

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



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

27th October 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!

See, I will bring them back

from the land of the North

and gather them from the far ends of earth;

all of them: the blind and the lame,

women with child, women in labour:

a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,

I will comfort them as I lead them back;

I will guide them to streams of water,

by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,

It seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
 marvels

the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You are a priest forever in the line of
Melchizedek.*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And

immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Reflection by Drs Scott Hahn

Today's Gospel turns on an irony—it is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first person outside of the Apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. And his healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth.

The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today's First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst.

Jesus, as Bartimaeus proclaims, is the long-awaited Son promised to David. Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, all will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come.

As we hear in today's Epistle, the Son of David was expected to be the Son of God. He was to be a priest-king like Melchizedek, who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history.

Bartimaeus is a symbol of his people, the captive Zion of whom we sing in today's Psalm. His God has done great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life.

Bartimaeus, too, should be a sign for us. How often Christ passes us by, in the person of the poor, in the distressing guise of a troublesome family member or burdensome associate, and yet we don't see Him. Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how

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Parish Administrator: Fr Shaiju Mathew (03) 5026 3068
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Recent Deaths: Kath Dundee
Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, John Moulder, Maisie Walsh, Bendigo (Nancy Pickering's sister) and Mark Weir

Sunday 3rd November
Welcomer: Lorna Keam
Reader: Carmel Vallance
Prayers of the Faithful: Susan O'Sullivan
Offertory Procession: Shaddock Family
Eucharistic Minister: Marlene O'Callaghan
Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections: 20th October
Ouyen \$210.00
Planned Giving \$230.00

November Church & Presbytery Cleaning: Carmel Vallance & Kathy Loxton

Mass Times:
Ouyen each Sunday at 11am
Underbool 3rd Fridays at 9am (TBA for November)

Weekday Masses this week
Friday at 10:30

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 October: For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Wisdom from on high "Today Christ is asking each of you the same question: do you love Me? He is asking you to love Him. All the rest will ensue." *St. Pope John Paul II*

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 . . .

A grandmother was pushing her little grandchild around a shopping centre in a buggy.

Each time she put something in the basket she would say, "And here's something for you, Diploma." or "This will make a cute little outfit for you, Diploma."

Eventually a bewildered shopper who had overheard the comments, finally asked, "Why do you keep calling your grandchild Diploma?"

The grandmother replied, "I sent my daughter to Monash University, and this is what she came home with!" 🤔🤔

Clergy celebrations for this year: 50 years – Frs Erc Bryant, Paddy Mugavin & Michael O'Toole, **25 years** – Fr Ed Moloney. Mass to celebrate the 2024 Clergy Jubilarians will be held on Thursday, 14th November at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 5.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

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.



Cont. from the back - Yet, how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church.

Today He asks us what He asks Bartimaeus: “What do you want me to do for you?” Rejoicing, let us ask the same thing of Him — “Master grant that I may see” but more than that, what can we do for all that He has done for us?

October is the month of the Rosary. To commemorate this, we are saying the Rosary in the church **every Thursday at 4pm**. With so many needs in our own families, let alone throughout the world, this is a chance to help any, and all situations.

Synod on Synodality - The Second Session of the XVI General Assembly of the Synod is currently underway in Rome. This session runs from October 2-27, **please keep all those involved in your prayers.**

November is the month of All Souls: Fr Shaiju will be saying Mass on **All Saints Day** at 10:30am (Friday) and **blessing the graves** in the cemetery on Friday 8th November after the 10:30 Mass.

Ecumenical Memorial Service Sunday 24th November at 7pm in the All Saints church, followed by a light supper.

Columban Calendars will be available as of the 1st of November for \$10.

Christmas Mass this year will be at 9:00am Christmas Day.

Majellan publications have a new innovation **for all those who love Wordles** - a Christian Wordle. It’s just the same as any other but the theme is Biblical. Dive into a daily puzzle that brings Scripture to life in a playful and engaging way. Visit their website (Majellan Media in the app store) to challenge yourself and grow in faith. They also have several other quizzes; and it’s free. If you’re interested, and/or having difficulty finding it, see Marie.

Deacon Cay Trinh will be ordained a priest at 10:30am, Saturday 23rd November at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Ballarat. This date was specifically chosen by Cay, as it is the feast of the Vietnamese martyrs. **Cay has very kindly sent and invitation to his ordination for the parish. There is an RSVP for anyone able to go. The invitation is on the table with the bulletins.** For those who aren’t able to get to Ballarat we will be watching the livestream on the screens in the church. For anyone who is going to the ordination you are invited to be a part of the choir (if you wish); more about that nearer the time. Cay will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at 5pm on Sunday 24th November 2024 at St Patrick’s Cathedral; again, all are welcome to attend. A light supper will follow in the Hall. This will not be live-streamed.

Diocesan Assembly in November: 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!

Red November: During the month of November, Aid to the Church in Need invites parishes around Australia to **remember, support** and **pray** for Christians who suffer persecution for their faith. This is founded upon **Red Wednesday (20 November)**, an international initiative uniting tens of thousands of Catholics worldwide to stand up for faith and freedom. This year, 23 Cathedrals in Australia and New Zealand will be participating, including lighting their buildings in red, holding Masses and prayer events, and sharing stories of those suffering for their faith. The national focus will be supporting Christians in the Holy Land.

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