

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



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

29th September 2024

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of
your mercy.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Numbers
*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees
that all people may prophesy?*
The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke
with Moses, but took some of the spirit that
was on him and put it on the seventy elders.
When the spirit came on them they
prophesied, but not again.
Two men had stayed back in the camp; one
was called Eldad and the other Medad. The
spirit came down on them; though they had
not gone to the Tent, their names were
enrolled among the rest. These began to
prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to
tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said,
'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the
camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who
had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord
Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are
you jealous on my account? If only the whole

people of the Lord were prophets, and the
Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the
heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**

3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**

4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St James
Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for
the miseries that are coming to you. Your
wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten
up by moths. All your gold and your silver are
corroding away, and the same corrosion will
be your own sentence, and eat into your

body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your

eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles.

Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it wills (see [John 3:8](#)), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven.

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve. Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church. **Continued inside** →

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Recent Deaths: Dot Harrington

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, John Nihill and John Moulder

Sunday 29th September

Welcomer: Kathy Loxton

Reader: Flora Moulder

Prayers of the Faithful:

Peter Shaddock

Offertory Procession: Beryl & Les Gregg

Eucharistic Minister:

Marlene O'Callaghan

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections: 22nd September

Underbool \$20.00

Ouyen \$120.00

Planned Giving \$490.00

September Church & Presbytery Cleaning:

Carmel Vallance & Marlene O'Callaghan

Mass Times:

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am

Underbool 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 September: For our World.

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all be responsible for the world in which we live.

Wisdom from the Saints: "When you pray, you speak with God, when you read, God speaks to you." St. Cyprian

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 Fr Matt.

Something to smile at . . .

Nearing the end of a long job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of university, "And what starting salary are you looking for?"

The engineer replies, "What about \$140,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer replies, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks annual leave, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a Volvo?"

Delighted, the engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?"

The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

Sign on a septic tank truck – "Yesterday's Meals on Wheels"

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.



Continued from the back: But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples. We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today's Psalm, praying for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them.

Congratulations to Jona who has taken the big step of becoming an Australian citizen. Well done Jona, you make our country a richer society with all that you bring to it. Jona officially became an Australian citizen last Tuesday in Mildura. 🙌🙌🙌

Today, although not celebrated, is the Feast of the Archangels: Three of these we know well **Michael**, whose name means "Who is like God" was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, and protects all humankind from the snares of the devil. He is the "Prince of the Heavenly Host" and the leader of all other angels, and symbolises the triumph of good over evil and protection. **Gabriel**, whose name means "Strength of God" announced the immanent of John the Baptist to Zachariah, and of Jesus to Mary. He greeted the latter "Hail, full of grace," - and this forms the basis of the Hail Mary prayer. Mary was deeply troubled by his message, and he replied "Do not be afraid". **Raphael, whose name means** "Medicine of God" cured Tobias from blindness. He represents healing and acts of mercy. The other four are: **Selaphiel:** the prayer of God, impelling to prayer (2 Esdras 5:15). He prays to God for mankind. **Jehudiel:** the glorifying of God, encouraging exertion for the glory of the Lord and interceding for the reward of efforts. **Barachiel:** distributor of the blessings of God for good deeds, entreats the mercy of God for people and **Jeremiel:** the raising up to God (2 Esdras 4:36)

World Day of Migrants & Refugees –This Sunday. Pope Francis has chosen the theme, "**God walks with His people,**" for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The Pope contrasts the images of the biblical exodus and migrants. There are similarities. These include the fleeing "from oppression, abuse, insecurity, discrimination, and lack of opportunities for development. The Message insists that the Exodus, and each type of Exodus, shares the fundamental reality that "God precedes and accompanies his people." Pope Francis reminds us "God not only walks *with* his people, but also *within* them." The encounter with the migrant is an encounter with the migrant Jesus. It is Jesus, *within* the migrant, who asks us for shelter, opportunity, visits, basic essentials, and so much more. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" Pope Francis ask us to "unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. May we journey together with them."

This Sunday is the Farewell to the Sisters of Mercy. The Catholic Community of Sunraysia will acknowledge and celebrate 119 of dedicated service, leadership, and education at the 9am Mass, Sacred Heart Church; 10am Dedication of Mercy Garden; 10:30 Light Luncheon, Monaghan Centre
RSVP: sunraysia@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5021 2872

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 parishes, 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. Many thanks to Sylvester for volunteering!

50th Marian Festival

Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

11:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Sunday 13 October 2024

Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo



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