

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



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his  
house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his  
people.

### First Reading

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their  
blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John

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*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

## Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

## Reflection from Dr Scott Hahn

Today's liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah and King, the Lord who comes to feed his people. Notice the parallels between today's Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few "barley" loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little. And in both, the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over.

The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God's people in the wilderness. Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him. The crowd in today's Gospel, witnessing his miracle identifies Jesus as that prophet.

The Gospel today again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the good shepherd, who makes his people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them.

The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill his promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm—to give his people food in due season and satisfy their desire.

But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things he does at the Last Supper—he takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "eucharist"), and gives the bread to the people. Notice, too, that twelve baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the Apostles.

These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist—in which the Church, founded on the Apostles, continues to feed us with the living bread of his Body.

In this Eucharist, we are made one Body with the Lord, as we hear in today's Epistle. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling.

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**Recent Deaths:** Rosemary Ryan (sister of Fr Barry Ryan)

**Anniversaries:**

**Sick:** Cora Jardine, John Nihill and John Moulder

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

**Welcomer:** Marlene O'Callaghan

**Reader:** Flora Moulder

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

Carmel Vallance

**Offertory Procession:** Jona & Jessica Kilaton

**Eucharistic Minister:** Lorna Keam

**Projectionist:** Marie Shaddock

**Collections: 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Ouyen \$245.80

Planned Giving \$90.00

**July Church & Presbytery**

**Cleaning:** The Grace family

**Mass Times:**

**Ouyen each Sunday at 11am**

**Underbool 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at 9am (none in July)**

**Weekday Masses this week**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Father will be available after the 11am Mass or any time by appointment.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Thursdays 2:30 – 5:30pm**

**Pope's Prayer Intention for July: For the pastoral care of the sick.** We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it, and their loved ones, the power of the Lord; and may it become an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

**This weekend we welcome Bishop Paul** to be with us and Father Shaiju back from holidays.

**Wisdom from the Saints:**

**"Authentic love leads us outside ourselves to affirming others: devoting oneself to the cause of man, to people, and, above all, to God." *Pope St John Paul II***

**Something to smile at . . .**

A 95-year-old woman at the nursing home received a visit from her local parish priest.

"How are you feeling?" the priest asked.

"Oh," said the woman, "I'm just worried sick!"

"What on earth are you worried about, dear?" the priest asked. "You look like you're in good health. You are being well looked after, aren't you?"

"Yes, they are taking good care of me," the woman replied.

"Well, then what are you worried about?" said the priest, a tad confused.

The woman leaned back in her chair and slowly explained. "Every close friend I've ever had has already died and gone to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went."

**Our roster of priests will usually look like this for our parish:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fr Shaiju, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fr John, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fr Shaiju, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fr Matt

**Prayer For Australia: Eternal Father, I offer you the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ offered at all the Masses throughout the world, in atonement, and to protect Australia from the sin of abortion, euthanasia, and from every evil. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer for Freedom of Religious Belief: Heavenly Father, we pray for our politicians to work openly with our faith communities, and for faith leaders, teachers, parents and guardians of children, to protect religious freedom from within our churches. We pray for the appropriate formation of children in accordance with the traditional teachings of their families. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady Help of Christians. Amen.**



**This Sunday is World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly** – The theme for this year is, “**Do not cast me off in my old age.**” World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in July, nearest to the feast of Sts Anne and Joachim, Jesus’ grandparents. It is a day to be grateful for those who have cared for and nourished us over the years, paving the way to where we are now. It is also a time to appreciate the accumulated wisdom of those who have lived a full life, often in much more difficult conditions. Let us make some time today and over the next week to spend some time, whether in person or over the phone, with those who have given much over the years and especially with those who live alone or are at risk of loneliness.

**Special thanks** to everyone who helped with our working bee, you did a sensational job and your efforts speak for themselves. 🙌🙌🙌

**Thank you** to those who have added their names to the roster. This is the last week it will be out, if you haven’t had a chance to add your name please do so this week

**114 years ago cont.** On the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 1938 St Teresa’s Catholic church in Murrayville was opened by Fr Timmons, parish priest of Ouyen, Fr Conway, Parish Priest of Mildura and Fr Smyth Parish Priest of Pinnaroo. Reports of it’s construction and opening were covered in: The Argus, The Age and the Adelaide Mail papers. Murrayville at that time was administered from Ouyen presumably because Pinnaroo was in another diocese.

In 1944 Bishop O’Collins mentioned the need to Fr Scanlon for a Catholic school in Ouyen. Planning for the new school had began in 1945 when the Bishop recommended to Fr Lynch, the newly appointed parish priest of Ouyen, purchasing the two houses near the church for a future convent. The houses were purchased with one sold for removal and the other renovated and remodelled to become the future convent.

In 1950 Fr Glynn replaced Fr Lynch as parish priest and launched the school and convent project. However, it was while Fr Glynn was away in Ireland for 12 months that his caretaker, a Columban Priest Fr Mc Mullen carried on the work. He was supported enthusiastically by the Building Committee with the result that both buildings were almost completed when Fr Glynn returned.

To help keep expenses down much voluntary labour was donated which included: clearing and cleaning up the site; carting the bricks from the railway station (in wheelbarrows) and carting sand from Pine Plains. Finally, “. . . on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1953, His Lordship the Bishop Most Reverend Dr O’Collins accompanied by ten priest from various centres passed through a guard of honour of 50 Holy Name men and 80 school children, to open and bless Ouyen’s new school and convent.” \* (*Silver Jubilee 1978*)

The total cost, including the purchase of the land and houses was £18,500, of which £8,000 had been paid at the time of the opening. Fund raising was via many avenues including: wheat donations from parish farming on donated land with volunteer labour, fetes & street stalls, dances & balls, race meetings, raffles, stump collecting and concerts.

**Formation in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November** is going ahead throughout the diocese. The **Diocesan Assembly** aims to bring together representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. Every parish priest and two members of each Parish are invited to take part in this Assembly. Please consider being a part of it and please pray for it’s success.



**Jubilee Year 2025 “Pilgrims of Hope”** Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, with the theme “Pilgrims of Hope.” It will be a year of hope for a suffering world suffering. In the lead-up to the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as a Year of Prayer, to promote the centrality of individual and community prayer.

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