

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, UNDERBOOL, WALPEUP



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th September 2021

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man,
since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our
upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself
will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will
take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his
enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with
torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his
word for it.’

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)

2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)

3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

Second Reading [Jas 3:16 – 4:3](#)

A reading from the letter of St James

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
Alleluia!

Gospel [Mk 9:30-37](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be
carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

The Word of the Lord An excerpt from:
John Bergsma.



This Sunday's readings explore the theme of the suffering of the righteous. This Gospel is striking and full of curious ironies. For once, Jesus does not teach

the disciples in parables or figures of speech, but

to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. in blunt language he describes how he is going to suffer and die. But they just don't get it and so, Jesus teaches them the way of spiritual childhood. "*Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me*" he says.

What does this mean? To receive in my name means, at least in part, to receive because of Christ, for the sake of Christ, and with the spirit of Christ. Thus, kindness shown to a child—to the weak, the humble, the vulnerable—is considered by Christ to be kindness shown to himself and to the Father.

The readings this Sunday are calling us to discard our usual standards for judging success. We are committed to following Jesus, which means accepting that we may be rejected and killed, and that we may never achieve any position of authority or recognition. But in return, what we gain is God himself, who makes himself present in a special way among the "children" of the earth—the unnoticed, the weak, the innocent, the marginalized.

Something to smile about . . .

A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks. "No not at all!" the woman replied. They chat for an hour or so and as the preacher stands to leave, he realises that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he has emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few." "Oh, that's all right," the woman replied. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

Inspirations from the Saints:

"God loves us more than a father, mother, friend, or any else could love, and even more than we are able to love ourselves." *St John Chrysostom 347-407 Bishop & Doctor of the Church, his eloquence earned him the surname Chrysostom -Greek for "Golden mouth/tongue"*

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Ouyen, Patchewollock, Tempy, Underbool, Walpeup
Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068
Parish Contact Person: Mrs Faye Nihill 5092 1326

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Sick: Susan O'Sullivan, Chris Burns, Joan Bathgate, Terri Scott, Mark Weir and Josephine Sciberras 🙏

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

Collections:

Ouyen \$302.00
Planned Giving \$1209.00

Church Cleaning:

September: Carmel Vallance

Presbytery Cleaning:

September: Cheryl Anderson

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Father will be available before and after Mass for Reconciliation Or at any other time by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursdays 2:00pm – 6:00 pm, all welcome!

Father's Mass timetable during this lockdown:

Sat 6:00 pm Robinvale
Sun 9:00 am Manangatang
Sun 11:00 am Ouyen

PRAYER FOR RAIN: Loving God, maker of all things and protector of your people, in You we live and move and have our being. In your mercy come to our aid, bless our land with rain, especially in these coming months to nurture crops sown, and to bring them to a head, and for rain to provide sustenance for all towns. Strengthen our resolve in times of trial and difficulty and teach us to seek your help on our life journey.

ACT OF 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 at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Masses: At present we are permitted to have 20 people at Mass. If you are attending this week you are in Group 2, if not, you are in Group 1. Father will also be saying Mass of a **Friday afternoon at 4:00pm**. This Mass is also capped at 20 and will not be allocated but will be on a first come first serve basis. As a rule of thumb, we usually have 12 -15 at a weekday Mass so this provides another opportunity for those who are not allotted to the coming Sunday. It is really important that if you know you will not be at your allocated Mass you let either Faye or Marie know before hand so that we can slot people in. We actually have 47 people that attend Mass regularly so we will be relying on who will and who won't be there. **Please let us know if you will be away so that no one misses out. If you have any questions please speak to either Faye or Marie.**

***Please note that if you are not in the Mass group for the week, a bulletin will be delivered to your letterbox if you are in town.**

Online/TV Masses 6:00am Mass on **Channel 10**. The **Ballarat Cathedral** has Mass every day at <https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9/> or the **Horsham Eucharistic Facebook** group page (which usually live-streams at 10:30 am and can be watched at any later time) can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>

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In these uncertain times it is easy for us to get caught up in our own dilemmas but let us not forget about those whose sufferings are grave and very urgent; at the same time let us remember and thank God for all the blessings we have.

Prayers for Afghanistan: Mother Teresa had an “emergency novena” that she used to pray which was very simple. It was the “Memorare” repeated 9 times and then once more in thanks. Here is the prayer:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



The Exaltation of the Cross 14th September, is a very timely Feast. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. Firstly, we rejoice that something so terrible should have been transformed into a means of redemption for the whole human race. Second, we remind ourselves of the fact that Christianity is not an abstract and purely spiritual religion. It springs from God’s direct intervention in the affairs of the world, a real historical event involving real people and, in the end, a real execution on a real cross. WE may theorize and theologize all we like; but all of that is nothing without the history on which they are based. Take away that history – take away the Cross – and Christianity is nonsense.

Adapted from Universalis. com



Plenary Council Page: We would love to hear your thoughts on the Plenary and any contributions you may have, from the sheet a couple of weeks ago or any comments in general. You can return the sheets at Mass (in the labelled box on the table where you sign in) or you can return them via mail or email yourself. Your thoughts are valued!

Retired Priests Collection: Our collection for the Retired Priests will be taken up when we are in a bit more of a routine. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you are able and help us continue to ‘*care for those who cared for us.*’



Aid to the
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One Million Children Praying the Rosary! Inviting all children, families, schools and parishes to pray the rosary together with children on the 18th of October for peace and unity in the world. How powerful is the prayer of the Rosary when prayed by children for peace and unity within families, within their own nation and in the whole world!

Welcome to Henry Jack Shaddock, born 12:55pm on 15th September, another gift from God to his parents John & Liz and big brother Franklin and his **very** excited grandparents, aunties & uncles!! 💙

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