

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

4th September 2022

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading [Wis 9:13-18](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it,
had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,

no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**

2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Phlm 9-10, 12-17](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but

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how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 14:25-33](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Counting the Cost *Reflection by Scott Hahn*

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus.

Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the "great crowds"—to anyone, to whoever wishes to be His disciple.

That only makes His call all the starker and more uncompromising. We are to "hate" our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again, He tells us that the things we have—even our family ties and obligations—can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him.

Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom.

Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world; we could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So, in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him.

Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today's Psalm. No more will the work of our hands be an affliction; no more are we destined to turn back to dust.

Like Onesimus in today's Epistle, we have been redeemed. We have been given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the Father, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him—no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright.

The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but Heaven itself.

St Peter Julian Eymard

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Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, Laura Burns,
Joan Bathgate and Marj Hynam 🙏

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

Sunday 11th September – Mass

Ouyen: 11:00 am

Reader: Marie Shaddock

Prayers of the Faithful: Peter Shaddock

Offertory Procession: Bosco Family

Projectionist: Carmel Vallance

Collections 28th August

Ouyen: \$320.00

Planned Giving: \$125.00

Church Cleaning:

September: Carmel Vallance

Presbytery Cleaning:

September: Cheryl Anderson

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:

Every Thursday from 2:00 – 5:00pm with the
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm and Rosary at
4:00pm; all welcome.

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.

Summary of the New Covid Provisions: ~ QR

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

Mass Timetable

Wk 1 Patche	Mass	11:30am	1 st Friday
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

Don't Forget - Mass this Friday at 10:00am

Rosary at 4pm, Thursday 8th to Honour &

Celebrate the Birth of our Lady

Side door entrance: we are asking anyone with
any mobility issues, and those who use gofers, to
enter via the side (north facing) door. This has a
much wider opening on level ground and is ideal for
dropping off/picking up or parking gofers. For those
with gofers we would ask you to **please use the
gravel to drive on**, rather than the pavers. If you are
aware of any other potential hazards please notify:
Faye, Cheryl or Marie.

8th September, Birth of our Lady



*Immaculate Conception, Mary my Mother, live in
me. Act in me. Speak in and through me. Think
your thoughts in my mind. Love through my heart.
Grant me your dispositions and feelings. Teach,
lead and guide me to Jesus. Be Queen of my heart,
my soul, of my family and home. Correct, conform
and enlighten my behaviour and incline my heart
to constantly adore and thank our God. Through
Christ our Lord. Amen*

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Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue in their preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation: Nigel Hamilton, Liam Hamilton, Keely O'Shannessy, George Scott and Ann Bosco.

A few copies of "**The Shared Table Newsletter from Fr Mick McKinnon**", are on the tables at the back of the church; it is well worth a read. Here are a couple of snippets: "Greetings to all from a very chilly Yanaoca. Well, chilly once the sun begins to go down in the afternoon, reaching temperatures below zero, but quite sunny and warm during the day. . . The Kitchens are back into full swing after the pandemic and continue to provide meals for some of the elderly and more vulnerable members of the communities as well as the children of the communities."

Reunion of past students of Sacred Heart College Ballarat (Class of 1965+) A Reunion will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022. The event will commence with a campus tour of Damascus College, to be followed lunch at the Golden City Hotel. The campus tour commences at 10.00am and lunch at 11.30am. To attend, please contact Lois Knights, email loisknights345@hotmail.com or phone 0419 902 538.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal For Retired Priests – Today

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us.' Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. Envelopes may also be returned next week. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

Caring for those who cared for us – the Church community's responsibility

St Augustine's Church Creswick 150th Anniversary On the weekend of September 17 & 18, 2022 celebrations will be held for the 150th anniversary of St Augustine's Church, Creswick. For more information go to <https://staugustines150.weebly.com/>

Happy Father's Day

to all Father's, Grandfathers and Spiritual Fathers.
May the Lord Bless you and Protect you.
May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord show you his favour and
Give you his Peace!

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