

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH**  
OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

17<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

### First Reading Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I

shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

### Second Reading Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the

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rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

## Gospel Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house.  
Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

## Communion Antiphon

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.

If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,

I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

## Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

God wants to dwell with each of us personally, intimately, just as the mysterious guests once visited Abraham's tent, and as Jesus once entered the home of Mary and Martha.

By his hospitality in this week's First Reading, Abraham shows us how we are to welcome the Lord into our lives. His selfless service of his divine guests stands in contrast to the portrait of Martha drawn in this week's Gospel.

Where Abraham is concerned only for the well-being of his guests, Martha speaks only of herself— "Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself . . . ? Tell her to help me." Jesus' gentle rebuke

reminds us that we risk missing the divine in the mundane, that we can fall into the trap of believing that God somehow needs to be served by human hands. Our Lord comes to us



not to be served but to serve. He gave His life that we might know the one thing we need, the "better part," which is life in the fellowship of God.

Jesus is the true Son promised today by Abraham's visitors. In Him, God has made an everlasting covenant for all time; He has made us blessed descendants of Abraham.

The Church now offers us this covenant, bringing to completion the word of God, the promise of His plan of salvation or what Paul calls "the mystery hidden for ages."

As once He came to Abraham, Martha, and Mary, Christ now comes to each of us in Word and Sacrament. This week's Psalm reminds us that 'He will make His dwelling with those who keep His Word and practice justice.'

If we do these things, we will not be anxious or disturbed. We will not have our Lord taken from us. We will wait on the Lord, Who told Abraham and Who tells each of us: "I will surely return to you."

## Wisdom from the Saints

"Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about." *St. Jane Frances de Chantal* She founded the religious Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary. The order accepted women who were rejected by other orders because of poor health or age.

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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 24<sup>th</sup> July – Mass

**Ouyen: 11:00 am**  
**Reader: Carmel Vallance**  
**Prayers of the Faithful: Flora Moulder**  
**Offertory Procession: Brady Family**  
**Projectionist: Marie Shaddock**

### Collections 10<sup>th</sup> July

**Ouyen: \$161.80**  
**Planned Giving: \$150.00**

### Church Cleaning:

**July: The Grace Family**

### Presbytery Cleaning:

**July: Faye Nihill**

**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

### Pope's Prayer Intention for July: For the Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and  
memory of a people; may their experience and  
wisdom help young people to look towards the  
future with hope and responsibility.

### Mass Timetable

Wk 1 Patche	Mass	11:30am	1 <sup>st</sup> 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

**No Mass this Friday due to the Ordination of  
Matt Restall & William Lowry.** The Mass will be  
livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>  
The newly ordained priests will celebrate their  
Thanksgiving Masses on Saturday, July 23,  
2022. All are welcome to attend.  
Fr William Lowry: St James' Church, Sebastopol at  
9.00am.  
Fr Matthew Restall: St Alipius Church, Ballarat  
East at 11.30am.

**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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**This Sunday after Mass, Chloe and Matilda Brady will be the first of our children to make their First Reconciliation.** Please keep them especially in your prayers and continue to pray for the rest of the children and their families as they continue in their preparation: Nigel Hamilton, Liam Hamilton, Keely O'Shannessy, George Scott and Ann Bosco.

**Save the date: Parish Meeting Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July** Next Sunday is our Parish Meeting, a time when we can come together to look at how we are operating and what we can do to make things better. The meeting will take place after Mass over a cuppa and a shared luncheon, so please bring a plate to share.

**Centenary of the arrival of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions in Donald: Sunday, July 17, 2022**

Everyone is welcome to join us in Donald from 10.30am on this Sunday morning. Past students of the Sisters, and members of the wider East Wimmera Parish, are especially invited to attend. For those who would like to attend the lunch, please RSVP to Enid Brasier, ph. 0407 366 328. If you would like to be a part of the event from afar, the Mass and short presentation afterwards will be streamed on YouTube from 10.25am. The link to our YouTube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-7KMG-nnvsfjGqN39qKnw>.

**Centenary of Brigidine Sisters and Brigidine Education in Horsham On the weekend of July 16 & 17, 2022**, you are invited to participate in tours of the three schools – Ss Michael & John's Primary School, Horsham, Our Lady Help of Christians, Murtoa, and St Brigid's College, Horsham; celebratory Masses at Murtoa and Horsham; and social gatherings in the Parish Centre. There will also be a presentation of a Commemorative Quilt which will hang in Horsham's Parish Office, and the launch of a book recognising the 100 years of Brigidine Sisters in Horsham. RSVP details and further information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/centenary-of-brigidine-sisters-and-brigidine-education-in-horsham-july-16-17-2022/>

**Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Open Day** will be held on Saturday, **August 6, 2022** from 10.00am – 4.00pm to acknowledge St Mary's Feast Day. Activities will include: Guided tours of the museum; Meet the author **Sr Judith Geddes** "A Faith Filled Family" at 10.30am; Mary MacKillop Walking Tour at 11.00am; Mass in the Chapel with Fr Andrew Jekot at 1.00pm; A Rosary in Mary's Chapel for the people of Ukraine at 3.00pm; refreshment options available for purchase; visit the Gift Shop; free kids crafts activities. For further information and registering for the walk and Mass go to <https://www.mmhc.org.au/open-days-2022/> or ph. 03 9926 9300.



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**A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:**

ACN has launched its "Helping form the Priests of Tomorrow " global campaign. For 75 years, the benefactors of *Aid to the Church in Need* have generously supported the formation of seminarians. In fact, some of these men now serve as priests in Australia today! At the current time, ACN is supporting some 15,000 seminarians on the path to the priesthood. Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/refugees](http://www.aidtochurch.org/refugees).

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