

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



The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

21st January 2024

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading [Jonah 3:1-5. 10](#)

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 7:29-31](#)

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

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the
Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mark 1:14-20](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your
faces not be abashed.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah.

As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus.



Jesus' promise—to make them “fishers of men”—evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send “many fishermen” to restore the Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt. By Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see [Luke 9:31](#)). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church—a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will.

From now on, even our most important worldly concerns—family relations, occupations, and possessions—must be judged in light of the Gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle.

The first word of Jesus' Gospel—repent—means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God.

And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have “something greater than Jonah” ([Matthew 12:41](#)). We have God come as our saviour, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today's Psalm. This should give us hope—that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him.

But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance—striving daily to pattern our lives after His.

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Recent Deaths:
Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, John Nihill and Renae Lanigan

Sunday 28th January

Welcomer: Peter Shaddock
Reader: Louise Fitzpatrick
Leach

Prayers of the Faithful:
Gerald Leach

Offertory Procession:
Margaret Collins & Carmel Vallance

Eucharistic Minister:
Lorna Keam

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections: 14th January

Ouyen \$212.00
Planned Giving \$90.00

January Church Cleaning

Peter & Marie Shaddock
Presbytery: Cheryl Anderson

Mass Times:

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am
Underbool 1st & 3rd Fridays at 9am except while Father is away

Weekday Masses this week
No weekday Masses while Fr Shaiju is away.

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 January: **For the diversity of gifts in the Church** – Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Next Social Gathering: Thursday 18th January, 6pm at the Club following Adoration & Rosary at 5pm and Mass at 5:30pm – all welcome.

Father Shaiju is taking two weeks of his annual leave.

He will be away from **January 22nd, 2024, to 9th February, 2024.** In his absence, **Father Jim McKay** will be his replacement. **During this time, we will only have our weekend Masses.** There will be **No Weekday Masses** during these two weeks.

Mass Changes in February. A rotating roster of priest's **consisting of:** Fr Shaiju, Fr Matt, and Fr John, for Masses, will recommence on the second weekend of February. Each priest will travel to Manangatang, Robinvale, Ouyen or Mildura at least once a month. This will mainly be for the Sunday Masses but may also include weekday Masses.

Wanted: 1 or 2 people to represent our Parish at the Mass of the Oils in Ballarat on Monday 25th March. The Mass of the Oils is at 11:30 am this year, volunteers are required to take up a photo of our Parish to be placed on a table (with those of every other Parish) and to collect our Oils. For more information, please see Marie.

Wisdom from the Saints: "He who gives you the day will also give you what is necessary for the day" *St Gregory of Nyssa*

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



Wednesday the 14th of February (Valentine's Day) is the beginning of Lent this year. Father will be saying the Ash Wednesday Mass in Ouyen at 11:00am. We will also be having a Lenten discussion group of an evening for anyone that is interested. The cost of the booklet is \$9.00, it is a valuable accompaniment to Lent whether you choose to join the group or just read it at home. Please see Marie if you would like a copy.

Peace in the Holy Land Please continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land, remembering that this is where the Prince of Peace was born.

Aid to the Church in need Supporting Christians in the Holy Land The pontifical foundation Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has committed an aid package of 190,000 AUD to support the Christians of the Holy Land during the current crisis. This aid will assist impoverished Christians in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem, as well as Christian migrant workers and asylum seekers in Israel. Use this link to donate <https://aidtochurch.org/holyland>

What's happening in the Parish . . .

Monday 22nd January - Father Shaiju away on holidays

Sunday 28th January - Fr Jim here for Mass

Sunday 4th February – Fr Jim here for Mass

Friday 9th February - Father Shaiju Returns

Sunday 11th February – Fr John here for Mass – new rotation of priests begins

Wednesday 14th February – Ash Wednesday – 11:00am Mass

Friday 16th February – 9:00 am Mass at Underbool; 10:30 Mass in Ouyen; 7:00pm Lenten Discussion group at the Shaddock's – Weekday Masses resume

Sunday 18th February – Fr Shaiju here for Mass

Thursday 29th February – Next Social gathering with Fr John as guest speaker: Adoration from 2:30pm, Rosary 5:00pm, Mass 5:30pm, Fr John's talk 6:00pm, Dinner at the Club 6:30pm.

Something to Smile at . . .

Tom and Molly are flying to Fiji for a two week holiday to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Three hours from Sydney there is an urgent announcement. The captain says, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I am afraid I have some bad news. Our engines have ceased functioning, and we will attempt an emergency landing. Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us and we should be able to land on the beach. However, the odds are that we may never be rescued and will have to live on the island for the rest of our lives!"

Thanks to the skill of the flight crew, the plane lands safely on the island. An hour later Tom turns to his wife and asks, "Molly, did we pay our electricity and gas bills this month?"

"Oh, no! I'm sorry, dear. I forgot," she says. "One last thing, Molly. Did you remember to pay off the Mastercard and Visa this month?" he asks. "Oh, forgive me, Tom," cried Molly. "I didn't do that, either."

Tom holds her and gives her a big kiss. Molly pulls away and asks, "What was that for?" Says Tom, "They'll find us!"

St Joseph's Parish is a Child Safe Parish - Parish Safety Officer: Mrs Melanie Grace 0477 846 777

