

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

11th September 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First Reading [Ex 32:7-11. 13-14](#)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand?

Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not
spurn. **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 Tm 1:12-17](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying,

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invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 15:1-32](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began

to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Fred Shaddock

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 18th September – Mass

Ouyen: 11:00 am

Reader: Merrill Boland

Prayers of the Faithful: Flora Moulder

Offertory Procession: Jona & Jessica

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections 4th September

Patche: \$35.00

Ouyen: \$188.00

Planned Giving: \$105.00

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

Don't Forget - Mass this Friday at 10:00am

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.

There are only two days in the year when
nothing can be done. They are called
Yesterday and the other one is *Tomorrow*, so
today is the right day to love, believe, do and
mostly live!

Dalai Lama



English is the only language where you drive in
parkways and park in driveways. It is also the
only language where you recite in a play and play
in a recital. When you transport something in a
car it is called a shipment, but when you
transport something by ship it's called cargo.
Pity anyone trying to learn English!

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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.

Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue in their preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation: Nigel Hamilton, Liam Hamilton, Keely O'Shannessy, George Scott and Ann Bosco.

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, a time when we pray for peace and healing for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We, here at St Joseph's, recognise the harm that has been done and are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported. We recommit to making our parish a place where all people feel welcomed, safe and supported. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area
at:www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

Reunion of past students of Sacred Heart College Ballarat (Class of 1965+) A Reunion will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022. The event will commence with a campus tour of Damascus College, to be followed lunch at the Golden City Hotel. The campus tour commences at 10.00am and lunch at 11.30am. To attend, please contact Lois Knights, email loisknights345@hotmail.com or phone 0419 902 538.

Retired Priests Envelopes can be placed in the baskets today & next week

St Augustine's Church Creswick 150th Anniversary On the weekend of September 17 & 18, 2022 celebrations will be held for the 150th anniversary of St Augustine's Church, Creswick. For more information go to <https://staugustines150.weebly.com/>



15th September, Our Lady of Sorrows -

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, "This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare."

*A sheet on how to pray the 7 Dolors or Sorrows is on the table with the bulletins – Traditionally it is prayed on this day but can be prayed at any time. There is a short and a long version.

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