

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



**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**28<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

### **First Reading** Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

**Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.**

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.)** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**

3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading** Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

**You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.**

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

### **Gospel Acclamation** Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;  
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel** Lk 14:1, 7-14

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, ‘When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, “Give up your place to this man.” And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, “My friend, move up higher.” In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.’

Then he said to his host, ‘When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.’

## Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

## Reflection by Scott Hahn

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today’s First Reading, and the message of today’s Gospel.

Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all.

This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages—feeding the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud

We again call to mind the Exodus in today’s Psalm—how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a “Father of orphans.”

We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table. We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood.

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favour with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, today’s Second Reading tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher.

## Sounds Familiar . . .

An old man was near the end of his life. Each day he prayed to God from his bed at home hoping he would soon be in heaven. One morning he awoke to a delightful aroma coming from the kitchen. His wife had just baked his favourite chocolate biscuits and his taste buds were tingling. The old man gathered all the strength he could muster and lifted himself from his bed. With a walking stick as his aid, he slowly made his way from the bedroom, and with an almighty effort forced himself down the corridor to the kitchen. With laboured breath he leant against the doorframe, gazing into the kitchen and the freshly cooked plate of biscuits on the kitchen table.

Was he dreaming? Perhaps he was in heaven? Or was it one final thoughtful act from his beautiful and devoted wife of 60 years making his final days as comfortable as possible?

With a few final shaky steps, the man reached the table and reached down for a biscuit, his mouth salivating at the thought of what he was about to eat.

Suddenly, a spatula came down hard on his hand.

“What was that for?” the old man cried.

“Don’t touch! They’re for the guests at your funeral,” came the wife’s terse reply.

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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 4<sup>th</sup> September – Mass

Ouyen: 11:00 am

Reader: Peter Shaddock

Prayers of the Faithful: Marie Shaddock

Offertory Procession: Faye Nihill & Cheryl Anderson

Projectionist: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

## Collections 21<sup>st</sup> August

Ouyen: \$201.00

Planned Giving: \$170.00

## Church Cleaning:

August: Faye Nihill & Ellen Bonica

## Presbytery Cleaning:

August: Marie Shaddock

**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 August: *Small*

***Businesses*** We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

## 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

## Don't Forget - Mass this 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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**\*Today is CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal** envelopes can be placed in the usual collection baskets.

**Please keep these children in your prayers** as they continue in their preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation: Nigel Hamilton, Liam Hamilton, Keely O'Shannessy, George Scott and Ann Bosco.

**Africa Food Crisis** - Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have devastated the crops of millions across the region. Your generous donation means our partners in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Eritrea can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis.

Visit [www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis](http://www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now

A few copies of **The Shared Table Newsletter from Fr Mick McKinnon**, are on the tables at the back of the church; they are well worth a read. Here are a couple of snippets: "Greetings to all from a very chilly Yanaoca. Well, chilly once the sun begins to go down in the afternoon, reaching temperatures below zero, but quite sunny and warm during the day. . . The Kitchens are back into full swing after the pandemic and continue to provide meals for some of the elderly and more vulnerable members of the communities as well as the children of the communities."

**This Sunday is Social Justice Sunday:** The 2022-23 Social Justice Statement, "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse", points out that the roots of domestic and family violence 'lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others' and that 'this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us.' The statement will be available on the table at the back of the church and can also be found at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/>

## **Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal For Retired Priests Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

***Caring for those who cared for us – the Church community's responsibility***

*The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God . . . and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary. St Pius X*

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