

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

13th February 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading [Jer 17:5-8](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the
wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in
the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners

nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. **(R.)**

2. He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. **(R.)**
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 Cor 15:12, 16-20](#)

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

**If Christ is not raised from the dead, your
faith is in vain.**

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been
preached, how can some of you be saying that
there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the
dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised,
and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in
your sins. And what is more serious, all who have
died in Christ have perished. If our hope in
Christ has been for this life only, we are the most
unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead,
the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

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Gospel [Lk 6:17. 20-26](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

The blessings and woes we hear in today’s Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament. That wisdom is summed up with marvellous symmetry in today’s First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous—those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law—will prosper like a tree planted near living

waters. The wicked, who put their “trust in human beings,” are cursed to wither and die. Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state.

The rich are “the insolent” of today’s Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord.

We’ve already seen today’s dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary’s Magnificat. There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted.

That’s the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty, we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying “on account of the Son of Man,” we find everlasting life.

The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity—in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life. But not only that. As Paul says in today’s Epistle, we’re to be pitied if our hope is “for this life only.”

The blessings of God mean that we’ll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile, feast at the heavenly table of the Lord, “leap for joy” as John the Baptist leapt in his mother’s womb, and rise with Christ, “the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”



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Recent Deaths: Anniversaries:

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

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

Sunday 20th February – Mass – Wk 3
Ouyen: 11:00am
Reader: Margaret Prentice
Prayers of the Faithful: Marlene O'Callaghan
Offertory Procession: The Brady Family
Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections: 6th February
Ouyen \$234.70
Planned Giving: \$222.00

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	11:30am	1 st 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

Ash Wednesday Mass: Wednesday March 2nd at
4pm

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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Lenten Discussion Group – All being well, we are hoping to be running our Lenten Discussion Group each Tuesday at 10:00am in the Parish Centre, beginning on Tuesday 1st of March. Ash Wednesday begins the following day, March 2nd. We will be using “Remember” this is a 72 page colour booklet containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) it is perfect for individual reading as well as group discussions. It features the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. For those who choose to be part of the discussion group, we are honoured to have Fr Antony Jukes OFM from the Franciscan Friary in Killarney, Ireland, breaking open the Sunday Gospels for us. It also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters, and the short daily reflections have been written by 21 clergy, religious and lay contributors from around the world. Cost of the booklet is \$10, if you are interested in either joining the group or having the booklet for private reading, please let Marie know as soon as possible as they have been selling very quickly.

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.

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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/>

Wisdom from the Saints: “He who bears God in his heart, carries paradise with him everywhere.” *St Ignatius of Loyola*

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: Each month ACN highlights a project of the month that helps support projects in need of your support. This month could you help the church in Ethiopia to build permanent churches that will support the Catholic faithful in Ethiopia to live their faith and receive the Sacraments? To learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject



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