

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



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

11th August 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for
ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek
you.

First Reading

A reading from the first book of Kings

*Strengthened by the food, he walked to the
mountain of the Lord.*

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's
journey, and sitting under a furze bush
wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have
had enough. Take my life: I am no better
than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and
went to sleep. But an angel touched him and
said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and
there at his head was a scone baked on hot
stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank
and then lay down again. But the angel of the
Lord came back a second time and touched
him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey
will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate
and drank, and strengthened by that food he
walked for forty days and forty nights until he
reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue
them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has
marked you with his seal for you to be set
free when the day comes. Never have
grudges against others, or lose your temper,
or raise your voice to anybody, or call each
other names, or allow any sort of
spitefulness. Be friends with one another,
and kind, forgiving each other as readily as
God forgave you in Christ.

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Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the gospel according to John.

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.
It is written in the prophets:
They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.
Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.
I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.
Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;
but this is the bread that comes down from
heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.
I am the living bread which has come down
from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for
ever;

and the bread that I shall give

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Reflection adapted from Dr Scott Hahn

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, so keenly aware of our failures are we that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us. We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert.

We can be tempted to "murmur" against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert. The Gospel today uses the same word, "murmur," to describe the crowds, who re-enact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert.

Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see his flesh, that he is the "son" of Joseph and Mary.

Yet if we believe, if we seek him in our distress, he will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today's Psalm.

At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord himself (see [Exodus 3:1-2](#)), touches us. He commands us to take and eat his Flesh given for the life of the world.

This taste of the heavenly gift comes to us with a renewed command to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism to the mountain of God – the kingdom of heaven. He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need, just as he fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert.

Let us say to God as Elijah did, "Take my life." Not in the sense of wanting to die but in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering, loving him as he has loved us, on the Cross and in the Eucharist.

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, John Nihill, John Moulder and Fr Matt Thomas

Sunday 18th August

Welcomer: Peter Shaddock

Reader: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

Prayers of the Faithful:
Sally Williams

Offertory Procession:
Carmel Vallance & Cheryl Anderson

Eucharistic Minister:
Gerald Leach

Projectionist: Cara Brady

Collections: 4th August

Ouyen \$207.65

Planned Giving \$255.00

August Church &

Presbytery Cleaning: Faye Nihill & the Shaddocks
(sounds like a good band)

Mass Times:

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am

Underbool 1st & 3rd Fridays
at 9am (16th August)

Weekday Masses this week

Thursday 15th Feast of the

Assumption at 5:30 pm

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for August: For Political Leaders. Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

Wisdom from the Saints: "He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations."
St. Francis de Sales

Something to smile at . . .

What happens if Usain Bolt misses his bus?

He waits for it at the next stop.



If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you!



I asked my trainer at the gym if I could start shadow boxing.

He said, "Knock yourself out!"

Our roster of priests will usually look like this for our parish: 1st Sunday Fr Shaiju, 2nd Sunday Fr John, 3rd Sunday Fr Shaiju, 4th Sunday TBD

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.

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.



News on Father Matt: Fr Matt is recovering slowly and under instructions to rest for the next month. Please keep him in your prayers.

Photos from the Bishop's Visit . . .



114 years ago cont. In **1960** Father Kiniry became the new parish priest of Ouyen and began to raise funds for building a new church in Tempy. Crops were grown on land supplied by local parishioners and much fund raising was done by those at Tempy. Later that year Father Harney became Parish priest and for the next six years he oversaw the fundraising for the church which was to hold approximately 200 people. The cost of the building was £ 14,000 with an extra £ 2,000 for pews. Finally in **1966** the new Tempy church was opened - debt free, a credit to the local community.

Back in Ouyen, building was also continuing with a new two roomed wooden building added in **1965** to house the growing numbers. One room was for the Prep & Grade 1 children while the second room became a dedicated library and audio visual centre for the school. In **1969** the new Science Block was built to cater for the needs of secondary children.

In **1971** a convent car was purchased for the sisters to give them some independence and make their rounds to the outlying communities easier. In **1977** a Rite of Reconciliation room was added to the Ouyen church to replace the smaller set-up. 1977 also saw a new tin shed erected to house St Vincent DePaul material and later house the year 7 & 8 boys woodwork tools.

Sometime later in the late **1970's early 80's** a new, portable classroom was unloaded and set up on the side of the "small oval" facing Hunt St. The arrival of the classroom was somewhat of a surprise to Sr Judith who was delighted with the extra room but unsure as to where it had come from. This became the new grade three and four classroom and the mystery would not be solved for about another twenty years. The school was now complete.

The original St Joseph's church, in need of much repair, was sadly farewelled and demolished in **June 1996**, and the Presbytery block sold. By November of the same year, **1996** the new church was completed and consecrated by Bishop Mulkearns of Ballarat. A scale model of the old church, built by Jack Puglisi, stands in the entrance to the present-day church as a reminder of the living history of the parish. The "Science Block" and staffroom of the St Joseph's school has remained as the Parish Centre and office, with the (native) garden to the north of the church being the location of the original brick school building which was demolished in **2005**. Sadly, the school was closed in at the end of the school year in 2005 after a drop in numbers.

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 and please pray for it's success.

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