

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

26th June 2022

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:16, 19-21

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. **(R.)**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Gal 5:1, 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community. Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 9:51-62](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke

**Jesus resolutely set his face towards
Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you
will go.**

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Reflection by *Dr Scott Hahn*

In this week's First Reading, Elijah's disciple is allowed to kiss his parents goodbye before setting out to follow the prophet's call.

But this week's Liturgy wants us to know we are called to follow someone "greater than Elijah".

In Baptism, we have put on the cloak of Christ, been called to the house of a new Father, and been given a new family in the kingdom of God. We have been called to leave behind our past lives and never look back—to follow wherever He leads.

Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind and his disciple was given a double portion of his spirit. Jesus too, the Gospel reminds us, was "taken up" at the Ascension, and He gave us His Spirit to live by, to guide us in our journey in His kingdom. As this week's Epistle tells us, the call of Jesus shatters the yoke of every servitude, it sets us free from the rituals of the old Law, and shows us the Law's fulfillment in the following of Jesus by serving one another through love.

His call sets our hands to a new plough, or a new task—to be His messengers, sent ahead to prepare all peoples to meet Him and enter into His Kingdom.

Elijah called down fire to consume those who wouldn't accept God. But we have a different Spirit with us.

To live by His Spirit is to face opposition and rejection, as the Apostles do in this week's Gospel. It is to feel like an exile, with no lasting city, no place in this world to lay our head or call home.

But we hear the voice of the One we follow in this week's Psalm. He calls us to make His faith our own—to abide in confidence that He will not abandon us, that He will show us "the path to life," leading us to the fullness of joy in His presence forever.

The phrase
"do not be afraid"
is written in the
bible 365 times.
That's a daily
reminder from
God to live
every day being
fearless.

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Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, Laura Burns, Joan Bathgate and Marj Hynam 🙏

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

Sunday 3rd July – Mass

Patche: 11:30am 1st July (First Friday)

Ouyen: 11:00 am

Reader: Lorna Keam

Prayers of the Faithful: Gerald Leach

Offertory Procession: Jona & Jessica Kilaton

Projectionist: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

Collections: 19th June

Ouyen: \$122.00

Planned Giving: \$130.00

Church Cleaning:

July: The Grace Family

Presbytery Cleaning:

July: Faye Nihill

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father will be available 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 atonement, and to protect Australia from the sin of abortion, euthanasia, and from every evil. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the New Covid Provisions:

- ~ QR Codes are no longer required to sign in
- ~ Face masks are no longer required to be worn
- ~ Kindness and Common Sense strictly enforced

Pope's Prayer Intention for June: For Faith-Filled Young People

- We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 5	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday

More opportunities for Mass: each Friday at 10:am

Side door entrance: we are asking anyone with any mobility issues, and those who use gofers, to enter via the side (north facing) door. This has a much wider opening on level ground and is ideal for dropping off/picking up or parking gofers. For those with gofers we would ask you to **please use the gravel to drive on**, rather than the pavers which are too narrow and have a dangerous lip. If you are aware of any other potential hazards please notify: Faye, Cheryl or Marie.

Ordinations to the Priesthood: Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. The Mass will be livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M> Please keep both Bill and Matt in your prayers as they draw closer to their ordination.

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No Adoration on 30th June or 7th July

Please pray for these children and their families as they prepare for their first Reconciliation: Chloe Brady, Matilda Brady, Nigel Hamilton, Liam Hamilton, Keely O'Shannessy, George Scott and Ann Bosco.

Special thanks to Father Ed for saying Mass this weekend – it is really appreciated!

Annual Collection for the Pope: This weekend - after communion. This collection supports the pastoral care of those around the world.

Please Pray for the success of the Plenary Council next weekend 🙏: Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members, for ourselves and the Church as a whole, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us. I ask you to pray specifically that all members of the Council will put aside any personal agendas and be truly open to what God is asking of us as 'the Church in Australia'.

Save the date: Parish Meeting Sunday 24th July after Mass, followed by a shared lunch, to discuss all aspects of the parish.

Finance Committee & Leadership Team Meeting: Friday 15th July after the 10:00am Mass

Growing Good Men Program August 2022 Growing Good Men Weekend taking place at Forest Edge in Neerim East. This is a great opportunity for Dads and their teenage sons to grow their relationship and for Dad's to be able to affirm their sons as they move out of adolescence into adult life and into men of courage, conviction and generosity. For more information contact: Michael Bohan michael.bohan@menalive.org.au (m) 0439 172 465



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A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

ACN has launched its "Helping form the Priests of Tomorrow " global campaign. For 75 years, the benefactors of *Aid to the Church in Need* have generously supported the formation of seminarians. In fact, some of these men now serve as priests in Australia today! At the current time, ACN is supporting some 15,000 seminarians on the path to the priesthood. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/refugees

Young Paddy bought a donkey from a farmer for £100. The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day. The next day he drove up and said, 'Sorry son, but I have some bad news. The donkey's died.' Paddy replied, 'Well then just give me my money back.' The farmer said, 'Can't do that. I've already spent it.' Paddy said, 'OK, then, just bring me the dead donkey.' The farmer asked, 'What are you going to do with him?' Paddy said, 'I'm going to raffle him off.' The farmer said, 'You can't raffle a dead donkey!' Paddy said, 'Sure I can. Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead.' A month later, the farmer met up with Paddy and asked, 'What happened with that dead donkey?' Paddy said, 'I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at £2 each and made a profit of £898' The farmer said, 'Didn't anyone complain?' Paddy said, 'Just the guy who won. So I gave him his £2 back.' Paddy now works for the Royal Bank of Scotland.

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