

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time C

20th February 2022

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful
with me.

First Reading [1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23](#)

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers

come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 Cor 15:45-49](#)

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from

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heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 6:27-38](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

‘Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.’

Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders,

I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

The story of David and Saul in today’s First Reading functions almost like a parable. Showing mercy to his deadly foe, David gives a concrete example of what Jesus



expects to become a way of life for His disciples.

The new law Jesus gives in today’s Gospel would have us all become “Davids”—loving our enemies, doing good to those who would harm us, extending a line of credit to those who won’t ever repay us.

The Old Law required only that the Israelites love their fellow countrymen. The new law Jesus brings makes us kin to every man and woman. His kingdom isn’t one of tribe or nationality. It’s a family. As followers of Jesus, we’re to live as He lived among us—as “children of the Most High” As sons and daughters, we want to walk in the ways of our heavenly Father, to “be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” Grateful for His mercy, we’re called to forgive others their trespasses because God has forgiven ours.

In the context of today’s liturgy, we’re all “Sauls”—by our sinfulness and pride we make ourselves enemies of God. But we’ve been spared a death we surely deserved to die because God has loved and shown mercy to His enemies, “the ungrateful and the wicked,” as Jesus says. Jesus showed us this love in His Passion, forgiving His enemies as they stripped Him of cloak and tunic, cursed Him and struck Him on the cheek, condemned Him to death on a cross (s. “He redeems your life from destruction,” David reminds us in today’s Psalm.

That’s the promise, too, of today’s Epistle: that we who believe in the “last Adam,” Jesus, will rise from the dead in His image, as today we bear the image of the “first Adam,” who by his sin made God an enemy and brought death into the world.

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Recent Deaths: Anniversaries:

Sick: Terri Scott, Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd and
Laura Burns 🙏

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

Sunday 27th February – Mass – Wk 3
Ouyen: 11:00am
Reader: Marlene O'Callaghan
Prayers of the Faithful: Carmel Vallance
Offertory Procession: Jona & Jessica Kilaton
Projectionist: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

Collections: 13th February
Ouyen \$229.50
Planned Giving: \$177.00

Church Cleaning:

February: Faye Nihill

Presbytery Cleaning:

February: Marie Shaddock

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:

Every Thursday from 2:00 – 6:00pm 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
Souls in Purgatory, to forgive, to heal, to make
atonement, and to protect Australia from the sin of
abortion, euthanasia, and from every evil. Through
Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen. Our Lady Help of
Christians; Pray for us. St Joseph; Pray for us.

Pope's Prayer Intention for February: For Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated
women; thanking them for their mission and their
courage; may they continue to find new responses to
the challenges of our times.

New 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	11:00pm	Sunday
Wk 5 Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday

More opportunities for Mass: each Friday at
4:00pm

Ash Wednesday Mass: Wednesday March 2nd at
4pm

Summary of the New Covid Provisions:

- ~Please use the QR Code to sign in
- ~Remember to keep your distance
- ~Face masks are to be worn



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OH&S – Part of our requirements each year are risk assessments to assess our buildings and surrounds for safety for all people and we are particularly mindful of tripping and potential fall hazards. Because of the particular way the front doors open out and the narrowness of the paths, 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, the pavers which are too narrow and the lip on them can be dangerous. If you are aware of any other potential hazards please notify: Faye, Cheryl or Marie.

Lenten Discussion Group – All being well, we are hoping to be running our Lenten Discussion Group each Tuesday at 10:00am in the Parish Centre, beginning on Tuesday 1st of March; Ash Wednesday begins on March 2nd We will be using “Remember” this is a 72 page colour booklet containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) it is perfect for individual reading as well as group discussions. It features the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. For those who choose to be part of the discussion group, we are honoured to have Fr Antony Jukes OFM from the Franciscan Friary in Killarney, Ireland, breaking open the Sunday Gospels for us. It also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters, and the short daily reflections have been written by 21 clergy, religious and lay contributors from around the world. Cost of the booklet is \$10, if you are interested in either joining the group or having the booklet for private reading, please let Marie know **as soon as possible** as they have been selling very quickly.

Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation – begins Sunday 30th March at 9:30am in the Parish Centre.

Pathways Response Victoria - The Victorian Catholic Bishops launched Pathways Response Victoria last year, which will provide a further way of responding to those who have suffered abuse in the Catholic community. Pathways Response Victoria will be the successor to Towards Healing and The Melbourne Response from the start of 2022. More information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pathways-response-victoria/>

Wisdom from the Saints: “The Sacred Heart is a hidden and infinite treasure desiring to manifest Itself, to be poured out and distributed, so as to alleviate our distress .” *St Margaret Mary Alacoque*

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: Each month ACN highlights a project of the month that helps support projects in need of your support. This month could you help the church in Ethiopia to build permanent churches that will support the Catholic faithful in Ethiopia to live their faith and receive the Sacraments? To learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject



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