

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



Sixth Sunday of Easter

22nd May 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading [Acts 15:1-2, 22-29](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul,

men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Rv 21:10-14, 22-23](#)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a

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great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Jn 14:23-29](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**The Holy Spirit will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,

for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.’

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says
the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

The first Church council, the Council of Jerusalem we hear about in today’s First Reading, decided the shape of the Church as we know it.

Some Jewish Christians had wanted Gentile converts to be circumcised and obey all the complex ritual and purity laws of the Jews. The council called this a heresy, again showing us that the Church in the divine plan is meant to be a worldwide family of God, no longer a covenant with just one nation.

Today’s Liturgy gives us a profound meditation on the nature and meaning of the Church. The Church is One, as we see in the First Reading: “the Apostles [bishops] and presbyters [priests], in agreement with the whole Church [laity].” The Church is Holy, taught and guided by the Spirit that Jesus promises the Apostles in the Gospel.

The Church is Catholic, or universal, making known God’s ways of salvation to all peoples, ruling all in equity, as we sing in today’s Psalm. And the Church, as John sees in the Second Reading, is Apostolic - founded on the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

All these marks of the Church are underscored in the story of the council.

Notice that everybody, including Paul, looks to “Jerusalem [and] . . . the Apostles” to decide the Church’s true teaching. The Apostles, too, presume that Christian teachers need a “mandate from us.”

And we see the Spirit guiding the Apostles in all truth. Notice how they describe their ruling: “It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us.” Knowing these truths about the Church, our hearts should never be troubled. The Liturgy’s message today is that the Church is the Lord’s, watched over and guarded by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit sent by the Father in the name of the Son.

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Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068
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Recent Deaths: Terri Scott
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 29th May – Mass

Ouyen: 11:00 am
Reader: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach
Prayers of the Faithful: Gerald Leach
Offertory Procession: Bosco Family
Projectionist: Cara Brady

Collections: 15th May
Ouyen: \$ 194.60
Planned Giving: \$570.00

Church Cleaning:

May: Margaret & Leo Collins

Presbytery Cleaning:

May: 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:

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.

Wisdom from G.K. Chesterton

*“To have a right to do a thing is not at all the same
as to be right in doing it.”*

Please Note there will be no 10:00am Mass Next
Friday 27th due to Terri's Funeral Mass at 1:00pm

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 May: 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

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.

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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. Please keep both Bill and Matt in your prayers as they draw closer to their ordination.

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. This week we are focusing on: What a sacrament is, what is Reconciliation, how God IS Real not a fairy story and that he truly loves us so that when we talk and pray to Him he cares and answers us.

Thank You: On behalf of Caritas Australia, thank you for your generous support of Project Compassion 2022. You have participated in the service of charity, working to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities to support themselves in spite of every challenge. Your kind donation has helped change lives and will have an impact on All Future Generations.

Thank-you Prayer card to the Parish from Jessica and Jean Pascal's wedding, is on the table at the back of the church.

Necessity the Mother of Invention – Is a recent article written by Fr Mick McKinnon for the current "Our Diocesan Community" which shows a part of what his life is like in the diocese of Yanaoca in Peru (pg 14 & 15) It is well worth a read!

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop: The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For more information see the brochure on the board at the back of the church.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2022, May 29 – June 5 The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship"

Walking in the Spirit: As we are approaching the lead-up to the final Assembly of the Plenary Council in July, people across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, 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'. The "Walking in the Spirit" prayer campaign runs until the opening of the Second Assembly, on Sunday, July 3. You can find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthepirit/

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.



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