

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



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th February 2023

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**

2. The just man will never waver:

he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with
any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to
tell you what God had guaranteed. During my
stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to
have was about Jesus, and only about him as the
crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power
of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and
trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons
that I gave, there were none of the arguments
that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration
of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that
your faith should not depend on human
philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:13-16

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Reflection adapted from Bishop Robert Baron & Dr John Bergsma

In his sermon on the Mount, Jesus compares his disciples to salt and light. Notice that these two realities exist not for themselves but for something else.

In Jesus' time, salt was not valued for itself, but for the way it preserved meat and enhanced the flavour of other foods. The image of "salt" is also related to the Temple because the priests made a lot of use of it. It was sprinkled on the sacrifices, seen as a symbol of purity, preservation, covenant fidelity and proper worship.

Similarly, light isn't meant for itself; rather, we see things by it. 'Light' too, is also associated with the Temple. The Jews believed that in the end times, the Temple would be the source of continual light for the people of Israel. "A city set on a mountain," is a clear reference to Jerusalem, the Temple city, set on one of the highest ridgelines in Israel. Thus, the language of the passage suggests that the body of Jesus's disciples are to become a living Temple, replacing the stone temple of the Old Covenant.

In our rather privatised culture, we tend to think of religion as something for ourselves; but reading it biblically, religiosity is like salt and light: it is meant not for oneself but for others.

Perhaps we can bring these two images together by saying that we find salvation for ourselves precisely in the measure that we bring God's life to others.

Followers of Jesus are meant to be salt, which effectively preserves what is best in the society around them and counteracts sin. And they are also light by which people around them come to see what is worth seeing.

By the very quality and integrity of our lives, we shed light illumining what is beautiful and revealing or contrasting what is ugly. The implication is that, without vibrant Christians, the world is a much worse place.

Something to laugh about . . .

Morris and his wife Esther went to the local fair every year and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in a helicopter."

And Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is one hundred dollars, and one hundred dollars is one hundred dollars."

One year Esther and Morris went to the fair and Morris said, "Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride in that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

To this, Esther replied, "Morris the helicopter ride is one hundred dollars and one hundred dollars is one hundred dollars."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the ride and not say a word, I won't charge you. But if you say one word, it's one hundred dollars."

Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word.

When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "Gee whiz, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm Impressed!" Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, one hundred dollars is one hundred dollars."

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Recent Deaths: Laura Burns

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, John Nihill and Eleanor Healy (back surgery on Monday) 🙏

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

Sunday 12th February - Mass

Ouyen: 11:00am

Reader: Flora Moulder

Prayers of the Faithful: Margaret Collins

Offertory Procession: Carmel Vallance &

Kathy Loxton

Eucharistic Minister: Lorna Keam

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections 29th January

Ouyen: \$ 276.55

Planned Giving: \$ 115.00

Church Cleaning:

February: Faye Nihill & Ellen Bonica

Presbytery Cleaning:

February: Marie Shaddock

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.

Father Anthony will be away on Annual Leave from 13th February to 16th March. Father Kevin Maloney will say Mass on the 26th of February and the 12th of March; more details on the other page.

Ash Wednesday is 22nd of February this year, Father Matt Thomas has kindly offered to say Mass for us at 5pm on that day.

Pope's Prayer Intention for February: For

Parishes – We pray that Parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: each Thursday from 2pm-5pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm & Rosary 4pm; all welcome.

Summary of the New Covid Provisions:

- ~ QR Codes are no longer required to sign in
- ~ Kindness and Common Sense strictly enforced
- ~ Face masks are no longer required to be worn

Mass Timetable

Wk 1 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

Mass next Friday 10th February

"Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul, except sin. God commands to pray, but He forbids you to worry."

~ Saint Francis de Sales

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Today the Church in Australia celebrates of the **Word of God Sunday**. Pope Francis established this day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God as a reminder that Christ’s Presence is recognized *in the actual “proclamation” of the Word*. It is a time to recall that the Church believes *Christ is present and speaking to those assembled through the Church’s minister rather than the book itself*.



Lenten discussion group – This year we are meeting at a new time and venue. Sessions will be of a Friday evening at 7:30pm in someone’s home. The first session will be held on Friday the 24th of February at Carmel Vallance’s house – 73 Scott St Ouyen. If you are interested in joining the group or just want to come and have a look you are very welcome.

Final Mass for the Patchewollock Church will be on Saturday 18th of March at 3:00pm, followed by refreshments in the Hall, anyone wishing to attend is kindly asked to bring a plate. Following this there will be an opportunity to catch up with the Bishop on

Saturday evening at the Ouyen Club. Please give your names to Marie so we can give numbers to the Club. Bishop Paul will say Mass in Ouyen on Sunday the 19th followed by a cuppa in the Parish Centre.

What’s Happening When

- 13th February** – Fr Anthony goes on holidays
- 19th February** – Mass via Horsham Live Stream, 11:00am in the church
- 22nd February** – **Ash Wednesday** - Mass at 5pm with Fr Matt Thomas
- 24th February** – **First Lenten Discussion Group** 7:30pm, 73 Scott St Ouyen – Carmel & Neil Vallance
- 26th February** – **1st Sunday of Lent** - Fr Kevin Maloney to say Mass
- 3rd March** – Lenten Discussion Group 7:30pm, 28 Calder Hwy Ouyen – Peter & Marie Shaddock
- 5th March** – 2nd Sunday of Lent -Mass via Horsham Live Stream, 11:00am in the church
- 10th March**- Lenten Discussion Group 7:30pm
- 12th March** – 3rd Sunday of Lent - Fr Kevin Maloney to say Mass
- 16th March** – Fr Anthony back from Holidays
- 18th March** – 3pm Final Mass at Patchewollock church followed by refreshments at the Patche Hall; followed by 7pm Dinner at the Ouyen Club
- 19th March** – 4th Sunday of Lent -Bishop Paul to say Mass in Ouyen, followed by a cuppa in the Parish Centre
- 21st March** – Ouyen to host Zone meeting of Priests 10am – 1pm in the Parish Centre
- 26th March** – 5th Sunday of Lent – Fr Anthony to say Mass
- 2nd April** – Palm Sunday – Fr Anthony to say Mass
- 6th April** – Holy Thursday – Visiting Priest – 7:00pm Mass
- 7th April** – Good Friday - Visiting Priest – 3:00pm
- 8th/9th April** - Easter Vigil/Day - Visiting Priest – to be advised
- 16th April** – Divine Mercy Sunday – Fr Anthony to say Mass

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