

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



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

23rd June 2024

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your
heritage,
and govern them for ever.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Job

Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord
gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
and made black clouds its swaddling
bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to
cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm

R.) Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. **(R.)**

2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale,

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tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their soul melted away in their distress. **(R.)**

3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed. **(R.)**

4. They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. **(R.)**

Second Reading

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

All things are made new.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we
reflect that if one man has died for all, then
all men should be dead; and the reason he
died for all was so that living men should live
no longer for themselves, but for him who
died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not
judge anyone by the standards of the flesh.
Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh,
that is not how we know him now. And for
anyone who is in Christ, there is a new
creation; the old creation has gone, and now
the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

Reflection adapted from "The Word of the Lord" by Dr John Bergsma

The major point of our Gospel today is the divinity of Christ. Our earlier readings have prepared us to see this: both the passage from Job and Psalm 107 attribute to God the power to calm or control the wind and the waves. Thus, we see Jesus exercising a kind of power that the Scriptures themselves directly attribute to the God of Israel.

We should try to hear this Gospel through the ears of the ancient Greco-Roman pagan. For them, the weather and the sea were gods or at least the domains of the gods. From a

pagan perspective, Jesus is also demonstrating here his mastery over the chief gods.

From ancient times, this Gospel has been understood also as a parable of the Church. Peter's fishing boat often quite literally held the entire Church: Jesus and his disciples. In this episode, the "bark/barque of Peter" is being dashed to pieces in the forces of historical evil and chaos. In the midst of these storms, it often seems that Jesus is asleep, in other words, that God is absent and has forgotten the fate of his people.

The temptation is to think Jesus doesn't care, that God's love for his people has ceased: "Lord, do you not care?"

The answer of today's Gospel is the divinity of Christ. Jesus is God. Even the natural elements, the matter and energy of this cosmos, must follow his direction. If he allows his Church to suffer buffets and beating in the storms of history, it is for a purpose, perhaps that his disciples may come to better realize who he is. The storms and tempests that seem so threatening and invincible in the moment can actually, at any time, be vanquished by a word from him. "Do you not yet have faith?" This is the key question that the Gospel poses to each one of us at this Mass.

Do we have faith that Jesus is God, that he is the creator, despite all appearances to the contrary, he is the Lord of the cosmos and of human history? The disciples were given a great privilege to see the raw power of Christ. But for most of us, Jesus wills that our trust in his divinity remains an act of faith. Jesus leaves us a testimony of his power sufficient, but not so strong as to force belief, so that the act of faith that opens the possibility of a relationship with him, may be freely made. The readings call us to make that act of faith and renew that relationship today.



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**Recent Deaths:
Anniversaries:**

Sick: Cora Jardine, John Nihill and John Moulder

Sunday 30th June

Welcomer: Gerald Leach

Reader: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

Prayers of the Faithful:

Gerald Leach

Offertory Procession: Kathy Loxton & Faye Nihill

Eucharistic Minister: Peter Shaddock

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections: 16th June

Ouyen \$211.70

Planned Giving \$90.00

June Church & Presbytery

Cleaning: Merril & John

Boland

Mass Times:

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am

Underbool 1st & 3rd Fridays at 9am

Weekday Masses this week

Friday at 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays 2:30 – 5:30pm

Pope's Prayer Intention for June: For those fleeing their own countries: Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

Parish Leadership Team meeting: Friday, after the 10:30 Mass.

New Parish appointments as of July 1st. Fr Gary Jones is finishing as parish priest of Hampden due to ill health. **Fr Neville Stanislaus** will be Parish Administrator of Hampden Parish, in addition to his current responsibilities as Parish Priest of Camperdown and Timboon. **Fr Jim McKay**, currently Assistant Priest at the Cathedral Parish, will be Visiting Priest for the Hampden Parish. **Fr Abraham Thomas MST** will move from Assistant Priest in the South West Coast Parish to the role of Assistant Priest in the Cathedral Parish.

Father Shaiju will be on holiday in India from the 2nd to the 24th of July. In his absence he has arranged visiting priests to say Mass for us. There will be no weekday Masses while Father is away.

1st week of July (6th/7th): Fr. Francis,

2nd week of July (13th/14th): Fr. Peter Hudson,

3rd week of July (20th/21st): Fr. Matt or Fr. John

Wisdom from the Saints:

"Do whatever He tells you." *Our Lady (John 2:5)*

"Most Sacred, most loving Heart of Jesus, Who is concealed in the Holy Eucharist, make my heart beat with Your Heart."

St. John Henry Newman

The new roster of priests will look like this for our parish:

1st Sunday Fr Shaiju, 2nd Sunday Fr John, 3rd Sunday Fr Shaiju, 4th Sunday Fr Matt

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 appropriate formation of children in accordance with the traditional teachings of their families. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady Help of Christians. Amen



Our Lady calls for a Novena of Prayer for Peace! Father Leon who is the Chaplain in Medjugorje for the English-speaking people said: “Tonight, during Our Lady’s apparition to the visionary Marija, Our Lady invited us to pray the rosary from tomorrow at 10 pm on Apparition Hill at Our Lady’s statue, where there will also be an apparition every evening during the Novena to the Queen of Peace. Our Lady’s apparition will be at 11:30 p.m. Our Lady asked that in this Novena that we pray **for peace in the world**. If you would like to take part in the novena we will be saying the rosary for peace, in the church at 3pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, if you are unable to get to the church you can pray your rosary from wherever you are; God knows your intentions.

Petition to Retain the Lord’s Prayer in Parliament – (Again) There is a constant effort on the part of some members to rid all reference to God; this is another attempt. Archbishop Peter Comensoli has joined representatives of Victoria’s faith communities in writing to each member of the Victorian Parliament expressing ‘the fundamental and ongoing importance of prayer in Parliament’. Please sign the petition to retain the saying of the Lord’s Prayer at the start of sittings of the Victorian Parliament. You can find the petition at <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/retain-the-lords-prayer-in-legislative-council-proceedings/> This is a very simple but important one, just click on the link and put in your name and address.

The Pope’s Annual Collection - June 30 This collection is for the pastoral needs of people all around the world and is taken up throughout the world on the weekend near the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul on June 29.

Deacon Xuan Cay Trinh is due to conclude his studies at Corpus Christi Seminary at the end of this semester. **Deacon Cay will be appointed to the Sunraysia Parish for the coming months.** He will serve as Deacon in the Sunraysia Parish from July 1 till November 3. He will then make final preparations for his ordination to the priesthood, which is scheduled for **Saturday, November 23**.

Formation in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024: In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. The **Diocesan Assembly** will bring together representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. Every parish priest and two members of each Parish are invited to take part in this Assembly.

Bishop Paul will be visiting our parish on Sunday 28th July. He will be here for Mass, followed by lunch, and a chance to speak with him; more details about this nearer to the time.



Jubilee Year 2025 “Pilgrims of Hope” Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, with the theme “Pilgrims of Hope”. It will be a year of hope for a suffering world suffering. In the lead-up to the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as a Year of Prayer, to promote the centrality of individual and community prayer.

Something to Smile About - Notes to the Milkman continued

- Milkman, please could I have a loaf but not bread today.
- Please don't leave any more milk. All they do is drink it.
- Please knock. My TV's broken down and I missed last night's Coronation Street. If you saw it, will you tell me what happened over a cup of tea?
- Milk is needed for the baby. Father is unable to supply it.

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