

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



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

30th June 2024

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*It was the devil's envy that brought death
into the world.*

Death was not God's doing,
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the
living.

To be – for this he created all;
the world's created things have health in
them,

in them no fatal poison can be found,
and Hades holds no power on earth;
for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable,
he made him in the image of his own nature;
it was the devil's envy that brought death into
the world,
as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued
me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued
me and have not let my enemies rejoice
over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul
from the dead, restored me to life from
those who sink into the grave. (R.)

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love
him, give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour
through life. At night there are tears, but
joy comes with dawn. (R.)

3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning
into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank
you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

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

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of
faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of
keenness for any cause, and the biggest
share of our affection – so we expect you to
put the most into this work of mercy too.
Remember how generous the Lord Jesus
was: he was rich, but he became poor for
your sake, to make you rich out of his
poverty. This does not mean that to give
relief to others you ought to make things
difficult for yourselves: it is a question of
balancing what happens to be your surplus
now against their present need, and one day
they may have something to spare that will
supply your own need. That is how we strike
a balance: as scripture says: The man who

gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole

truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

Reflection adapted from Dr Scott Hahn & "The Word of the Lord" by Dr John Bergsma

Last week we saw Jesus' power over natural elements. Today's readings focus on the theme of death and God's power over it. They discuss God's relationship with, and intentions for, the natural world: topics that resonate with Pope Francis's encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si*. Within the Church, the principle of cooperation and balance between living beings should find a

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Recent Deaths: Fr Barry Ryan

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, John Nihill and John Moulder

Sunday 7th July

Welcomer: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

Reader: Gerald Leach

Prayers of the Faithful:

Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

Offertory Procession:

Shaddock Family

Eucharistic Minister:

Marlene O'Callaghan

Projectionist: Marie

Shaddock

Collections: 23rd June

Underbool \$30.00

Ouyen \$218.05

Planned Giving \$110.00

July Church & Presbytery

Cleaning: The Grace family

Mass Times:

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am

Underbool 1st & 3rd Fridays

at 9am (none in July)

Weekday Masses this week

No weekday Masses while Father 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 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.

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:

"I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world, you will have trouble, but take courage. I have conquered the world." *John 16:33*

Something to smile at . . . A television reporter at a local TV station was sent on assignment to interview a ninety-year-old woman who had just been married for the fourth time. The journalist began the interview with questions about her new husband.

"So, what does your new husband do?"

"He's a funeral director?" she replied.

The reporter then asked if she wouldn't mind talking about her previous husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused, then said with a smile that her first husband was a banker. After he died, she wed a circus ringmaster. Widowed again, she married a man who later became a deacon in her parish. Finally, after outliving him, she tied the knot with the funeral director.

The journalist was staggered that she had married men with such diverse careers.

"Not at all," she told him. "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and four to go."

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.



supernatural expression where Christians should support one another: those with abundance share with those who lack, that everyone's needs should be supplied.

Our Gospel today stresses that Our Lord came "that [we] may have life and have it abundantly". On one level, Mark is recounting an event that led the disciples to understand Jesus' authority and power even over death. On another level, however, this episode is written to strengthen our hope that we too will be raised from the dead. Jesus commands the girl to "Arise!" using the same Greek word used to describe his own resurrection. The consoling message of today's Gospel is that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. If we believe in him, even though we die, we will live. We are called to have the same faith as the parents in the Gospel today — praying for our loved ones, trusting in Jesus' promise that even death cannot keep us apart. Notice the parents follow him even though those in their own house tell them there is no hope, and even though others ridicule Jesus' claim that the dead have only fallen asleep. Far from making our temporal lives unimportant, it is only this hope in eternal life that breathes joy and meaning into our daily lives, since we know our temporal actions can have implications for eternity.

Petition to Retain the Lord's Prayer in Parliament – There is no indication yet of how the petition went. The official result at this stage is – "Awaiting a response."

Today we have the Pope's Annual Collection - This collection is for the pastoral needs of people all around the world and is taken up throughout the world

The Funeral Mass for Fr Barry Ryan will be held on Monday, July 1, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. The Funeral Mass will also be livestreamed - more information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/fr-barry-ryan-rip/>

Deacon Cay is doing his final exams after seven years of study. Let's pray for him that the Holy Spirit will enlighten him and that all of his persistence and hard work will pay off. Cay will begin his time in Sunraysia next week where he will serve as Deacon until November 3. He will then make final preparations for his ordination to the priesthood, which is scheduled for **Saturday, November 23** – the Sunday after the Diocesan Assembly. Please keep him in your prayers.

Bishop Paul and our significant anniversary Bishop Paul will be visiting our parish on the 28th of July to say Mass and have a chance to catch up with our community. The 9th of August is also the 110th anniversary of the first Mass said in St Joseph's, newly built church. We are planning on celebrating both events on the same day with a barbeque lunch, salads and cake.

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. Every parish priest and two members of each Parish are invited to take part in this Assembly.



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.

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