

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



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

21st July 2024

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*The remnant of the flock I will gather to me,
and bring them back to their pastures.*

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,
who will reign as true king and be wise,

practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. 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, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff,
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

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In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all

hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Reflection adapted from Dr Scott Hahn

As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey in today's Gospel, our readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church.

Jeremiah says in the First Reading that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had misled and scattered God's people. He promises God will send a shepherd, a king and son of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint for them new shepherds

The crowd gathering on the green grass in today's Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd, the king they've been waiting for.

Jesus is moved to pity, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him. And as Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding his people on earth.

Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold but would hear his voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd.

In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel and then to bring all nations into the fold.

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, John Nihill and John Moulder

Sunday 28th July

Welcomer: Peter Shaddock

Reader: Susan O'Sullivan

Prayers of the Faithful:

Carmel Vallance

Offertory Procession: The Thomas Family

Eucharistic Minister:

Gerald Leach

Projectionist: Marie

Shaddock

Collections: 14th July

Ouyen \$237.50

Planned Giving \$90.00

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

Friday 26th 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 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.

This weekend we welcome back Fr Matt! Father Shaiju returns from holidays on the 24th of July and will say Mass in Ouyen on Friday. Bishop Paul will be here next Sunday.

Wisdom from the Saints:

"It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world."

St. Aloysius of Gonzaga

Something to smile at . . . An atheist was seated next to a little girl on an airplane, and he turned to her and asked, "Do you want to talk? Flights go quicker if you strike up a conversation with a fellow passenger."

The little girl, who was drawing some pictures, replied to the total stranger, "What would you like to talk about?"

"Oh, I don't know," said the atheist . . . "how about why there is no God, or no heaven or hell, or no life after death?" he said as he smiled smugly.

"Okay . . . those could be interesting topics. But, first, let me ask you a question. A horse, a cow, and a deer, all eat the same stuff . . .

grass. But, a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, and a horse produces clumps. Why do you suppose that is?"

The atheist, visibly surprised by the little girl's intelligence, thinks about it a moment and says, "Hmmm, I have no idea."

To which the little girl replied, "Do you really feel qualified to talk about God, Heaven or Hell, or life after death, when you obviously don't know Crap?"

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.



Wednesday 24th we have a working bee to tidy up before the Bishop arrives on the weekend. If you can help, please join us on Wednesday at 10 am in the church - or see Marie for alternative arrangements.

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. 😊

114 years ago cont. In 1922 Father W. A. (Bill) Ryan was the parish Priest, every six weeks he would travel by train from Ouyen to Walpeup to say Mass among the families there, many of whom were members of pioneering families who had arrived when the district was opened up for selection in 1910. Father would then be invited to lunch in one of the local homes, where the families best starched linen tablecloths and serviettes would grace the family table.

The first Mass at Walpeup was offered in a small hall next door to the Church of England and this continued until the church was built.

Due to the number of drought years and poor prices, it took many years to pay off the mortgage on the church. Among the efforts to raise money were the St Patrick's Ball in March and the Church Ball in August. The St Patrick's Racing club helped with racing meetings in Marwich's paddock, where the local lads were keen to test their skill.

Every three years the Bishop would visit for Confirmation, this of course brought with it a time of great "preparation" followed by the relaxation and rejoicing of the Picnic Day which was enjoyed by all who came along.

In 1922 Patchewollock was transferred from the Parish of Woomelang to the Parish of Ouyen. Local priests would travel by train to Temp(y) or Speed and then by horse and gig to Patchewollock. The first Mass to be celebrated in Patchewollock was by Fr Ryan in Easter of 1918. Mass was celebrated in the Public Hall but because of the difficulty of travel Masses were celebrated only three or four times a year.

The first church in Temp(y) was built in 1927 by the Catholic Pioneer Parishioners. Temp or Tempy as it became known "was formerly a temporary railway siding between Speed and Ouyen. In railway despatches or way-bills the word "Temporary" in its abbreviated form "Temp" was written and this became the name of the station."*(History of the Victorian Railways 1918 by T. O'Callaghan) Please see the noticeboard for more "in context" details.

Bishop Paul will be visiting our parish next Sunday 😊 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. Please come and join us for lunch and a chance catch up with Bishop.

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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