

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



Fourth Sunday of Easter

8th May 2022

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.

First Reading [Acts 13:14, 43-52](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the
earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers.

Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who

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have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Jn 10:27-30](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Reflection From Loyola Press

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal.

Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus. This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death. Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.



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Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068
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Recent Deaths: Maurie Nunn, Fran Verge (Susan O'Sullivan's sister)

Anniversaries:

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

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

Sunday 15th May – Mass

Ouyen: 11:00am Sunday
Reader: Merrill Boland
Prayers of the Faithful: Margaret Collins
Offertory Procession: Louise & Gerald Leach
Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections: 24th April

Ouyen: \$149.00

Planned Giving: \$200.00

Holy Land: \$855.00

Project Compassion: \$965.00

Church Cleaning:

May: Margaret & Leo Collins

Presbytery Cleaning:

May: Carmel Vallance

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 – 6:00pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm and Rosary at 4:00pm; all welcome.

Inspirational quotes: "If God can turn night into day, then He can turn burdens into blessings."

Meeting of the Leadership Team and Finance

Committee Next Friday the 13th after the 10:00 am Mass.

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for May: For Faith-Filled Young People - We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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

****More opportunities for Mass Please note the new time:** each Friday at 10:00am

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 which are too narrow and have a dangerous lip. If you are aware of any other potential hazards please notify: Faye, Cheryl or Marie.

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Microphone issues: We have recently had Greggs in to replace a lot of the big central lights and also look at our microphones. Barry has fine-tuned the microphone over the lectern and has set it in its correct position. It is a very sensitive and fragile mic and will pick up your voice regardless of how tall or short you are. As a result, he has recommended that we **do not adjust** the position of the microphone if we want to prolong its life.

Ordinations to the Priesthood: Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. Please keep both Bill and Matt in your prayers as they draw closer to their ordination.

Farewell to Glowrey House: A new era began for the Catholic Women's League with the sale of Mary Glowrey House last month. The League has moved its Headquarters many times in its long history, and now the search has begun for a new home for the League. There will be a ***Farewell to Mary Glowrey House*** on Wednesday 11 May from 10.30 am - 4 pm. Come and enjoy a cuppa with other members and share your memories of Mary Glowrey House and the work of the League over the past four decades at 132-134 Nicholson St Fitzroy. Any enquiries - feel free to contact me on 0409 979 923.

Walking in the Spirit: As we are approaching the lead-up to the final Assembly of the Plenary Council in July, people across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us. I ask you to pray specifically that all members of the Council will put aside any personal agendas and be truly open to what God is asking of us as 'the Church in Australia'. The "Walking in the Spirit" prayer campaign runs until the opening of the Second Assembly, on Sunday, July 3. You can find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthepirit/

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: For 75 years, the support of Christian refugees has been a major pillar of the work of *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN). Today ACN is supporting displaced Catholic families by attending to basic needs such as food and medicine, but these families also hunger for the healing power of the sacraments and the pastoral support of the Church. As such, the help we provide is not only material. Our support of priests, sisters, and catechists all work to build up the faith and to offer help and consolation to those in desperate need. Can you give hope to Christian refugees today?

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