

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



Fifth Sunday in Lent Time C

3rd April 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause
against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading Is 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

**I am doing a new thing and I will give drink
to my people.**

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,

it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

**Because of Christ I look upon everything else
as useless in order to gain him.**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh
the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus
my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of
everything, and I look on everything as so much
rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a
place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection
by my own efforts, the perfection that comes
from the Law, but I want only the perfection that
comes through faith in Christ, and is from God
and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ
and the power of his resurrection and to share his
sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his
death. That is the way I can hope to take my
place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I
have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but

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I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.**

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Gospel Jn 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, ‘Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?’ They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, ‘If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one, sir,’ she replied. ‘Neither do I condemn you,’ said Jesus ‘go away, and don’t sin any more.’

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

Reflection by Scott Hahn

The Liturgy this Lent has shown us the God of the Exodus. He is a mighty and gracious God, who out of faithfulness to His covenant has done “great things” for His people, as today’s Psalm puts it.

But the “things of long ago,” Isaiah tells us in today’s First Reading, are nothing compared to the “something new” that He will do in the future.

Today’s First Reading and Psalm look back to the marvellous deeds of the Exodus. Both see in the Exodus a pattern and prophecy of the future, when God will restore the fortunes of His people fallen in sin. The readings today look forward to a still greater Exodus, when God will gather in the exiled tribes of Israel that had been scattered to the four winds, the ends of the earth.

The new Exodus that Israel waited and hoped for has come in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like the adulterous woman in today’s Gospel, all have been spared by the Lord’s compassion. All have heard His words of forgiveness, His urging to repentance, to be sinners no more. Like Paul in today’s Epistle, Christ has taken possession of everyone, claimed each as a child of our heavenly Father.

But our God is ever a God of the future, not of the past. We are to live with hopeful hearts, “forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead,” as Paul tells us. His salvation, Paul says, is power in the present, “the power of His resurrection.”

We are to live awaiting a still greater and final Exodus, pursuing “the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling,” striving in faith to attain the last new thing God promises—“the resurrection of the dead.”

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

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 10th April – Mass – Palm Sunday
Ouyen: 11:00am
Reader: John Galvin
Prayers of the Faithful: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach
Offertory Procession: Jona and Jessica
Projectionist: Cara Brady

Collections: 27th March

U'Bool: \$15.00

Ouyen: \$ 157.50

Planned Giving: \$ 355.00

Church Cleaning:

April: Carmel Vallance & Marlene O'Callaghan

Presbytery Cleaning:

April: Celia Reidy

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father will be available 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.



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 April: For Health Care Workers - We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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	11:00am	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.

Easter Mass Times:

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper 7:00pm followed by adoration at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday: Passion of our Lord 3:00pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 7:00pm

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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Parish Retreat – Postponed until later in the year

Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick & Mass: Father will be offering another opportunity for Reconciliation prior to Mass on Friday starting at 9:30am followed by Mass at 10:00am and Anointing of the Sick. Reconciliation is an integral part of Lent bringing healing and peace to our heart mind and soul; it is one of the best ways to prepare for Easter.

Easter is approaching and we will need some extra volunteers for readings etc . . . this year we will have Fr George Hogarty from the Columban Fathers staying with us over Holy Week. He has mentioned that he likes visiting people so let's give him a warm Mallee welcome, make yourself known to him and perhaps invite him around for afternoon tea or a meal. Next weekend is Palm Sunday so we will need 3 readers for the Passion as well as our regular volunteers. We will need quite a few people to fill in all the readings etc over Holy Week. So, if you are able, please put your name down for something. The lists will be on the table at the back of the church; the timetable for Holy Week is on the opposite page.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection - The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place again this year on Good Friday.

On Friday, March 25, Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. March 25 is the Feast of the Annunciation, celebrating Mary's acceptance of the invitation to become the mother of Jesus. The consecration echoed the Pope's prayers that Mary, the Queen of Peace, might intercede for all those suffering from the current war in Ukraine and that Mary might pray for the blessing of peace throughout the world. **Bishop Paul encourages all the members of**



our diocese to join with Pope Francis in this prayer, both personally and in gatherings with others.



Shaniella from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to a rural vocational school. With your support, she was able to overcome the challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself. 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: As we approach the Holy Season of Easter consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones. These Mass stipends support priests in the poorest parts of the world who have no other means of support and are offered for the intentions of the benefactor. You can also send your loved ones a Mass card. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/masses



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Mass Counts start on weekend 7-8 May - The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting will start on 7-8 May and continue each weekend until the end of May.

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