

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



**Easter Vigil Mass Year B**

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**First Reading - on the Screens**

A reading from the book of Genesis

*God saw all that 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 Genesis 22:1-18**

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac.*

**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 Exodus 14:15 - 15:1**

A reading from the book of Exodus

*Tell the children of Israel to march on, to  
walk through the sea on dry ground.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

- (R.) Let us sing to the Lord;  
he has covered himself in glory.

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1. I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!  
Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!  
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.  
This is my God and I extol him,  
my father's God and I give him praise. (R.)
2. The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea,  
the flower of his army is drowned in the sea.  
The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. (R.)
3. Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,  
your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.  
In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe. (R.)
4. You will lead your people and plant them on your mountain,  
the place, O Lord, where you have made your home,  
the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.  
The Lord will reign for ever and ever. (R.)

### Epistle [Romans 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.*

### Responsorial Psalm

(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 Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

### Gospel [Mark 16:1-7](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.*

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

### 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, John Nihill, Des Healy and John Moulder

**Divine Mercy Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**April**

**Welcomer:** Gerald Leach

**Reader:** Merrill Boland

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

Flora Moulder

**Offertory Procession:** Celia

Reidy & Kathy Loxton

**Eucharistic Minister:**

Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

**Projectionist:** Marie

Shaddock

**Collections: 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Ouyen \$265.00

Planned Giving \$140.00

**April Church Cleaning**

Carmel Vallance &

Marlene O'Callaghan

**Presbytery:** Celia Reidy

**Mass Times:**

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am

Underbool 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays

at 9am

**Weekday Masses this week**

Friday at 10:30am

**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 April:** For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday:** Jesus promised a profound and immense grace to those who would celebrate this feast of His Divine Mercy. This grace is the forgiveness of all sins and the removal of all punishment due to sin. To receive the Extraordinary Graces of this Feast, the only conditions are to make a good confession on the day, to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) and recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet. **Holy Family parish, Swan Hill, will have Adoration with Confessions heard from 2-3pm followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. All welcome!**

**Next Social Gathering:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm at the Club, following the rosary at 5pm & Mass at 5:30; all welcome!

**The new roster of priests will look like this for our parish:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fr Shaiju, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fr John, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fr Shaiju, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fr Matt

**Wisdom from the Saints:** "All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle." St Francis of Assisi

**Something to Smile about . . .**

A couple are on a date at a fancy restaurant when the woman asks her husband to say something that will get her heart racing. "Honey," he said "I forgot my wallet."

**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



**“Easter Blessings to All!” from Fr Shaiju**

**As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we rejoice in the victory of light over darkness, hope over despair, and love over all. In this season of renewal, let us reflect on the profound message of Easter: that even in our darkest moments, there is the promise of new life and endless hope.**

**May the joy of Easter fill your hearts and homes, inspiring us to live as joyful Easter people, spreading love and hope to all we meet. Alleluia ! Alleluia !**

**Wishing you all abundant blessings on this joyous feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.**



**HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!**

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