

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7th November 2021

First Reading [1 Kgs 17:10-16](#)

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Heb 9:24-28](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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Gospel Acclamation [Mt 5:3](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Gospel [Mk 12:38-44](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, ‘Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.’

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.’

Communion Antiphon

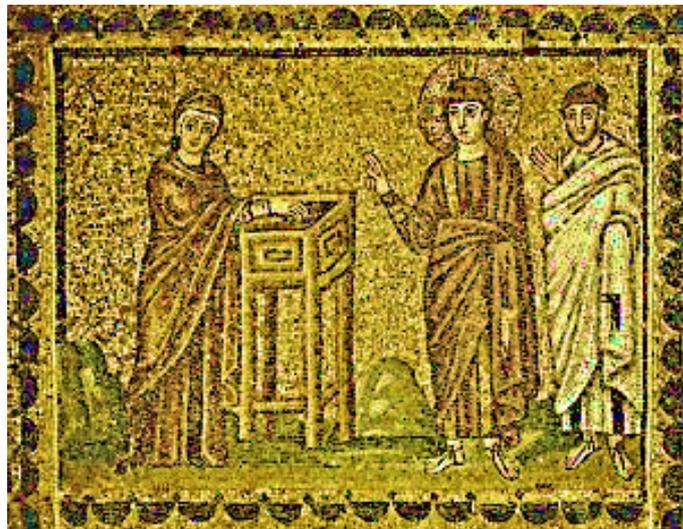
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

Reflection by Scott Hahn

We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving. That’s the lesson of the two widows in today’s liturgy.

The widow in the First Reading isn’t even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family.



The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God’s priests in the Temple.

In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus revealed last week as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father’s love in giving His only Son, and Christ’s love in sacrificing Himself on the Cross.

Again, in today’s Epistle, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. On the Cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take away our sin and bring us to salvation.

And again, we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged, not by how much we give—for the scribes and the wealthy contribute far more than the widow.

Rather, we will be judged by whether our gifts reflect our livelihood, our whole beings, all our heart and soul, mind and strength.

Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love?

Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us today. As we sing in today’s Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, as He sustains the widow.

Today, let us follow the widows’ example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry.

Inspiration from the Saints

“Everything, even sweeping, peeling the vegetables, weeding a garden and waiting on the sick could be a prayer if it were offered to God.”

St Martin de Porres

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Ouyen, Patchewollock, Tempy, Underbool, Walpeup
Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068

Recent Deaths: Barbara Poynton

Anniversaries: Marianne Kennon, Catherine McKechnie

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.

Sunday 14th Mass - Full Attendance
(for those fully vaccinated)

Ouyen: 11:00 am

Reader: Marlene O'Callaghan

Prayers of the Faithful: Flora Moulder

Offertory Procession: Lorna Keam & Brian Keam

Projectionist: Cara Brady

Collections: 31st October

Ouyen: \$100.80

Planned Giving: \$ 248.00

Church Cleaning:

November: Joan Pohlner & Kathy Loxton

Presbytery Cleaning:

November: Carmel Vallance

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

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

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.

Beginning in November: St Joseph's Parish

Mass Timetable

Wk 1	Patche	Mass	11:30am	1 st Friday
	Ouyen	Assembly	9:00am	Sunday
Wk 2	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 3	Ouyen	Mass	8:30am	Sunday
Wk 4	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
	U'Bool	Mass	3:00pm	Sunday
Wk 5	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday

MASSES: From this point on, the Sunday Masses in Ouyen will be at full capacity which means that anyone attending must be fully vaccinated and these must be visually recorded. The Mass of a **Friday afternoon at 4:00pm** is not recorded and so is open to all people but is limited to 30; it also provides another opportunity for those who are unable to attend the larger Sunday Mass. If you have any questions please ask either Faye or Marie.

Wiping Down of Pews After Every Mass: In an effort to reduce spread of infection and any risk of contamination 2 packets of sanitizing wipes will be left on both seats of the central front pews. **If the people nearest to them passes them out**, to their respective sides, each person can then wipe down their own seat and place their wipe in the bin on the way out.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November: for People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Something to Smile About One beautiful Sunday morning, the pastor announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a \$10 sermon that lasts a full hour.

"Now, we'll take up the collection and see which one you have chosen."

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As of November, we return to our previous roster, which you can see on the opposite page, beginning with an Assembly on the first Sunday of the month (7th Nov). New regulations allow 30 people where vaccination status is unknown, or for those who are **fully vaccinated or have a medical exemption**, the new government regulations will permit gatherings of up to **500 people** for religious ceremonies, with 1 person per 4 square metres. Vaccination status relates to those 16 years of age and older. Essentially this means we will be back to full capacity as of this weekend - there will be no more group 1 & 2. We will need people to help with: registering, checking vaccination status, and doing the slideshow amongst other things. As a result, this is probably a good time to start with new rosters for everything; and I ask you to put your name down where you feel you can help. The lists will be on the table where you sign in.



Blessed – is a beautiful **Advent and Christmas reflection guide** that will be available for personal reflection not as a group discussion. Copies are \$5 and can be ordered by contacting Marie, as soon as possible due to the mail delays. Advent begins on the 28th of November

Columban Calendars \$10 – unbelievably it is time to order calendars for next year. A sheet will be on the table where you sign in so that you can put your order in; to make it simpler, payment will be on delivery. We also have a good supply of **Christmas Cards \$6** for anyone wishing to get in early. The Post Office is advising that mail will take longer, so get in early.

21st November is the **Feast of Christ the King**, the last Sunday of the Liturgical year and the Sunday closest to the **25th Anniversary of our new church**. To celebrate this, we are proposing to have a barbecue after Mass and invite you to be a part of our parish photo to mark the occasion. At the present time it seems better to postpone our celebrations until a later date, most likely in January or February.

Looking Forward – Pastoral Planning for Parishes 2021 – 2025 is a draft document of proposals for the future of parishes in our diocese; this involves our parish. The Parish Leadership Team in conjunction with Fr Anthony have looked at the proposals for our region and would like to share them with the parish as a whole. As a result, we are planning on doing this immediately after an 11:00am Mass, followed by a shared luncheon where we can openly discuss any benefits and concerns. This will most likely take place in December, but watch this space.

Synod of Bishops - Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”. The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Advent: Online Learning - Our online learning partner, Dayton University, is offering two new Advent classes beginning November 28. *Advent: A Holy Waiting* is designed as an e-retreat experience. Participants will find enrichment for the season through scripture, spiritual reading and listening, group discussion, prayer, and sacred music; and *Let This Be the Time: Spiritual Essentials for Life's Second Act* explores the needs of people in their later lives: what is happening and how to maximize these times for the deepening of our spirituality. Registration is open until November 25. More information or to register please go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email djurja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

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