

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



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

10th November 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the first book of the Kings
The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high

priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has

put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Reflection adapted from Dr Scott Hahn's "The Widow's Faith"

We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving. That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy.

The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has—her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family. The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple.

In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the Cross.

Again, we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged, not by how much we give—for the scribes and the wealthy contribute far more than the widow. Rather, we will be judged by whether our gifts reflect our attitude, our love, our whole beings.

Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us in today's Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, just as He sustains the widow.

Let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry.

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, John Moulder, Maisie Walsh, Bendigo (Nancy Pickering's sister) and Mark Weir.

Sunday 17th November

Welcomer: Kathy Loxton

Reader: Peter Shaddock

Prayers of the Faithful:

Merril Boland

Offertory Procession: Beryl & Les Gregg

Eucharistic Minister: Lorna Keam

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections: 4th November

Ouyen \$247.50

Planned Giving \$255.00

November Church &

Presbytery Cleaning:

Carmel Vallance & Kathy Loxton

Mass Times:

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am

Underbool 3rd Fridays at 9am (TBA for November)

No Weekday Masses this

week or next due to the Diocesan Assembly and Cay's Ordination

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 November: For anyone who has lost a child We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Wisdom from on high "It's not how much we give but how much Love we put into giving" *Mother Teresa*

Our roster of priests will usually look like this for our parish: 1st Sunday Fr Shaiju, 2nd Sunday Fr John, 3rd Sunday Fr Shaiju, 4th Sunday Fr Matt.

Something to smile at . . . Murphy's other Laws

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well . . . night.
5. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
6. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
7. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
8. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Clergy celebrations for this year: 50 years – Frs Eric Bryant, Paddy Mugavin & Michael O'Toole, **25 years** – Fr Ed Moloney. All are welcome to celebrate the 2024 Clergy Jubilarians Mass on Thursday, 14th November at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 5.00pm.

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.

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.



An Invitation to all parishioners to consider becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or Special/Eucharistic Minister. At present we have 5 Special/Eucharistic Ministers if we are to return to receiving Communion under both species (from the chalice and the patten) we will need to have some extra Ministers. Becoming a Eucharistic Minister is something that is not suited to everyone and requires serious thought and prayer, as well as training. If you feel that this is a calling for you, please see either Father or Marie.

November is the month of All Souls: Traditionally, this is the month where we remember those of our family and friends who have died before us. Mass Offering envelopes will be on the table for the rest of the month for those who wish to have a Mass said. The usual cost for this is \$13. Your intentions and money can also be placed in any ordinary envelope.

Diocesan Assembly November 15th & 16th: The **Diocesan Assembly** aims to bring together representatives of the parishes, to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. Please keep this, and those involved, in your prayers for the future of our diocese and parish. Our two representatives are Sylvester & Marie.

Want to get more out of Advent and Christmas? Try “**The Light**” a daily short reflection guide that offers insight and perspective to deepen and renew your appreciation of this special season. We have been generously given a few copies so why not try something quiet and positive to counter the hustle and bustle around us; first in best dressed 😊 Copies are available at the piety stall – for free.

Ecumenical Memorial Service Sunday 24th November at 7pm in the All Saints church, followed by a light supper; please bring a plate to share.

Columban Calendars are now available for \$10. A range of “**Glory & Goodness**” Christmas and other cards, including Ordination cards, are also on sale in the piety stall. “Glory & Goodness” is a creation of Naomi Leach, her designs have been bought by people in USA, Brittain, Finland, Ireland, Canada and many other countries; come and have a look.

Carols by Candlelight will be held on Sunday the **8th December** at the Ouyen Lake; byo chair & drink.

Deacon Cay Trinh has now finished his time in Sunraysia and is preparing for his ordination on the 23rd of November in Ballarat. **Cay has very kindly sent an invitation to his ordination for the parish. Please RSVP if you are attending.** For those who aren't able to get to Ballarat we will be watching the livestream on the screens in the church. Please keep Cay and his future ministry in your prayers.

Red November: During the month of November, Aid to the Church in Need invites parishes around Australia to **remember, support** and **pray** for Christians who suffer persecution for their faith. This is founded upon **Red Wednesday (20 November)**, an international initiative, uniting tens of thousands of Catholics worldwide to stand up for faith and freedom. This year, 23 Cathedrals in Australia and New Zealand will be participating, including lighting their buildings in red, holding Masses and prayer events, and sharing stories of those suffering for their faith. The national focus will be supporting Christians in the Holy Land.

New Parish Appointments from January 15: Fr Andrew Hayes, currently Parish Priest of Ararat and Stawell, will become **Parish Priest of Colac, Parish Priest of Apollo Bay and Supervising Priest of Cororooke.** Fr Michael O'Toole is retiring but will be Priest in Residence in Apollo Bay, helping Fr Andrew Hayes care for the communities of Apollo Bay and Lorne.

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