

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



Feast of Christ the King, Year B

24th November 2024

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and
ever.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Daniel
His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and
languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **(R.)**

2. The world you made firm, not to be
moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.

From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **(R.)**

3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
*The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a
line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-
born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of
the earth. He loves us and has washed away
our sins with his blood, and made us a line of
kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to
him, then, be glory and power for ever and
ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the
clouds; everyone will see him, even those
who pierced him, and all the races of the
earth will mourn over him. This is the truth.
Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says
the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to
come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of
David our Father; blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

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Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Reflection adapted from Dr Scott Hahn

What's the truth Jesus comes to bear witness to in this last Gospel of the Church's year?

It's the truth that in Jesus God keeps the promise He made to David of an everlasting kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, "the first-born, highest of the kings of the earth."

Today's Second Reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, quotes these promises and celebrates Jesus as "the faithful witness." The reading hearkens back to Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah would "witness to the peoples" that God is renewing His "everlasting covenant" with David.

But as Jesus tells Pilate, there's far more going on here than the restoration of a temporal monarchy. In the Revelation reading, Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and the Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He's applying to Himself a description that God uses to describe Himself in the Old Testament—the first and the last, the One who calls forth all generations.

"He has made the world," today's Psalm cries, and His dominion is over all creation (see also [John 1:3](#); [Colossians 1:16–17](#)). In the vision of Daniel we hear in today's First Reading, He comes on "the clouds of heaven", another sign of His divinity—to be given "glory and kingship" forever over all nations and peoples.

Christ is King and His kingdom, while not of this world, exists in this world in the Church. We are a royal people. We know we have been loved by Him and freed by His blood and transformed into "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father"

As a priestly people, we share in His sacrifice and in His witness to God's everlasting covenant. We belong to His truth and listen to His voice, waiting for Him to come again amid the clouds.

*I Am the Christ. Come, then, all you nations of Men,
Receive Forgiveness for the Sins which Defile you.
I Am your Forgiveness.
I Am the Passover, which brings Salvation.
I Am the Lamb, Who was Immolated for you. I Am your Ransom, your Life, your Resurrection, your Light,
am your Salvation and your King.
I will Bring You to the Heights of Heaven. With My own Right Hand I will Raise You Up and I will show you the Eternal Father.
St Melito of Sardis (Died c 180) Bishop, Father*

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Leo Shaddock

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

Sunday 1st December

Welcomer: Marlene O'Callaghan

Reader: Flora Moulder

Prayers of the Faithful: Sally Williams

Offertory Procession: Lorna Keam & Margaret Collins

Eucharistic Minister: Gerald Leach

Projectionist: Sylvester Rudolph

Collections: 17th November

Ouyen \$210.20
Planned Giving \$90.00

December Church & Presbytery Cleaning:

Celia Reidy & Cheryl Anderson

Mass Times:

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am

Underbool 3rd Fridays at 9am

No Weekday Masses this week (school Mass in Robinvale)

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 November: For anyone who has lost a child We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Wisdom from on high "The world promises us pleasure, but it is only in Jesus that we find joy." *Saint Thérèse of Lisieux*

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 man walks into a bar and says, "Give me a beer before the problems start!" He drinks the beer and then orders another saying, "Give me a beer before the problems start!"

The bartender looks confused. This goes on for a while, and after the fifth beer the bartender is totally confused and asks the man, "When are you going to pay for these beers?"

The man answers, "Now the problems start!" 😊

Before you criticise someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you do criticise them, you're a mile away, and you have their shoes. 😊😂

I know they say that money talks, but all mine says is "Goodbye." 😊

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.



***Good News about Ruth and her baby** Ruth's baby is not out of the woods yet, but there are definite improvements so please keep the prayers going. There is a note from Ruth with all the details on the 2 tables at the back of the church.

An Invitation to all parishioners to consider becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or Special/Eucharistic Minister. At present we have 5 Special/Eucharistic Ministers if we are to return to receiving Communion under both species (from the chalice and the patten) we will need to have some extra Ministers. Becoming a Eucharistic Minister is something that is not suited to everyone and requires serious thought and prayer, as well as training. If you feel that this is a calling for you, please see either Father or Marie.

Ecumenical Memorial Service this Sunday 24th November at 7pm in the All Saints church, followed by a light supper; please bring a plate to share.

Congratulations to Fr Cay Trinh, who was ordained on Saturday. Father Cay will be back in Sunraysia in December and will no doubt be down in Ouyen to visit and say Mass.

November is the month of All Souls: Traditionally, this is the month where we remember those of our family and friends who have died before us. Mass Offering envelopes will be on the table for the rest of the month for those who wish to have a Mass said. The usual cost for this is \$13. Your intentions and money can also be placed in any ordinary envelope.

CWL Swan Hill Reflection Day: Thursday Dec 5, Dr Sr Mary Glowrey in the Mallee: The Catholic Women's League is helping to organise a reflection day in Swan Hill, with a special focus on Servant of God, Dr Sr Mary Glowrey. The day will start with 10:30am Mass in Swan Hill St Mary's Church, and conclude about 3pm. Morning tea and Lunch will be provided. There is no cost for the day, but donations welcome. RSVPs to northeastmallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 50324144. We hope to see you there!

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. **Red Wednesday**, is 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. Our parish will be offering a rosary at **4pm on Thursday the 21st and 28th** for these intentions.

Want to get more out of Advent and Christmas? Try "**The Light**" a daily short reflection guide that offers insight and perspective to deepen and renew your appreciation of this special season. We have been generously given a few copies so why not try something quiet and positive to counter the hustle and bustle around us; first in best dressed 😊 Copies are available at the piety stall – for free.

Columban Calendars are available for \$10. A range of "**Glory & Goodness**" Christmas and other cards, including Ordination cards, are also on sale in the piety stall. "Glory & Goodness" is a creation of Naomi Leach, her designs have been bought by people in USA, Brittain, Finland, Ireland, Canada and many other countries; come and have a look.

Carols by Candlelight will be held on Sunday the **8th December** at the Ouyen Lake; byo chair & drink.

Christmas Mass will be at **9:00am on Christmas Day**

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