

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



The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

19th January 2025

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,

a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned',

but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded';

for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R.)**
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the

Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water

knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of "epiphanies." The liturgy is showing us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God.

Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial—Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us coheirs of Israel's promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the liturgy we went to a baptism.

This week we're at a wedding.

We're being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we're sons and daughters of God, it's because we've married into the family.

Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding—Adam and Eve's in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb (compare [Genesis 2:23–24](#) and [Revelation 19:9; 21:9; 22:17](#))?

Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today's First Reading.

When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse (see [Jeremiah 2:20–36; 3:1–13](#)). **Continued on the inside** →

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Joe Baker,
Phyllis Vallance

Sick: Cora Jardine, John
Moulder, Maisie Walsh,
Mark Weir, Mary Moloney
and Lyn McIntyre.

Sunday 26th January

Welcomer: Kathy Loxton

Reader: Peter Shaddock

Prayers of the Faithful:

Marie Shaddock

Offertory Procession: Lorna

Keam & Margaret Collins

Eucharistic Minister:

Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

Projectionist: Marie

Shaddock

Collections: 12th January

Ouyen \$195.00

Planned Giving \$90.00

**January Church &
Presbytery Cleaning:**

Peter & Marie Shaddock

Mass Times:

**Ouyen each Sunday at
11am**

**Underbool: February –
Friday 21st @ 9:00am**

**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 January: For the right to an

education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Wisdom from on high "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

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. (except in January)

Update on baby Jacinta: From Ruth and family - Thank you so very much for your messages and continued prayer and support. We deeply appreciate all your love, support and prayers. Please know just how grateful and humbled we are, and how much strength and comfort it gives us. We are all, are eternally grateful and return the prayers for you all and your loved ones 🙏 There is more news about Jacinta on the tables at the back. As the updates on Jacinta come they will be dated and placed on the tables at the back of the church, so that you can follow along if you are interested.

Something to smile about . . .

Did you know that on the Canary Islands there is not one single canary?

And on the Virgin Islands?

Same thing . . . not one single canary either.

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes. She gave me a hug.

One night a Viking named Rudolf the Red was looking out the window when he said, "It's going to rain."

His wife asked, "How do you know?"

Because Rudolf the Red knows rain, dear."

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.



Continued from the back → But God promises to take her back, to “espouse” her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant (see Hosea 2:18–22). That’s why in today’s Gospel Jesus performs His first public “sign” at a wedding feast.

Jesus is the divine bridegroom, calling us to His royal wedding feast. By His new Covenant, He will become “one flesh” with all humanity in the Church (Ephesians 5:21-33). By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband (2Corinthians 11:2). And the new wine that Jesus pours out at today’s feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to His bride and body, as the Epistle says. This is the “salvation” announced to the “families of nations” in today’s Psalm.

On Tuesday Cora turns 102! *Wishing you a very Happy Birthday Cora. May God bless you on your Birthday and always!*



The Story behind “Jubilees” On Christmas eve Pope

Francis gave a gift to the Church that comes once every 25 years, a Jubilee Year whose theme is “Pilgrims of Hope.” We are all pilgrims, even though we may never leave our own town. Yet, every day we are on a journey to our true home with God. Jubilee celebrations have been held in the Church since the 1300’s however they originated from our Jewish brothers in the laws God gave Moses to form the people of God. In the Jewish tradition a Jubilee was held every 50 years and was a way for those who had fallen on tough times to reclaim their land, sold out of necessity, and their personal freedom as many sold themselves into servitude out of desperation. These years were intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, each other and all of creation. It involved the forgiveness of debts, the returning of family land and a fallow or “resting” time for the fields. But why 50 years? In the Jewish tradition seven is the perfect number, it was a day of rest after the creation of the world and signifies the “eternal rest” of heaven. This is one of the reasons why God asks us not to do any unnecessary work of a Sunday, so that we can take part in His rest now and forever. Part of the expanded laws given to Moses detail the feasts to be observed, their length of time and the sacrifices and duties to be performed. The feasts all either last for 7 days or occur on the 7th day or the 7th month or both. On the 7th year a Sabbatical was proclaimed. It was a time of “release” in which creditors would ‘release’ what was lent to a neighbour without demanding any more payment and the poor were also to be given “sufficient for their need” – whatever it may be. God was teaching the people how they should live in relationship with each other. So, if a Sabbatical year happened every 7th year then the 7th time of a Sabbatical year was the 49th year which flowed on to a “Year of Rest” (Jubilee) for man and earth alike. This is the Pope’s great hope and intention for this Year of Jubilee.

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