

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



Second Sunday in Lent Time C

13th March 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaean's to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **(R.)**

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **(R.)**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes

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the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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Gospel Lk 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

In today's Gospel, we go up to the mountain with Peter, John, and James. There we see Jesus "transfigured,"

speaking with Moses and Elijah about His "exodus."

The Greek word "exodus" means "departure." But the word is chosen deliberately here to stir our remembrance of the Israelites' flight from Egypt.

By His death and resurrection, Jesus will lead a new Exodus—liberating not only Israel but every race and people; not from bondage to Pharaoh, but from slavery to sin and death. He will lead all mankind, not to the territory promised to Abraham in today's First Reading, but to the heavenly commonwealth that Paul describes in today's Epistle.

Moses, the giver of God's law, and the great prophet Elijah, were the only Old Testament figures to hear the voice and see the glory of God atop a mountain

Today's scene closely resembles God's revelation to Moses, who also brought along three companions and whose face also shone brilliantly. But when the divine cloud departs in today's Gospel, Moses and Elijah are gone. Only Jesus remains. He has revealed the glory of the Trinity—the voice of the Father, the glorified Son, and the Spirit in the shining cloud.

Jesus fulfills all that Moses and the prophets had come to teach and show us about God. He is the "chosen One" promised by Isaiah, the "prophet like me" that Moses had promised. Far and above that, He is the Son of God.

"Listen to Him," the Voice tells us from the cloud. If, like Abraham, we put our faith in His words, one day we too will be delivered into "the land of the living" that we sing of in today's Psalm. We will share in His resurrection, as Paul promises, our lowly bodies glorified like His.



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Ouyen, Patchewollock, Tempy, Underbool, Walpeup
Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068
Parish Contact Person: Faye Nihill 5092 1326

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Terri Scott, Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, Laura Burns and Joan Bathgate 🙏

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

Sunday 20th March – Mass – Wk 3

Ouyen: 11:00am

Reader: Merrill Boland

Prayers of the Faithful: Margaret Collins

Offertory Procession: The Bosco Family

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections: 20th February

Patche: \$40.00

Ouyen: \$212.00

Planned Giving: \$410.00

Church Cleaning:

March: The Grace Family

Presbytery Cleaning:

March: Cheryl Anderson

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father will be available before and after the Friday Mass for Reconciliation, after the 11:00am Masses, or at any other time by appointment.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday from 2:00 – 6:00pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm and Rosary at 4:00pm; all welcome.

"Sometimes
faith will
make you
look stupid;
until it starts
to rain."
-Noah

Prayer For Australia: Eternal Father, I offer you the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ offered at all the Masses throughout the world for the Holy atonement, and to protect Australia from the sin of abortion, euthanasia, and from every evil. Through Jesus Christ

Pope's Prayer Intention for March: A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

New Mass Timetable

Wk 1	Patche	Mass	11:30am	1 st Friday
	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 2	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 3	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 4	U'Bool	Mass	9:00am	Sunday
	Ouyen	Mass	11:00pm	Sunday
Wk 5	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday

****More opportunities for Mass Please note the new time:** each Friday at **10:00am**

Lenten Discussion Group Tuesdays at 10:00 in the Parish Centre, all welcome.

Wisdom from the Saints: "Cast all your worries upon Him, because he cares for you." *1 Peter 5:7*

Summary of the New Covid Provisions:

~ QR Codes are no longer required to sign in
~ Face masks are no longer required to be worn
~ Kindness and Common Sense strictly enforced

Side door entrance: we are asking anyone with any mobility issues, and those who use gofers, to enter via the side (north facing) door. This has a much wider opening on level ground and is ideal for dropping off/picking up or parking gofers. For those with gofers we would ask you to **please use the gravel to drive on**, rather than the pavers which are too narrow and have a dangerous lip. If you are aware of any other potential hazards please notify: Faye, Cheryl or Marie.

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****Save the Date Friday 8th April, for our Parish Retreat in the church** Get more out of this Lent and take timeout with Jesus. Spend a day doing all the things you've always said you would and join in the Parish Retreat; all welcome! Names to Marie please for catering purposes; more details to follow.

Salesian Missions Australia have begun and appeal for Ukraine. Salesian communities in Poland, Slovakia and the Czech Republic are working with local agencies to protect and take care of as many Ukrainian refugees as possible. In Ukraine they are caring for orphans as well as providing shelter to and relief to those in need: arranging transport and shelter, providing food, baby formula, clean water and generators for heat and cooking, procuring and distributing medical supplies, blankets and personal hygiene items and so much more. If you would like to donate to their appeal you can do so by **Mail** to: Salesian Missions Australia, P.O. Box 264, Ascot Vale, Vic. 3032; or by **Phone** on: 9377 6060; or on their **website**: <https://salesianmissionaustralia.org.au/donate/ukrainian-refugee-crisis> **Donations over \$2** are tax deductible.

Ukraine: Pope Francis made an unprecedented visit to the Russian embassy with a message for Mr Putin to end this war. He subsequently asked all Catholics to fast and pray for its end, particularly on Ash Wednesday. Let us join the Lord over these next 40 days through prayer and remain alongside Him as He ministers to our suffering brothers and sisters around the world.

Project Compassion **Biru 30**, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an "Entrepreneurship and Livelihoods Development Program" run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business. Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way ***For All Future Generations***. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting www.lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.



A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: has launched a national emergency appeal for Ukraine. ACN is committed to strengthening and supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine, as we have done for the past 70 years. The immediate emergency help will support the work of the Church in Ukraine by assisting priests, brothers, and religious sisters directly, to continue their pastoral and outreach programs. We will continue to stand by our brothers and sisters in faith as they undergo trying times and seek to bring peace to a country that is surrounded by turmoil and unrest. Can you provide aid to the Catholic people in Ukraine? They need your help! To learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject



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Something to smile about: A suggestion for hassled parents. It may be good to follow both the directions on the headache bottle, take two tablets and keep away from children.

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