

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



Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

9th June 2024

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?

When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other:

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you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.
It will crush your head
and you will strike its heel.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

Second Reading

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

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore

I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided

against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;
my God is my saving strength.

Reflection By Dr Scott Hahn

In today's Gospel Jesus has just been healing and casting out demons in Galilee.

Along with the crowds, who flock to him so that he can't even take a break to eat, come people who do not understand what he is doing. Even his friends think he has lost his mind and needs to be taken away for a while. But the scribes who came down from Jerusalem are not just honestly mistaken; they accuse him of being possessed by the prince of demons.

The reality is just the opposite. Jesus is revealing himself as the one promised in our first reading. **Cont. on the inside**

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Reg
Guggenheimer

Sick: Cora Jardine, John
Nihill, John Moulder and
Joan Pohlner

Sunday 16th June

Welcomer: Peter Shaddock

Reader: Lorna Keam

Prayers of the Faithful:

Flora Moulder

Offertory Procession: The
Brady Family

Eucharistic Minister: Leo
O'Callaghan

Projectionist: Marie
Shaddock

Collections: 2nd June

Ouyen \$171.25

Planned Giving \$315.00

June Church & Presbytery

Cleaning: Merril & John
Boland

Mass Times:

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am

Underbool 1st & 3rd Fridays
at 9am

Weekday Masses this week

Friday 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 June: For those fleeing their own countries: Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

New Parish appointments as of July 1st. Fr Gary Jones is finishing as parish priest of Hampden due to ill health. **Fr Neville Stanislaus** will be Parish Administrator of Hampden Parish, in addition to his current responsibilities as Parish Priest of Camperdown and Timboon. **Fr Jim McKay**, currently Assistant Priest at the Cathedral Parish, will be Visiting Priest for the Hampden Parish. **Fr Abraham Thomas MST** will move from Assistant Priest in the South West Coast Parish to the role of Assistant Priest in the Cathedral Parish.

Father Shaiju will be on holiday in India from the 2nd to the 24th of July. In his absence he has arranged visiting priests to say Mass for us. There will be no weekday Masses while Father is away.

1st week of July (6th/7th): Fr. Francis,

2nd week of July (13th/14th): Fr. Peter Hudson,

3rd week of July (20th/21st): Fr. Matt or Fr. John

Wisdom from the Saints:

"Oh, my darling, think, then, that Jesus is there in the Tabernacle expressly for you, for you alone; He is burning with the desire to enter your heart."

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

"A man would do nothing if he waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault."

St. John Henry Newman

The new roster of priests will look like this for our parish:

1st Sunday Fr Shaiju, 2nd Sunday Fr John, 3rd Sunday Fr Shaiju, 4th 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



Cont from the back: He is the seed of the woman who has come to crush the head of the demonic serpent. In the parable of the strong man, Jesus reveals that he has come not just to punish the devil but to free those bound by him.

As St. Bede explains, “The Lord has also bound the strong man, that is, the devil: which means, he has restrained him from seducing the elect, and entering into his house, the world; he has spoiled his house, and his goods, that is men, because he has snatched them from the snares of the devil, and has united them to his Church.”

The scribes blaspheme by attributing this work of the Holy Spirit to demons. Jesus adds a statement that shocks us at first: “whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness.”

That does not mean that there are any limits to the mercy of God (CCC, 1864). Rather, the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the deliberate refusal to accept the mercy offered through the Holy Spirit.

Instead, we must imitate those who sat at Jesus’ feet. For, as he said, “Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

Deacon Xuan Cay Trinh is due to conclude his studies at Corpus Christi Seminary at the end of this semester. **Deacon Cay will be appointed to the Sunraysia Parish for the coming months.** He will serve as Deacon in the Sunraysia Parish from July 1 till November 3. He will then make final preparations for his ordination to the priesthood, which is scheduled for **Saturday, November 23.**

The new edition of Fr Mick’s Shared Table is out, and a couple of copies are on the tables at the back of the church. Through ongoing support Fr Mick has been able to plan for the future with confidence and finally set up the kitchen in Yanaoca, as well as address the educational needs of the children in that area and continue to support the kitchens, vegetable gardens and other projects on the outskirts of Lima.

Formation in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024: In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. The **Diocesan Assembly** will 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. The formation opportunity is for **Parish Leadership Teams/Parish Councils/Parish Teams, School Leadership Teams/School Advisory Councils, Catholic Organisations Leaders.** An invitation is also extended to people who would consider future leadership and like to participate. **Our date will be June 13th** Please see Marie if you are interested.

Bishop Paul will be visiting our parish on Sunday 28th July. He will be here for Mass, followed by lunch, and a chance to speak with him; more details about this nearer to the time.



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.

Something to Smile About - Notes to the Milkman

No Milk. Please do not leave milk at No. 14 either as he is dead until further notice.

Milkman, please close the gate behind you as the birds keep pecking the tops off the milk.

Dear Milkman: I’ve just had a baby please leave another one.

When you leave my milk, please knock on my bedroom window and wake me because I want you to give me a hand to turn the mattress.

Please leave an extra pint of paralysed milk.

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