

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



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

25th September 2022

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your
mercy.

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

First Reading Am 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

**You who give yourself to licentiousness and
revelry will be exiled.**

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain
of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their
divans, they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like
David, they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at
all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
Timothy

**Obey the commandments until the coming of
the Lord.**

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be
saintly and religious, filled with faith and love,
patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the
faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which
you were called when you made your profession
and spoke up for the truth in front of many
witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life
and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a
witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I
put to you the duty of doing all that you have
been told, with no faults or failures, until the
Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to
see: to him be honour and everlasting power.
Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 16:19-31](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke

**During your life good things came your way
just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.
Now he is being comforted while you are in
agony.**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

‘In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, “Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.” “My son,” Abraham replied “remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours.”

‘The rich man replied, “Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father’s house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too.” “They have Moses and the prophets,” said Abraham “let them listen to them.” “Ah no, father Abraham,” said the rich man “but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Then Abraham said to him, “If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.”’

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today’s Liturgy—not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door.

The complacent leaders in today’s First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, revelling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel, collapses around them.

The rich man in today’s Gospel also lives like a king—dressed in royal purple and fine linen. He symbolizes Israel’s failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in today’s First Reading. Their failure to give, and so their inheritance is taken away.

The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater—eternity with a “great chasm” fixed between himself and God. In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts.

But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings—while the leaders and the rich man have no name.

Today’s Liturgy is a call to repentance—to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today’s Epistle.

And in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life—when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets, where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord.

**"In books we seek God;
In prayer we find him.
Prayer, is the key which opens God's
heart."**

St. Padre Pio

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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 2nd October – Mass

No Mass at Patche on the 7th (first Friday)

Ouyen: 11:00 am

Reader: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

Prayers of the Faithful: Gerald Leach

Offertory Procession: Merril & John Boland

Projectionist: Carmel Vallance

Collections 18th September

Ouyen: \$ 176.00

Planned Giving: \$ 185.00

Church Cleaning:

September: Carmel Vallance

Presbytery Cleaning:

September: Cheryl Anderson

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 – 5:00pm 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 September: Abolition of the Death Penalty We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

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

Mass this Friday at 10:00am, but no Mass on the 7th October

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. If you are aware of any other potential hazards please notify: Faye, Cheryl or Marie.

NETFLIX doesn't cost \$49.99,

It costs you your time.

Coke doesn't cost \$3.00,

It costs you your health.

Social media isn't free,

It costs you your focus.

THERE IS ALWAYS A HIDDEN COST

Remember the

Golden Management Quote;

"When something is free,

You are the Product."

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FOUND IN THE CARPARK between the church and the parish centre, a key possibly for a screen door or paddlock, with the name Maureen on the tag. Please see Faye if you have any information.

Congratulations to Ann Bosco who makes her first Reconciliation today after Mass! Ann and her family have made a big effort to make sure that she was well prepared in the lead up to her First Holy Communion 🙌🙌 Please keep the rest of these children in your prayers as they continue in their preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation: Nigel Hamilton, Liam Hamilton, Keely O'Shannessy, and George Scott.

A reminder that next weekend is the first week of the month so, come and have a cuppa in the Parish Centre – tea, coffee & biscuits provided – all we need is YOU 😊

Warning - Advance Notice - Peter & Marie will be away all of October. We are going on pilgrimage (amongst other things) and as a result a few things will look/be a bit different. We will need someone to set up for the Friday Masses (14th, 21st, 28th) and someone to read at these Masses, as well as open up and lock up the church. If you think you can help, please let us know and we can fill you in – there is a printed sheet with all the steps you need. The bulletin will have a different face and just the basics in it. There will be no Collections recorded while we are away for obvious reasons. All the rosters will be on each week but if you will not be available for a listed job, please swap with someone or find your own replacement. Hopefully all the slideshows for each of the Masses will be ready and on computer for whomever is rostered on – they will be dated so you know which is which.

New Chairs – we have recently purchased 4 new chairs with arms, from Country Care for those who have difficulty getting out of their seats. The chairs will be placed on the end of pews to make access to Holy Communion easier. If you see something that is potentially dangerous or can see how we can make moving around in the church easier/better, please have a word to either Faye, Cheryl or Marie.

October Marian Festival – Bishop Shane Mackinlay cordially invites parishioners from this and other Dioceses in celebrating the 105th Anniversary of Our Lady's miracle and messages at Fatima- Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo – Sunday 16th October – See the flyers on the tables for more details and programme of events.

Season of Creation: September 1 – October 4 - Welcome to the Season of Creation. “Listen to the voice of creation” is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase begins on September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on October 4 with the feast of Saint Francis. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. During this 2022 Season of Creation, let us pray that the human family can work effectively as stewards God's creation. May we respond in prayer and action so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in God's creation.

God is like the sun; you cannot look at it, but without it you cannot look at anything else. G. K Chesterton

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