

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
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EASTER Vigil Mass

8TH April 2023

First Reading -On Screens

Gen 1:1 – 2:2

A reading from the book of Genesis

God saw all he had made, and indeed it was good.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

- 1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe. (R.)**
- 2. You founded the earth on its base,
to stand firm from age to age.
You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak:
the waters stood higher than the
mountains. (R.)**
- 3. You make springs gush forth in the valleys:
they flow in between the hills.
On their banks dwell the birds of heaven;
from the branches they sing their song. (R.)**
- 4. From your dwelling you water the hills;
earth drinks its fill of your gift.
You make the grass grow for the cattle
and the plants to serve man's needs. (R.)**
- 5. How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
Bless the Lord, my soul! (R.)**

Second Reading

Gen 22:1-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Keep me safe, O God;
you are my hope.**

- 1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand
firm. (R.)**
- 2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)**
- 3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)**

Third Reading

Ez 36:16-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

**I shall pour clean water over you and I shall
give you a new heart.**

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Like a deer that longs for running streams,
my soul longs for you, my God.**

- 1. My soul is thirsting for God,
the God of my life;
when can I enter and see
the face of God? (R.)**
- 2. These things will I remember**

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as I pour out my soul:
how I would lead the rejoicing crowd
into the house of God,
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving,
the throng wild with joy. (R.)

3. O send forth your light and your truth;
let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain
to the place where you dwell. (R.)
4. And I will come to the altar of God,
the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,
O God, my God. (R.)

Epistle

Rom 6:3-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

**Christ, having been raised from the dead,
will never die again.**

Gospel Acclamation

(R.) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Gospel

Mt 28:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**He has risen from the dead and now he is
going before you to Galilee.**

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was

like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed;
therefore let us keep the feast
with the unleavened bread of purity and truth,
alleluia.



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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd and John Nihill

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

Divine Mercy Sunday, 16th April

Ouyen: 11:00am

Reader: Flora Moulder

Prayers of the Faithful: Peter Shaddock

Offertory Procession: Margaret Collins & Val Latta

Eucharistic Minister: Lorna Keam

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections 2nd April

Ouyen: \$218.00

Planned Giving: \$115.00

Church Cleaning:

April: Carmel Vallance

Presbytery Cleaning:

April: Celia Reidy

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: each

Thursday from 2pm – 5pm, with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy said at 3pm and the Rosary at 4pm; all welcome.

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

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, our Lord. Amen.

Mass Timetable

Ouyen each Sunday at 11:00am

Underbool 4th Sunday at 9:00am

Donations to the Good Friday Holy Land

Collection can still be made by using one of the envelopes on the seats or table at the back of the church. The money raised from this collection also supports schools and pastoral activities which aim to help the ordinary people make ends meet and cope with many bureaucratic difficulties.

Fr Anthony will be saying Mass this Friday at 10:00 am

Wraps with Love continues going ahead: News from the headquarters in Sydney states that 3,750 wraps have been sent to earthquake victims in Turkey and 5,000 wraps are waiting to be picked up by the Syrian Association of Victoria to go to Syria. Many thanks to all the wonderful knitters and crocheters! From the Josephite Associates and Helen Dean in Swan Hill.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: For a culture of peace and non-violence - We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Prayer for Religious Freedom

Heavenly Father, we pray for our politicians to work with faith leaders, teachers, parents and guardians of children, our community of faith, to protect religious freedom within our religious educational institutions. We pray for the pastorally sensitive formation of children in accordance with sound biological anthropology and the traditional teachings of the faith of their families. We ask this through the intercession of Australia's patronesses, Our Lady Help of Christians, and St Mary of the Cross. Amen.

**"All the darkness in the world
cannot extinguish the
light of a single candle."**

St. Francis of Assisi

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He Has Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later."

"Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover, if there is life, then why has no one has ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere."

"Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us."

The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists, then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist."

Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist."

To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and you really listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."



What's Happening When

16th April – Divine Mercy Sunday – Fr Anthony's last Mass & Farewell, please bring a plate to share.
20th April – Fr Shaiju begins as Administrator of Robinvale and Ouyen

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