

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

13th November 2022

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Thes 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

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When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, ‘All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.’ And they put to him this question: ‘Master,’ they said, ‘when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?’

‘Take care not to be deceived,’ he said, ‘because many will come using my name and saying, “I am he” and, “The time is near at hand.” Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.’

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

It is the age between our Lord’s first coming and His last. We live in the new world begun by His life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, by the sending of His Spirit upon the Church. But we await the day when He will come again in glory. “Lo, the day is coming,” Malachi warns in today’s First Reading. The prophets taught Israel to look for the Day of the Lord, when He would gather the nations for judgment

Jesus anticipates this day in today’s Gospel. He cautions us not to be deceived by those claiming “the time has come.” Such deception is the background also for today’s Epistle

The signs Jesus gives His Apostles seem to already have come to pass in the New Testament. In Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation, we read of famines, earthquakes, and the Temple’s desolation. We read of persecutions—believers imprisoned and put to death, testifying to their faith with wisdom in the Spirit. These “signs,” then, show us the pattern for the Church’s life—both in the New Testament and today.

We too live in a world of nations and kingdoms at war. And we should take the Apostles as our “models,” as today’s Epistle counsels. Like them we must persevere in the face of unbelieving relatives, friends, forces, and authorities hostile to God.

As we do in today’s Psalm, we should sing His praises and joyfully proclaim His coming as Lord and King. The Day of the Lord is always a day that has already come and a day still yet to come. It is the “today” of our Liturgy.

The Apostles prayed *marana tha*—“O Lord come!” (see [1 Corinthians 16:22](#); [Revelation 22:20](#)). In the Eucharist He answers, coming again as the Lord of Hosts and the Sun of Justice with its healing rays. It is a mighty sign—and a pledge of that Day to come.



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning - We will remember them

**Be sure that you first preach by the way
you live.**

St Charles Borromeo

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, Laura Burns, Joan Bathgate and Jane French 🙏

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

Sunday 20th November – Mass

Ouyen: 11:00 am

Reader: Peter Shaddock

Prayers of the Faithful: Merrill Boland

Offertory Procession: Margaret Collins &

Celia Reidy

Eucharistic Minister: Gerald Leach

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections 6th November

Ouyen: \$207.30

Planned Giving: \$225.00

Church Cleaning:

November: Joan Pohlner & Kathy Loxton

Presbytery Cleaning:

November: Carmel Vallance

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: each Thursday from 2pm-5pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm & Rosary 4pm; all welcome.

Christmas Mass 2022 – Father is offering a choice of times (1) 5:45pm Christmas Eve or, (2) 11:00am Christmas Day – a vote will be taken next weekend to decide.

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 November: For

Children Who Suffer - We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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

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

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.

Competition for Jubilee 2025 Hymn The Dicastery for Evangelization invites entries for the Hymn for the Holy Year 2025, encouraging interested persons to set to music a provided text which expresses the essence of the Jubilee event. "The vulnerability experienced in recent years, together with the fear of the violence of wars only makes the human condition more paradoxical" so the theme for this Jubilee year is "Pilgrims of Hope." Entries close on March 25, 2023.

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Orders for Columban Calendars will be taken until the 20th of November. If you would like one, please put your name and how many on the page provided at the back of the church: Calendars are \$10.00 each. Christmas cards are now available for \$6.00 per packet.

Combined Parish Leadership Team & Finance Committee Meeting: Friday 18th November after the 10:00am Mass, in the Parish Centre. A special invitation is extended to the Patchewollock Community to discuss on-going plans for their community.

World Day of the Poor – This Sunday, November 13 The call to serve the poor has been greatly emphasised under the papacy of Pope Francis, who established the World Day of the Poor in 2017. The Holy Father’s message for 2022 is a reflection on 2 Corinthians 8:9: “**For your sakes Christ became poor.**” We are called to consider the suffering of our brothers and sisters and are challenged to practice corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Red Wednesday, 23 November 2022 - *Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)* invites you to join in this special day to pray for and stand in solidarity with the 200+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia, ten Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. Parishes and groups may like to hold a prayer hour or pray the rosary together. Individually, you may wish to go to Mass for someone who can’t or intentionally wear a religious symbol remembering those who cannot make such a public display of faith.

Parts of the Mass – Some of the children are preparing for their First Holy Communion and we are looking at what we do and say in the Mass. Did you know **“The Lord be with You”** is no ordinary greeting? **Firstly**, it conveys the reality of the Lord’s presence amidst us; where 2 or 3 are gathered . . . **Secondly**, it also expresses the reality of God living within our souls. **Thirdly**, it implies a serious mission.

The same words were spoken to many in the Old Testament prior to beginning a huge undertaking. Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, King David, Gideon, Jeremiah, the Blessed Virgin Mary all heard the same message “the Lord be with You,” or “the Lord is with You”. Why was “the Lord with them?” because they were going to have to rely on God as never before. We are not called to confront Pharaoh or defend God’s people against ridiculous odds but we are called to our own mission in our marriages, families workplaces, communities, schools etc.

Fourthly “the Lord be with you” is also an assurance of God’s presence and support of us within our difficulties. If we are experiencing sorrow, discouragement, darkness in our lives or spiritually, the Mass reminds us that the Lord is truly with us, even though we may not sense His presence. Finally, and most of all, it points to the Awesome realities in which we are about to participate – the mysteries of Christ’s death, resurrection and . . . communion with Christ’s Body and Blood! We are reminded that we can trust God’s strength to make up for what we lack. Question: How many times do we say this in the Mass?

Please remember in your prayers the children and their families preparing for the Sacraments.

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