

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

30<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

## First Reading [Jer 1:4-5. 17-19](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
before you came to birth I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.  
So now brace yourself for action.  
Stand up and tell them  
all I command you.  
Do not be dismayed at their presence,  
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.  
I, for my part, today will make you  
into a fortified city,  
a pillar of iron,  
and a wall of bronze  
to confront all this land:  
the kings of Judah, its princes,  
its priests and the country people.  
They will fight against you  
but shall not overcome you,  
for I am with you to deliver you –  
it is the Lord who speaks.’

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me, free me:

pay heed to me and save me. **(R.)**

2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,  
a mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
Free me from the hand of the wicked. **(R.)**
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
from my mother's womb you have been my  
help. **(R.)**
4. My lips will tell of your justice  
and day by day of your help.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth  
and I proclaim your wonders still. **(R.)**

## Second Reading [1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13](#)

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

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in

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other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

### **Gospel Acclamation** [Lk 4:18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the  
poor

and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** [Lk 4:21-30](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers

in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

### **Communion Antiphon**

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

### **Reflection** by Dr Scott Hahn

God's words in today's First Reading point us beyond Jeremiah to Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus was consecrated in the womb and sent as a "prophet to the nations." Like the prophets before Him, Jesus too faces hostility. In today's Gospel, the crowd in His hometown synagogue quickly turns on Him, apparently demanding a sign, some proof of divine origins—that He's more than just "the son of Joseph."

The sign He gives them is that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. From their colourful careers Jesus draws two stories. In each, the prophets bypass "many . . . in Israel" to bestow God's blessings on non-Israelites who had faith that the prophets were men of God. "None . . . not one" in Israel was found deserving, Jesus emphasizes. His point isn't lost on His audience. That's why they try to shove Him off the cliff. But, as He promised to protect Jeremiah, the Lord delivers Jesus from those who would crush Him.

And as were Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is sent to proclaim God's gift of salvation—not exclusively to one nation or people, but to all who realize in faith that from the womb God alone is their hope, their rescuer, their "rock of refuge."

St Paul tells us, prophecies are partial and pass away "when the perfect comes." In Jesus, the word of the prophets has been brought to perfection and fulfilled in those who have ears to hear.

Greater than the gifts of faith and hope, Jesus shows us how to love as He loved—to love God as our Father, as the one who formed us in the womb and destined us to hear His saving Word. This is the salvation, the "mighty works of the Lord," that we are thankful to proclaim daily in the Eucharist.

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### Recent Deaths:

**Anniversaries:** Teresa Pentreath

**Sick:** Terri Scott, Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, Alf Brittain and Laura Burns 🙏

**May our healing God touch the lives of our sick bringing them comfort & peace.**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Mass – Wk 1**  
**Ouyen: 11:00am**  
**Reader: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach**  
**Prayers of the Faithful: Gerald Leach**  
**Offertory Procession: Margaret Collins & Kathy Loxton**  
**Projectionist: Carmel Vallance**

**Collections:** 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
Ouyen \$225.70  
Planned Giving: \$637.00

### Church Cleaning:

February: Faye Nihill

### Presbytery Cleaning:

February: Marie Shaddock

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Father will be available before and after the Friday Mass for Reconciliation, after the 11:00am Masses, or at any other time by appointment.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday from 2:00 – 6:00pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm and Rosary at 4:00pm; all welcome.

**Prayer for Australia:** Eternal Father I offer you the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ offered at all the Masses throughout the world for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, to forgive, to heal, to make atonement, and to protect Australia from the sin of abortion, euthanasia, and from every evil. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians; Pray for us. St Joseph; Pray for us.

### Pope's Prayer Intention for February: For Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

### New Mass Timetable

Wk 1	Patche	Mass	11:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday
	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 2	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 3	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 4	U'Bool	Mass	9:00am	Sunday
	Ouyen	Mass	11:00pm	Sunday
Wk 5	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday

**More opportunities for Mass:** each Friday at 4:00pm

**Thanks Father Matt:** for your visit on Thursday to explain the process of the Looking Forward scheme for our region. We look forward to catching up again with you in another month to discuss things further.

**The decision of the parishioners that met to discuss the transition of the pergolas** on the north and south sides of the church decided to accept the Spanline proposal for two flat pergolas. The decision was by a majority but not unanimous. Many thanks to those that contributed to the discussion. A copy of the minutes of the meeting is on the board at the back windows. More information will be distributed when it is available.

### Wisdom from the Saints:

“What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love and an ocean of patience.” *St Francis de Sales*

### Summary of the New Covid Provisions:

- ~Please use the QR Code to sign in
- ~Remember to keep your distance
- ~Face masks are to be worn

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**Farewell to Jan Healy:** After so many years of being a part of the Ouyen Parish and Community, Jan is leaving. If you would like to say farewell, join her for lunch on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> February, 12 noon, at the Ouyen Community Club.

**Caritas Appeal for Tonga** -Tonga is coated in a thick blanket of ash after the eruption of undersea volcano Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai on January 15, which triggered tsunamis across the region, destroyed telecommunications and contaminated water supplies in the small Pacific Island nation. Coastal communities in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu have been impacted by tsunami waves, along with communities as far afield as Australia, Japan and the Americas. The Tongan government has said that "immediate assistance" is needed to deal with the fallout of the massive volcanic eruption. Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/> or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support by donating to our Pacific Emergency Appeal.

**Sacramental Preparation** – in the next week or two we will begin preparing for the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation. If you know of anyone that is interested in receiving the sacraments and is in grade 2 or above, please contact Marie or Father Anthony.

**Pathways Response Victoria** - The Victorian Catholic Bishops launched Pathways Response Victoria last year, which will provide a further way of responding to those who have suffered abuse in the Catholic community. Pathways Response Victoria will be the successor to Towards Healing and The Melbourne Response from the start of 2022. More information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pathways-response-victoria/>



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