

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

## First Reading Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

**In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.**

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.

I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,

and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

## Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!

1. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?  
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune. (R.)
3. Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:

## Second Reading Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

**The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## Gospel Mk 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.**

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not

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steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.’ And he said to him, ‘Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.’ Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, ‘There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!’ The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, ‘My children,’ he said to them, ‘how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were more astonished than ever. ‘In that case’ they said to one another, ‘who can be saved?’ Jesus gazed at them. ‘For men’ he said, ‘it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.’

Peter took this up. ‘What about us?’ he asked him. ‘We have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.’

## Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**Reflection:** by **Dianne Bergant CSA** This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one

option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

## Something to smile about . . .

A police officer in a small town stopped a driver speeding down the main street. The driver said he could explain why he was speeding, but the police officer took no notice and said he was going to put him in jail anyway until the Chief got back. The officer commented that it was lucky for the driver “The chief will be in a good mood because he is at his daughter's wedding.” The driver said, "Don't count on it. I'm the groom."



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Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068  
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### Recent Deaths:

**Anniversaries: Sick:** Susan O'Sullivan, Chris Burns, Joan Bathgate, Terri Scott, Mark Weir and Josephine Sciberras 🙏

**May our healing God touch the lives of our sick bringing them comfort & peace.**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Group 2

Reader: Marlene O'Callaghan

Prayers of the Faithful: Margaret Collins

Offertory Procession: Volunteers

### Collections:

Ouyen: \$127.60

Planned Giving: \$530.00

### Church Cleaning:

September: Carmel Vallance

### Presbytery Cleaning:

September: Cheryl Anderson

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Father will be available before and after Mass for Reconciliation Or at any other time by appointment

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursdays 2:00pm – 6:00 pm, all welcome!

### Online/TV Masses 6:00am Mass on Channel 10.

The **Ballarat Cathedral** has Mass every day at <https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9/> or the **Horsham Eucharistic Facebook** group page (which usually live-streams at 10:30 am and can be watched at any later time) can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3eYADvV>

**Masses:** At present we are permitted to have 20 people at Mass. If you are attending this week you are in Group 2, if not, you are in Group 1. Father will also be saying Mass of a **Friday afternoon at 4:00pm**. This Mass is also capped at 20 and will not

be allocated but will be on a first come first serve basis. As a rule of thumb, we usually have 12 -15 at a weekday Mass so this provides another opportunity for those who are not allotted to the coming Sunday. It is really important that if you know you will not be at your allocated Mass you let either Faye or Marie know before hand so that we can slot people in. We actually have 47 people that attend Mass regularly so we will be relying on who will and who won't be there. **Please let us know if you will be away so that no one misses out. If you have any questions please speak to either Faye or Marie.**

**\*Please note that if you are not in the Mass group for the week, a bulletin will be delivered to your letterbox if you are in town.**

**\*Sacred Heart Mildura** are also streaming Mass again. You can find them on **youtube.com** and type in **Sacred Heart Parish Mildura**.

**PRAYER FOR RAIN:** Loving God, maker of all things and protector of your people, in You we live and move and have our being. In your mercy come to our aid, bless our land with rain, especially in these coming months to nurture crops sown, and to bring them to a head, and for rain to provide sustenance for all towns. Strengthen our resolve in times of trial and difficulty and teach us to seek your help on our life journey.

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:** My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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Wow, what a week it has been - and still is. As I am writing this, it is Thursday and like every other day it has been extremely full to the point of being overwhelming. Our daily routine goes along the lines of logging in at 10:30 of a morning, to prepare for the daily plenary session. The word plenary in this instance means a meeting that is attended by all members. So, all members attend the opening session or plenary each day until 1:30pm. During this time, we begin with prayer, notices, welcome to country etc and then listen to the 10 small groups into which we are divided, report back on our discernment of the 16 questions from the afternoon before. After that there are “Interventions” where you can request to speak for 3 minutes on any given theme. Interventions need to be registered in writing by 7:15pm the night before (so there is plenty of reading and writing going on of a night) and if there is any time left you may “speak from the floor” which means, without notice - your time limit here is 2 minutes. A very welcome lunch break comes at 1:30 where you can get away from the computer screen for a while before logging on again at 2:15.

The afternoon sessions consist of smaller groups of 30, which are later broken down into groups of 9 or 10 a bit further into the afternoon. It is in these afternoon sessions that the real “listening and discussion” takes part. It is here that the 16 questions of the Plenary are divided up between the groups and prayed over, dissected, considered and then considered again before we finally finish at 6:45 of an evening - usually with a headache. The aim of each small group is to have concrete proposals in place by Saturday night. My chosen group is involved with Parishes and how we might better. Our group is on the way to that but I am not sure that we will finalise it by Saturday night and so it will go on more or less until next July when the second and final stage of the plenary happens.



Today, was somewhat different in that everyone was asked to focus only on the same two questions 1. The issue of the sexual abuse scandal and how we as a Church might heal the wounds and 2. How we as a Church in Australia might meet the needs of the most vulnerable, go to the peripheries, be missionary in places that may be left behind in contemporary Australia. Not an easy day, to state the obvious. And so perhaps that is why, intentionally or not, we are doing this on the Feast of the Rosary. There are some things that only God can fix. Only grace can heal some of our wounds and that is ultimately why Jesus died on the cross. If we could fix everything there would have been no need for Jesus to be our sacrifice. So let us look to Jesus and Mary in a new way to heal our broken world in a way that we can not. The battle of Lepanto was a miraculous victory, read about it. God does care and He does intervene, but we do have to go so far as asking. **Pray the rosary this week – why not?**

*Our Lady of the Rosary also known as Our Lady of Victory*

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