

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



Trinity Sunday

4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Entrance Antiphon**

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.

**First Reading Ex 34:4-6. 8-9**

A reading from the book of Exodus

**The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.**

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) Glory and praise for ever!**

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **(R.)**  
Blest your glorious holy name. **(R.)**
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. **(R.)**  
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **(R.)**

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. **(R.)**  
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **(R.)**

**Second Reading 2 Cor 13:11-13**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Jn 3:16-18**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**God sent his Son to save the world through him.**

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,

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so that everyone who believes in him may not  
be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be  
saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned  
already,

because he has refused to believe

in the name of God's only Son.'

## Communion Antiphon

Since you are children of God,

God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his

Son,

the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

## Reflection

*by Dr  
Scott  
Hahn*



We often begin Mass with the prayer from today's Epistle: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." We praise the God who has revealed Himself as a Trinity, a communion of persons.

Communion with the Trinity is the goal of our worship—and the purpose of the salvation history that begins in the Bible and continues in the Eucharist and sacraments of the Church.

We see the beginnings of God's self-revelation in today's First Reading, as He passes before Moses and cries out His holy name. Israel had sinned in worshipping the golden calf (see Exodus 32).

But God does not condemn them to perish.

Instead, He proclaims His mercy and faithfulness to His covenant.

God loved Israel as His firstborn son among the nations. Through Israel—heirs of His covenant with Abraham—God planned to reveal Himself as the Father of all nations.

The memory of God's covenant testing of Abraham—and Abraham's faithful obedience—lies behind today's Gospel. In commanding Abraham to offer his only beloved son, God was preparing us for the fullest possible revelation of His love for the world.

As Abraham was willing to offer Isaac, God did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all. In this, He revealed what was only disclosed partially to Moses—that His kindness continues for a thousand generations, that He forgives our sin and takes us back as His very own people.

Jesus humbled Himself to die in obedience to God's will. And for this, the Spirit of God raised Him from the dead, and gave Him a name above every name. This is the name we glorify in today's Responsorial: the name of our Lord, the God who is Love.

## Something to smile about . .

The sales manager, the HR manager, and the boss of a large business are on their way to lunch around the corner. They detour through a side street and stumble upon an old but valuable looking brass container.

The sales manager picks it up and starts cleaning it with his handkerchief. Suddenly, a genie emerges out of a puff of purple smoke. The genie is grateful to be set free and offers them each a wish. The HR manager is wide-eyed and ecstatic. She says, "I want to be living on a beautiful beach in Jamaica with a sailboat and enough money to make me happy for the rest of my life." The genie waves his finger and she disappears.

The sales manager says, "Wow! I want to be happily married to a wealthy supermodel with penthouses in New York, Paris, and Hong Kong." Presto, he also vanishes.

"And how about you?" asks the genie, looking at the boss.

The boss scowls and says, "I want both those idiots back in the office by 2pm."

*Moral of the story:* Always let your boss speak first.

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**Recent Deaths:** Ellen Bonica  
**Anniversaries:** Reg Guggenheimer  
**Sick:** Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, John Nihill and Kath Monaghan.  
May our healing God touch the lives of our sick bringing them comfort & peace. 🙏

**Corpus Christi Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June**  
Ouyen: 11:00am  
Welcomer: Carmel Vallance  
Reader: Carmel Vallance  
Prayers of the Faithful: Merrill Boland  
Offertory Procession: Jona & Jessica Kilaton  
Eucharistic Minister: Leo O'Callaghan  
Projectionist: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

**Collections 4<sup>th</sup> June**  
Ouyen: \$243.00  
Underbool: \$80  
Planned Giving: \$90.00

**Mass Timetable**  
Ouyen each Sunday at 11:00am  
Underbool 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9:00am

**Weekday Masses this week:** Friday at 10:00

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** each Thursday from 2:30pm – 5:30pm, 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, in atonement, and to protect Australia from the sin of abortion, euthanasia, and from every evil. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Church Cleaning:**  
**June: Merrill & John Boland**  
**Presbytery Cleaning:**  
**June: Faye Nihill**

**Pope's Prayer Intention for June:** *For the abolition of torture* - We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

**Feast Days this Week**  
5<sup>th</sup> St Boniface, bishop and martyr  
6<sup>th</sup> St Marcellin Champagnat founder of the Marist Brothers

**Prayer for Freedom of Religious Belief**  
Heavenly Father, we pray for our politicians to work with faith leaders, teachers, parents and guardians of children, to protect religious freedom within our 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.

**Father Shaiju will be on holidays** throughout July. So, rather than our start and stop, our first social gathering for those who would like to, will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of August, 12pm at the Bakery, followed by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at the Ouyen Club. **Father will be saying Mass at 5:30 pm on both these nights,** as well as the usual Friday Mass

**Come and join us for a cuppa** today after Mass in the Parish Centre. No need to bring anything other than yourself and a smile 😊

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**Save Calvary Hospital – Update** Sadly a legal challenge was “the only response left available” Calvary national chief executive Martin Bowles wrote in a statement published on 30 May. On Wednesday 10 May 2023, the ACT Government announced that it would compulsorily acquire Calvary Public Hospital in Canberra. In a 30 May statement, Archbishop Fisher asked supporters to join him in writing to Mr Albanese to “ensure that that other governments around Australia who might feel emboldened by what the ACT Government is doing will not be able to just tear contracts up and remove faith-based operators from public institutions.” The archbishop’s call follows an earlier letter to the prime minister from the Australian Catholic bishops asking him to intervene in the matter. The letter, signed by Archbishops Fisher, Timothy Costelloe SDB of Perth, and Christopher Prowse of Canberra-Goulburn, said that although the ACT government had failed to provide a plausible rationale for the takeover it was hard not to see an anti-religious motivation. *Taken from the Catholic Weekly*

**Some of the discussion from the recent Leadership Team meeting held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

1. Fr Shaiju will be away on holidays from July 4<sup>th</sup> - 28 July, we will have visiting priests filling in while he is away.
2. Timetable for Parish dinners and lunch-time sessions: meeting twice a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month. On the 1<sup>st</sup> week we will meet at midday at the Bakery or a similar venue and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week we will meet at the Club/Pub at 6pm. Father will also offer Mass at 5:30pm on the first and third Thursdays as well as the usual 10am Mass every Friday.
3. Anointing Masses: Following this, Father is proposing to offer Anointing Masses each month on the first Friday, beginning on August 4<sup>th</sup>.
4. Patche Church. The next stage of discussions will involve the Bishop and seeking permission to sell the church.
5. Home visits, particularly for the house bound. Father Shaiju is offering to visit those at home with communion and anointing or simply for a friendly visit. If you would like Father to come to you please either contact Father directly or let Faye, Marie or Carmel know.
6. Children’s holiday program: A one day event in the holidays, possibly starting in the second week of the next holidays.
7. Also discussed were enrolling in the Ladauto Si platform and the Diocesan Centenary in 2024, a Parish Remembrance Mass in November & a question about Mass times– more about these later.

**Vinnies Winter Appeal** The St Vincent de Paul Society’s annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at all Vinnes Shops, on 131812 and <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

**The Catholic Charity Aid to the Church in Need** has launched their "**Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified**" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of **5,014 Christians** were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. Please pray for the people of Nigeria. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit [www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal](http://www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal)

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