

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



**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**13<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

### Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom  
*In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*  
I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!  
1. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?  
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**  
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**  
3. Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
*The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*  
The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
If we love one another,  
God will live in us in perfect love.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not

without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

## Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

## Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

The rich young man in today's Gospel wants to know what we all want to know—how to live in this life so that we might live forever in the world to come. He seeks what today's Psalm calls "wisdom of heart."

He learns that the wisdom he seeks is not a program of works to be performed or behaviours to be avoided. As Jesus tells him, observing the commandments is essential to walking the path of salvation—but it can only get us so far.

The Wisdom of God is not precepts, but a person, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Wisdom whose Spirit was granted to Solomon in today's First Reading. Jesus is the Word of God spoken of in today's Epistle. And Jesus, as He reveals Himself to the rich man today, is God.

In Jesus we encounter Wisdom, the living and effective Word of God. As He does with the rich man today, He looks upon each of us with love. That look of love, that loving gaze, is a personal invitation—to give up everything to follow Him.

Nothing is concealed from His gaze, as we hear in the Epistle. In His fiery eyes, the thoughts of our hearts are exposed, and each of us must render an account of our lives.

We must have the attitude of Solomon, preferring Wisdom to all else, loving Him more than even life itself. This preference, this love, requires a leap of faith. We will be persecuted for this faith, Jesus tells His disciples today. But we must trust in His promise—that all good things will come to us in His company. **Continued inside** →

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**Recent Deaths:** Billy White,  
Vic Volk

**Anniversaries:** Marj Hynam

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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Welcomer:** Gerald Leach

**Reader:** Marlene O'Callaghan

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Leo O'Callaghan

**Offertory Procession:** Kathy Loxton & Cheryl Anderson

**Eucharistic Minister:**

Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

**Projectionist:** Marie Shaddock

**Collections: 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Ouyen \$195.10

Planned Giving \$215.00

**October Church &**

**Presbytery Cleaning:** Merrill and John Boland

**Mass Times:**

**Ouyen each Sunday at 11am**

**Underbool 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 the Saints:** "The rosary is a long chain that links Heaven and earth...the Rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almighty." *St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

**Our roster of priests will usually look like this for our parish:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fr Shaiju, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fr John, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fr Shaiju, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fr Matt.

**Something to smile at . . .**

Susie's husband, George, had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, prompting frequent visits by their parish priest. Things were looking grim, but she was next to her husband's bedside every single day without exception.

One day as George slipped back into consciousness, he motioned for her to come nearer. She pulled the chair close to the bed and put her ear close so she could hear him.

"You know," George whispered, his eyes filling with tears. "You have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired, you stuck by me. When my business went under, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you were there. My health started failing, and low and behold you were there by my side. And you know what Susie?"

"What dear," she asked, gently stroking his hand.

"I've decided you're bad luck."



I hate hotel bath towels. They are too thick and fluffy. I can't even close my suitcase.

**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.





**Reflection continued from the back:** What, then, are the “many possessions” that keep us from giving ourselves totally to God? What are we clinging to—material things, comfort zones, relationships? What will it take for us to live fully for Christ’s sake and the sake of the Gospel?

Let us pray for the wisdom to enter into the kingdom of God. With the Psalmist, let us ask Him, “Teach 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. **"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."** *Ven. Lucia dos Santos – Sr Lucia of Fatima*

**World Mission Month –** October is World Mission Month. Pope Francis has recently published his World Mission Sunday message with a key theme from Matthew 22:09 of *“Go and invite everyone to the banquet”*. Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 20, 2024. This year the focus is on Mongolia where, in the harsh winter, temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius and survival is often difficult. Chuluunbaatar faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis after he suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle. This left him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death. Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need. You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring this program can move forward.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> November after the 10:30 Mass.

**Columban Calendars** will be available as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of November for \$10. We have a limited number, please see Marie or Faye if you would like to pre-order any.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> November at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Ballarat. This date was specifically chosen by Cay, as it is the feast of the Vietnamese martyrs. 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Formation in preparation for the 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!

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