

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



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

29th October 2023

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading [Exodus 22:20-26](#)

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading

[1 Thessalonians 1:5-10](#)

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

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to

spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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 [Matthew 22:34-40](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

Jesus came not to abolish the Old Testament law but to fulfill it. And in today's Gospel, He

reveals that love—of God and of neighbour—is the fulfillment of the whole of the law.

Devout Israelites were to keep all 613 commands found in the Bible's first five books. Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be summarized by two verses of this law.

He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the Ten Commandments. The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God, such as the command not to take His name in vain; the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbour, such as those against stealing and adultery.

Love is the hinge that binds the two tablets of the law. For we can't love God, whom we can't see, if we don't love our neighbour, whom we can.

But this love we are called to is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. We must give ourselves totally to God—loving with our whole beings, with all our heart, soul, and mind. Our love for our neighbour must express itself in concrete actions, such as those set out in today's First Reading.

We love because He first loved us. As we sing in today's Psalm, He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemies of sin and death.

We love in thanksgiving for our salvation. In this we become imitators of Jesus, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle—laying down our lives daily in ways large and small, seen and unseen, our lives offered as a continual sacrifice of praise.

**"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for
and the conviction of things not seen."**

Hebrews 11:1

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Frank Healy,
Marianne Kennon, Cathy
McKechnie, Mother Mary
Lalor

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

Sunday 5th November

Welcomer: Lorna Keam

Reader: Carmel Vallance

Prayers of the Faithful: Peter
Shaddock

Offertory Procession:

Thomas Family

Eucharistic Minister: Gerald
Leach

Projectionist: Marie
Shaddock

Collections: 22nd October

Underbool \$50.00

Ouyen \$225.70

Planned Giving \$290.00

October Church Cleaning

Merril & John Boland

Presbytery Celia Reidy

Mass Times

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am

Underbool 1st & 3rd Fridays

at 9am (beginning November)

Weekday Masses this week

Friday at 10am (until
November)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

***Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament***

Thursdays from 2:30 –
5:30pm

Pope's Prayer Intention for October: For the Synod– We pray for
the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a way
of lifestyle and be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the
peripheries of the world.

Next Social Gathering: Thursday 16th November, 6pm at the
Club, following Mass at 5:30.

Feast Days this Week: 31st The eve of All Saints. Pope Sixtus IV
in 1484 established November 1, the feast of All Saints, as a holy
day of obligation and gave it both a vigil (known today as "All
Hallows' Eve" or "Hallowe'en") and an eight-day period or
octave to celebrate the feast. By 1955, the octave of All Saints was
removed but the evening still marks the beginning of the
observance of All Saints Day. Halloween, All Saints Day and All
Souls Day, illustrate the Communion of Saints. We, the Church
Militant (those on earth, striving to get to heaven) pray for the
Church Suffering (those souls in Purgatory) especially on All
Souls Day and the month of November.

1st All Saints Day During the early centuries the Saints venerated
by the Church were all martyrs. Later on the Popes set
November 1 as the day for commemorating all the Saints.

2nd All Souls Day The Church, after rejoicing yesterday with
those of her children who have entered the glory of heaven, today
prays for all those who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory
await the day when they will be joined to the company of saints.

3rd St Martin de Porres, (1579-1639) lived a life of fasting, prayer
and penance as a Dominican lay brother. He was born in Peru of
a Spanish knight and a Negro woman from Panama. Martin
inherited the features and dark complexion of his mother, and
for that reason his noble father eventually turned the boy out of
his house. He joined the Dominicans as a lay brother and was put
in charge of the infirmary where he soon cared for the sick of the
city including slaves and even animals. He worked many
miracles and people of all ranks came to him for advice.

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 sensitive and appropriate formation of children
in accordance with the traditional teachings of the faith of their
families. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady Help
of Christians and St Mary of the Cross. Amen



Weekday Masses in Ouyen: As of November, Father will be saying two Masses in Underbool on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 9:00am, this is to replace the one Mass time on the 4th Sunday. As a result of this, Mass of a Friday in Ouyen will move to 10:30 am to allow Father time to get back from Underbool.

Shared Table – The most recent copy of Fr Mick McKinnon’s The Shared Table is on the tables at the back of the church. It is well worth a read. It is also worth remembering that this is where \$1,000.00 of money earned this year through catering for funerals has gone.

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Father has kindly offered to say Mass at 10:30am on the All Souls Day (Wed 1st Nov), 5:30pm Mass on All Souls Day (Thurs 2nd Nov) & 10:30 am Mass on Friday the 3rd November. There will also be a 9:00am Mass at Underbool on Friday the 3rd; this will be the beginning of Underbool’s Friday Masses.

October 31st All Hallows Eve: As Christians we have a choice, we can either let this night be taken over as a night of darkness or we can stand with Jesus as the light of the world and celebrate October 31st as All Hallows Eve; as it was intended – the night before All Saints Day. We will be saying the Rosary in the church at 5pm to pray for Peace, Light and Goodness in our world, come and join us if you can. “I am the Light of the World” said Jesus, why not place a light or lamp in your window if you stand with Christ and Jesus is the light of your life? We don’t have to let other mindsets dictate the way we live, this is not a harmless children’s pageant but something with far more sinister tones.



The books have arrived!! If you put in your order please collect them from Marie today. The 80 page booklet is only \$5. I have a couple of “spares” for those who meant to order one but didn’t get around to it.

Columban Calendars will again be available in November, at the back of the church. The cost of the Calendars is \$9:00 and can be paid upon collection.

Remembrance Day and final viewing - Faith at War - The Ballarat Catholic Diocesan Commission archives currently displays an exhibition which explores priests from the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat who served during WWI, WWII, in Vietnam and Afghanistan. Priests that enlisted from the diocese could serve as Chaplains either in the Australian Army, Australian Royal Air Force or the Australian Royal Navy. Other priests worked at RAAF bases at Ballarat, Hamilton and Nhill where they served men and women working for the AIF. To commemorate Remembrance Day 2023, the “Faith at War” exhibit will remain on display until Monday, November 13, 2023. People wishing to visit the archives can by appointment only Monday to Friday. Alternatively, people can view the display online via the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/stewardship/diocesan-historical-commission/faith-at-war-and-the-priests-who-served-from-the-catholic-diocese-of-ballarat/> To visit the archives please contact the archivist by email archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au

