

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



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

14th July 2024

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Amos

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth

and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ,

who has blessed us with all the spiritual
blessings of heaven in Christ.
Before the world was made, he chose us,
chose us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless, and to live through
love in his presence,

determined that we should become his
adopted sons, through Jesus Christ
for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his grace,
his free gift to us in the Beloved
in whom, through his blood, we gain our
freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace
which he has showered on us
in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his
purpose,
the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ
from the beginning

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to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.'

And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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

In commissioning the Apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus gives them, and us, a preview of his Church's mission after the Resurrection.

His instructions to the Twelve echo those of God to the twelve tribes of Israel on the eve of their exodus from Egypt.

The Israelites likewise were sent out with no bread and only one set of clothes, wearing sandals and carrying a staff. Like the Israelites, the Apostles are to rely solely on the providence of God and his grace.

Perhaps, Mark also wants us to see the Apostles' mission, the mission of the Church, as that of leading a new exodus - delivering people from their exile from God and bringing them to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven.

Like Amos, the Apostles are not "professionals" who earn their bread by prophesying, they are simply men summoned from their ordinary jobs and sent by God. With authority and power given to her by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in him, This word of truth, this Gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally. We may not be formally trained, but then neither was Amos. There is a lot of work to be done, and there is a lot of good that we can do, not because we're so great and we chose God, but because he chose us and gave us his Holy Spirit through the sacraments.

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Jim Healy

Sick: Cora Jardine, John Nihill and John Moulder

Sunday 21st July

Welcomer: Carmel Vallance

Reader: Lorna Keam

Prayers of the Faithful:

Susan O'Sullivan

Offertory Procession: The Thomas Family

Eucharistic Minister: Peter Shaddock

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections: 7th July

Ouyen \$218.00

Planned Giving \$255.00

Pope's Collection \$466.90

July Church & Presbytery

Cleaning: The Grace family

Mass Times:

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am

Underbool 1st & 3rd Fridays at 9am (none in July)

Weekday Masses this week

No weekday Masses while Father is away.

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 July: For the pastoral care of the sick. We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it, and their loved ones, the power of the Lord; and may it become an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

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:

"Remember that you are never alone. Christ is with you on your journey every day of your lives!"

Pope St. John Paul II

Something to smile at . . .

After Mass one Sunday morning the parish priest noticed a young boy staring at a plaque on the wall inside the church. The plaque included names and flags.

"Father," asked the boy. "What's all this about?"

The priest replied, "It's a memorial to all the local men and women who died in the services."

They stood in silence for a minute. The boy with a concerned look on his face then said, "Did they die at the eight thirty or the ten o'clock Mass?"

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.



This week we welcome Fr Peter Hudson to our Parish. Thanks Father, for making yourself available to come, we appreciate the effort and hope that at least you have some warmer weather while you are here!

Thank you to those people who have helped out for many years with the Reading, Prayers of the Faithful, Offertory Procession, etc., your contribution is invaluable! At present the roster needs updating. **If you aren't already involved, can you help?** Please consider adding your name to one or some of the areas. The existing sheet is on the table at the back of the church (nearest the kitchen) just add your name to the column you are interested in. The list will remain there until the end of July. The more people on the list the fewer turns needed. 😊

Petition to Retain the Lord's Prayer in Parliament – There is no indication yet of how the petition went. The official result at this stage is still - “Awaiting a response.”

114 years ago cont. Late in 1912 a block was purchased for £96 in Oke St and early in 1913 at a public auction for town blocks, two more were purchased on behalf of the church. This was the site of the original church and presbytery.

In 1914 work began on the building of the Ouyen Catholic church, and on the 9th of August the first service was conducted. Two Masses were celebrated in the morning and devotions were held at night. The estimated that the cost of the building was £800; a very significant sum for that time.

In August 1917 Father Kelly bought two more blocks adjacent to the church and in 1918 Father W. A. Ryan purchased two adjoining blocks. It was hoped that these four blocks would one day serve as sites for a new Catholic School and Convent.

1921 saw, Robert Cull a builder of Ballarat, employed to commence work on the significant, red brick church in Walpeup. On the 17th of July 1921, the foundation stone of Sacred Heart Church Walpeup was laid by Bishop Foley of Ballarat. Walpeup was to be the principal church in the parish, hence a brick building at a cost of £2,200. This unfortunately did not come to be, as the predicted path of the railway changed to pass through Ouyen and on to Mildura.

In 1922 the new Parish of Ouyen was established, and Father Ryan took up residence in a one-roomed hut (Jack's hut) near the church. To say it was basic is an understatement, nevertheless this is where he lived through hot summers and freezing winters until 1924 when the building of the presbytery began, under the artful eye of Mr W. Southgate, a local contractor. Please see the red notice board for more details.

Bishop Paul and our significant anniversary Bishop Paul will be visiting our parish in two weeks 😊 to say Mass and have a chance to catch up with our community. As the 9th of August is also the 110th anniversary of the first Mass said in St Joseph's church. We are planning on celebrating both events on the same day (28th July) with a barbeque lunch, salads and cake.

Formation in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November is going ahead throughout the diocese. The **Diocesan Assembly** aims to 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. Please consider being a part of it.



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.

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