it's almost that time of year again, when we make a conscious effort to turn back fully to God. Reflecting on the weekly readings, prayer and sharing our thoughts is a great way of making Lent so much more meaningful. If you are interested in joining a group to do this, we would love to have you, or if you prefer to do it alone that's fine. Booklets are \$9 and need to be ordered in

the next week. Please see Marie this week if you are interested in either option.

**Father Anthony is going on holidays!** We wish him a wonderful time away and hope he returns to us recharged and full of vigour. In his absence we will have a visiting priest on two of the Sundays and are looking at linking up with the Wimmera-Mallee Parish for the other two weekends. Essentially, we will be watching and joining in with the Mass in Horsham as it is live-streamed. The difference is that we will still gather at the same time, take up our usual collections, receive Holy Communion, and have our own announcements - as we would during a normal Mass. This is the closest option to having a priest with us and imposes the least change and impact on our parish.

After discussions last year with the **Patchewollock Community**, the sad decision to close the church was made. The final Mass for the closing of the church will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of March at 3:00pm, followed by refreshments in the Hall. Bishop Paul will be here to concelebrate the final Mass in Patchewollock with Fr Anthony and will say Mass the following day – Feast of St Joseph in Ouyen. This is just a preliminary notice, more details will be available nearer the time.



**On Friday**, some of the Parish Leadership Team were able to visit Cora and present her with a signed Papal blessing and some beautiful flowers on behalf of the Parish. **Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cora**, we wish you much love, laughter and good health! 🙌

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