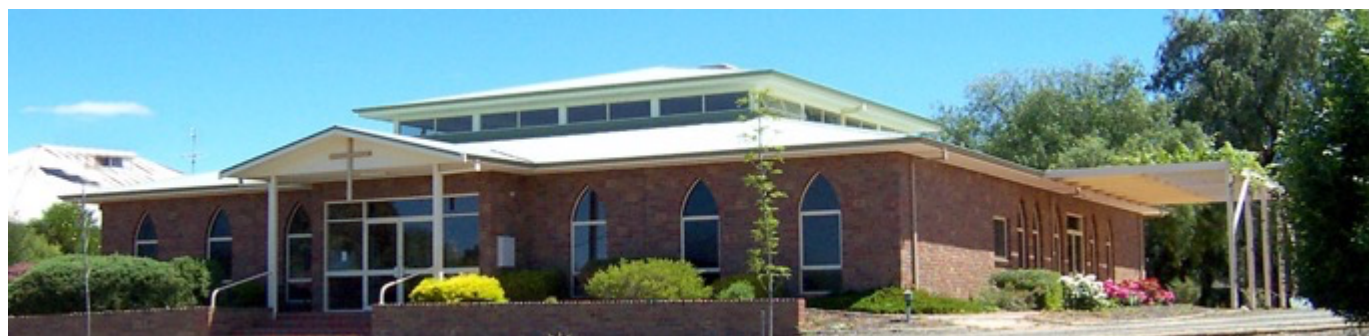


ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

20th October 2024

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love.
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Reflection by Drs Scott Hahn and John Bergsma

The sons of Zebedee hardly know what they're asking in today's Gospel. They are thinking in terms of how the Gentiles rule, of royal privileges and honours.

The cup is an Old Testament image for God's judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins. But Jesus has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptized—which means plunged or immersed—into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins.

In this He will fulfill the task of Isaiah's suffering servant, whom we read about in today's First Reading. Like Isaiah's servant, the Son of Man will give His life as an offering for sin, as once Israel's priests offered sacrifices for the sins of the people.

Jesus is the heavenly high priest of all humanity, as we hear in today's Epistle. Israel's high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary. But Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood. And by bearing our guilt and offering His life to do the will of God, Jesus ransomed "the many"—paying the price to redeem humanity from spiritual slavery to sin and death, just as we say in today's Psalm, "He has rescued our souls from death."

A servant-leader often must suffer by putting his own interests last, and this suffering would be unbearable were it not for hope in the life to come and confidence in a good God who has good things planned for those who love him.

At this Mass, let's pray for joy in the midst of our sufferings as we contemplate the happiness of heaven, and ask God for the strength to place ourselves last and those we serve first.

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Recent Deaths: John Nihill
Anniversaries:

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

Sunday 27th October

Welcomer: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

Reader: Leo O'Callaghan

Prayers of the Faithful:

Marlene O'Callaghan

Offertory Procession: Faye

Nihill & Celia Reidy

Eucharistic Minister:

Gerald Leach

Projectionist: Marie

Shaddock

Collections: 13th October

Ouyen \$210.00

Planned Giving \$230.00

October Church &

Presbytery Cleaning: Merrill and John Boland

Mass Times:

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am

Underbool 3rd Fridays at 9am (TBA for November)

Weekday Masses this week

Friday at 10:00am

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: "The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God." *C.S. Lewis*

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 . . .

One of the best marksmen in the FBI was passing through a small town. Everywhere he saw evidence of the most amazing shooting. On trees, on walls, and on fences there were numerous bull's-eyes with the bullet hole in dead centre.

The FBI man asked one of the townsmen if he could meet the person responsible for this wonderful marksmanship. The man turned out to be the village idiot.

"This is the best marksmanship I have ever seen," said the FBI man.

"How in the world do you do it?"

"Nothing to it," said the idiot. "I shoot first and draw the circles afterward." 😊😂

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.



Please Note Mass on **Friday this week will be at 10:00am** – for this week only

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

This Sunday is Mission Sunday. 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"*. 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. **A special collection will be taken up after communion today.**

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.

Columban Calendars will be available as of the 1st 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 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.

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!

Synod on Synodality – Second Session 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.

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