

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



Divine Mercy Sunday

24th April 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the
pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading [Acts 5:12-16](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**The numbers of men and women who came
to believe in the Lord increased steadily.**

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ **(R.)**

2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

3. O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the true God is our light. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Rv 1:9-13, 17-19](#)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

**I was dead and now I am to live for ever and
ever.**

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to

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live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel [Jn 20:19-31](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

The prophet Daniel in a vision saw "One like the Son of Man" receive everlasting kingship. John is taken to heaven in today's Second Reading where he sees Daniel's prophecy fulfilled in Jesus, who appears as "One like a Son of Man." Jesus is clad in the robe of a High Priest and wearing the gold sash of a king. He has been exalted by the right hand of the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm. His risen body, which the Apostles touch in today's Gospel, has been made a lifegiving Spirit.

As the Father anointed Him with the Spirit and power, Jesus pours out that Spirit on the Apostles, sending them into the world "as the Father has sent Me." Jesus "breathes" the Spirit of His divine life into the Apostles—as God blew the "breath of life" into Adam, as Elijah's prayer returned "the life breath" to the dead child, and as the Spirit breathed new life into the slain in the valley of bones.

His creative breath unites the Apostles—His Church—to His body, and empowers them to breathe His life into a dying world, to make it a new creation.

In today's Gospel and First Reading, we see the Apostles fulfilling this mission with powers only God possesses—the power to forgive sins and to work "signs and wonders," a biblical expression only used to describe the mighty works of God. Thomas and the others saw "many other signs" after Jesus was raised from the dead. They saw and they believed.

They have been given His life, which continues in the Church's Word and sacraments, so that we who have not seen might inherit His blessings and "have life in His name."

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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.

1st May – Mass

Patche: 11:30am First Friday
Ouyen: 11:00am Sunday
Reader: Peter Shaddock
Prayers of the Faithful: Marie Shaddock
Offertory Procession: Jona & Jessica Kilaton
Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections: 16th April
Ouyen: \$537.00
Planned Giving: \$160.00
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, our Lord. Amen.

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

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

Good Friday Envelopes: if you have taken your envelope home, could you please return it by next weekend so that we can finalise the amount.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be returned, by either placing them on the plate or giving them to Faye or Doc.

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.

Wisdom from the Saints: Our actions have a tongue of their own; an eloquence of their own, even when the tongue is silent. For deeds prove the lover more than words. *St Cyril of Jerusalem*

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Thank-You to everyone that helped with the funeral in Holy Week, and over Holy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil, you made a difference and it was greatly appreciated!! 🙌

Easter Freebies: There are some little bottles of Holy Water to take home on the “cleared” table at the back of the church. We have run out of bottles so if you would like some, please bring a small bottle to the church and we can fill it for you. We also have a few Columban Calendars and Far East Magazines to give away.



Divine Mercy Sunday, 24th April: People do go to hell, that is the main reason that Jesus wanted this feast to be established. He wanted to "throw a lifeline," so to speak, to souls who are perishing, souls who are drowning in sin and despair. That lifeline is this Feast, with all the tremendous promises of graces and benefits which Jesus attached to it. As He said to St. Faustina, He wanted to make this Feast Day a special "refuge and shelter" for the "consolation" of souls.

“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great

that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.” **Fr James in Swan Hill will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday with Adoration and Confessions from 2-3pm, followed at 3pm by the Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung) and Benediction. All welcome!**

Walking in the Spirit: The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the “Walking in the Spirit” prayer campaign. Walking in the Spirit begins on Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. You can find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthepirit/

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: As we are in 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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