

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



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time C

6th November 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying

on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. **(R.)**
2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **(R.)**
3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of
your glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and

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pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 20:27-38](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, ‘Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man’s married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally, the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’

Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection, they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.

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 Dr Scott Hahn

With their riddle about seven brothers and a childless widow, the Sadducees in today’s Gospel mock the faith for which seven brothers and their mother die in the First Reading.

The Maccabean martyrs chose death—tortured limb by limb, burned alive—rather than betray God’s Law. Their story is given to us in these last weeks of the Church year to strengthen us for endurance—that our feet do not falter but remain steadfast on His paths.

The Maccabeans died hoping that the “King of the World” would raise them to live again forever. The Sadducees don’t believe in the Resurrection because they can’t find it literally taught in the Scriptures. To ridicule this belief, they fix on a law that requires a woman to marry her husband’s brother if he should die without leaving an heir.

But God’s Law wasn’t given to ensure the raising up of descendants to earthly fathers. The Law was given, as Jesus explains, to make us worthy to be “children of God”—sons and daughters born of His Resurrection.

“God our Father,” today’s Epistle tells us, has given us “everlasting encouragement” in the Resurrection of Christ. Through His grace, we can now direct our hearts to the love of God. As the Maccabeans suffered for the Old Law, we will have to suffer for our faith in the New Covenant. Yet, He will guard us in the shadow of His wing, He will keep us as the apple of His eye, as we sing in today’s Psalm. The Maccabeans’ persecutors marvelled at their courage. We too can glorify the Lord in our sufferings and in the daily sacrifices we make.

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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 13th October – Mass

Ouyen: 11:00 am

Reader: Peter Shaddock

Prayers of the Faithful: Merrill Boland

Offertory Procession: Margaret Collins & Celia Reidy

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections 30th October

Ouyen: \$140.60

Planned Giving: \$3,010.00

Church Cleaning:

November: Joan Pohlner & Kathy Loxton

Presbytery Cleaning:

November: 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: each Thursday from 2pm-5pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm & Rosary 4pm; all welcome.

Christmas Mass 2022 – Father is offering a choice of times (1) 5:45pm Christmas Eve or, (2) 11:00am Christmas Day – a vote will be taken next weekend to decide.

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 November: For

Children Who Suffer - We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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

Mass Timetable

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| 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 |

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. If you are aware of any other potential hazards please notify: Faye, Cheryl or Marie.

Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.

Mother Teresa

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Come and have a cuppa in the Parish Centre today – tea, coffee & biscuits provided – all we need is YOU 😊

The Shaddocks are back and ready to go! Thanks to everyone who helped out in any way while we were away, it was greatly appreciated.

Orders for Columban Calendars will be taken from this weekend. If you would like one, please put your name and how many on the page provided at the back of the church: Calendars are \$10.00 each. Christmas cards will be available next weekend for \$6.00 per packet.

Combined Parish Leadership Team & Finance Committee Meeting: Friday 18th November after the 10:00am Mass, in the Parish Centre. A special invitation is extended to the Patchewollock Community to discuss on-going plans for their community.

Something to smile about . . . A racehorse in a stable starts to boast about his track record amongst other horses. “In the past 15 races, I’ve won eight of them!”
Another horse breaks in: “Well in the last 27 races, I’ve won 19!”
“Oh that’s good, but in the last 36 races, I’ve won 28!” says another.
At this point, the horses notice a greyhound, who has been sitting nearby listening.
“I don’t mean to boast,” adds the greyhound, “but in my last 90 races, I’ve won 88 of them!”
The horses are clearly amazed. “Wow!” says one, after a hushed silence. “A talking dog!”

Red Wednesday, 23 November 2022 - *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) invites you to join in this special day to pray for and stand in solidarity with the 200+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia, ten Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. Parishes and groups may like to hold a prayer hour or pray the rosary together. Individually, you may wish to go to Mass for someone who can’t or intentionally wear a religious symbol remembering those who cannot make such a public display of faith.

Competition for Jubilee 2025 Hymn The Dicastery for Evangelization invites entries for the Hymn for the Holy Year 2025, encouraging interested persons to set to music a provided text which expresses the essence of the Jubilee event. “The vulnerability experienced in recent years, together with the fear of the violence of wars only makes the human condition more paradoxical” so the theme for this Jubilee year is “Pilgrims of Hope.” Entries close on March 25, 2023.

Please remember in your prayers the children and their families preparing for the Sacraments.

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