

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



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

22nd October 2023

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me,
O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading [Isaiah 45:1.4-6](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue
nations before his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know
me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the
setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the
peoples. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 Thessalonians 1:1-5](#)

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

*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and
love.*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the
Church in Thessalonika which is in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you
grace and peace from God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and
thank God for you all, and constantly

remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Matthew 22:15-21](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar- and to God what belongs to God.'

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,

to keep them alive in famine.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above. In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: "I have called you . . . though you knew me not."

The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem. Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power. Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins. The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar," are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight.

The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world, but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven, we are called to be a light to the world, working in faith, labouring in love, and enduring in hope, as today's Epistle counsels.

We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws— unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church. But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image. We owe Him our very lives, all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love.

We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will, until from the rising of the sun to its setting all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.

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Recent Deaths: Colin
Lampshire (Brian's cousin)
Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, Judi
Floyd, John Nihill,
& Renae Lanigan

Sunday 29th October

Welcomer: Louise Fitzpatrick
Leach

Reader: Leo O'Callaghan

Prayers of the Faithful: Flora
Moulder

Offertory Procession: Merrill
& John Boland

Eucharistic Minister: Louise
Fitzpatrick Leach

Projectionist: Marie
Shaddock

Collections: 15th October
Ouyen \$264.40
Planned Giving \$400.00

October Church Cleaning
Merril & John Boland

Presbytery Celia Reidy

Mass Times

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am
Underbool 1st & 3rd Fridays
at 9am (beginning November)

Weekday Masses this week
Friday at 10am (until
November)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Father will be available after
the 11am Mass or any time
by appointment.

**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament**
Thursdays from 2:30 –
5:30pm

Pope's Prayer Intention for October: For the Synod– We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a way of lifestyle and be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Next Social Gathering: Thursday 16th November, 6pm at the Club, following Mass at 5:30.

Feast Days this Week: 23rd St John of Capistrano (1386-1456) was born in the Abruzzi region of Italy, studied law and was a judge before joining the Franciscan friars Minor where he was ordained. He travelled throughout Germany, Poland and eastern Europe strengthening morals and combating heresy. When the Turks were invading Europe they laid siege to Belgrade. John preached a crusade against them and also took part in the battle, lifting the siege and defeating the invasion of Europe for the next 70 years. He died of a plague that swept through the camp shortly afterwards.

24th St Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870) was born in Sallent in Catalonia, Spain. After becoming a priest he preached throughout the region and then in the Canary Islands. Returning to Spain he established a missionary order and a religious library where he published millions of cheap copies of new and old Catholic books. He was appointed as Bishop of Cuba in 1851, where everything, including the church, was in a terrible state needing renewal and reform. He built many schools and a hospital and suffered 15 assassination attempts. He was recalled to Spain to act as confessor to queen Isabella II and died 6yrs later because of failing health.

28th Sts Simon & Jude – St Simon is the 11th of the Apostles and is known as Simon the Zealot to denote his love for the faith. He died either by being sawn in half or by crucifixion. St Jude was a cousin to Jesus and is also called Thaddeus. He travelled east with St Simon and was also martyred. He is known as the patron saint of lost and desperate causes.

Prayer For Australia: Eternal Father, I offer you the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ offered at all the Masses throughout the world, in atonement, and to protect Australia from the sin of abortion, euthanasia, and from every evil. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Freedom of Religious Belief Heavenly Father, we pray for our politicians to work openly with our faith communities, and for faith leaders, teachers, parents and guardians of children, to protect religious freedom from within our churches. We pray for the sensitive and appropriate formation of children in accordance with the traditional teachings of the faith of their families. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Mary of the Cross. Amen



Weekday Masses in Ouyen: As of November Father will be saying two Masses in Underbool on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 9:00am, this is to replace the one Mass time on the 4th Sunday. As a result of this, Mass of a Friday in Ouyen will move to 10:30 am to allow Father time to get back from Underbool.

October is World Mission Month In his World Mission Day message for 2023, Pope Francis reminds us through Luke 24:13-35, “hearts on fire, feet on the move”, that the missionary journey of all disciples is that upon encountering Jesus, our hearts burn within, our eyes are opened and ultimately, our feet are set out on the way.

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Father has kindly offered to say Mass at 10:30am on the All Souls Day (Wed 1st Nov), 5:30pm Mass on All Souls Day (Thurs 2nd Nov) & 10:30 am Mass on Friday the 3rd November. There will also be a 9:00am Mass at Underbool on Friday the 3rd; this will be the beginning of Underbool’s Friday Masses.

Please remember and pray for those involved in the Synod as it takes place from the 4th – 29th of October. Let us also pray for truth, unity and open co-operation with the Holy Spirit throughout the Church.

Breathe in us O Holy Spirit, that our thoughts may all be holy.
Act in us O Holy Spirit, that our work, too, may be holy.
Draw our hearts O Holy Spirit, that we love but what is holy.
Strengthen us O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy
Guard us, then, O Holy Spirit, that we always may be holy. Amen

October 31st All Hallows Eve: As Christians we have a choice, we can either let this night be taken over as a night of darkness or we can stand with Jesus as the light of the world and celebrate October 31st as All Hallows Eve; as it was intended – the night before All Saints Day. We will be saying the Rosary in the church at 5pm to pray for Peace, Light and Goodness in our world, come and join us if you can. “I am the Light of the World” said Jesus, why not place a light or lamp in your window if you stand with Christ and Jesus is the light of your life? We don’t have to let other mindsets dictate the way we live, this is not a harmless children’s pageant but something with far more sinister tones.



Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with daily Advent and Christmas reflections. With beautiful artwork and penetrating commentaries, including from our own Fr John Corrigan, the journey to Christmas can be so much more meaningful. The 80 page booklet is only \$5. Orders have to be placed in the next 2 weeks, please get in quick; it’s only \$5 so you have nothing to lose. See Marie to order.

Diocesan Social Justice Statement launch: The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission have released presentations for the diocesan launch of the Social Justice Statement 2023: **Listen Learn Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.** This event is pre-recorded and in digital format so that parish and school communities, along with individuals, can access these resources at their convenience <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>

Columban Calendars will again be available in November, at the back of the church. The cost of the Calendars is \$9:00 and can be paid upon collection.

St Joseph’s Parish is a Child Safe Parish - Parish Safety Officer: Mrs Melanie Grace 0477 846 777

