

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



The Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

3rd March 2024

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading [Exodus 20:1-17](#)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for

the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

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3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)

4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. (R.)

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 1:22-25](#)

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

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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Gospel [John 2:13-25](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all

this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it, to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan.

He is the Lord the prophets said would come, to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples.

The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands. Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves.

Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments.

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, John Nihill and Des Healy

Sunday 10th March

Welcomer: Louise

Fitzpatrick Leach

Reader: Peter Shaddock

Prayers of the Faithful:

Merril Boland

Offertory Procession: Jona & Jessica Kilaton

Eucharistic Minister:

Lorna Keam

Projectionist: Marie

Shaddock

Collections: 25th February

Ouyen \$156.40

Planned Giving \$130.00

March Church Cleaning

The Grace Family

Presbytery: Cheryl

Anderson

Mass Times:

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am

Underbool 1st & 3rd Fridays

Weekday Masses this week

No Mass this week

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, with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:30 & Rosary at 4:00pm except when there is a social gathering.

Father Shaiju will be away on retreat this week. There will be no weekday Masses during the week.

Pope's Prayer intention for March: For the new Martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world, inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Many thanks to EVERY one who has helped out over the last couple of days at both the funeral and World Day of Prayer. Your support has been inspirational and very greatly appreciated! 🙌🙌

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is seeking interest from Parishes for Liturgy Formation in 2024. Topics that are offered by the Commission include: Funeral Ministry, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, RCIA. If you would be interested in learning more about any of the above topics, and more, please see Marie. It is possible that our parish could host some sessions.

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

1st Sunday Fr Shaiju, 2nd Sunday Fr John, 3rd Sunday Fr Shaiju, 4th Sunday Fr Matt

Wisdom from the Saints: "Lent is a time of grace, a time for conversion, a time to come home to God."

St. Maximilian Kolbe

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

Lenten words of wisdom:

It's not what you eat that gives you ulcers ... it's what's eating you.

Life is like a coin: you can spend it any way you wish, but you can spend it only once.

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat

Community
Remember Revitalise
Hope



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer

Romans 12:12

Gospel Reflection Cont. His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love, perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the Cross.

This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today—the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us.

Jesus' body, destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later, is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple and together builds us into a dwelling place of God.

In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires. We are to offer praise as our sacrifice. This means imitating Christ, offering our bodies, all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others.

This Weekend is the First Sunday of the month, come and have a cuppa and a chat in the Parish Centre.

Nursing Home and Hostel Church Services: Please consider if you would like to take part in a ecumenical church service to the hospital & nursing home, approximately once a month.

The Lenten discussion group continues on a Friday evening at 7pm for anyone that is interested. The cost of the booklet is \$9.00, it is a valuable accompaniment to Lent whether you choose to join the group, or just read it at home.

Mass of the Oils 2024 & 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat: The Mass of the Oils this year will incorporate acknowledgement of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat and will be held on Monday, March 25, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.30am (please note change of time). Lunch and displays will follow in the Hall. At the Mass we are inviting 1 – 2 volunteers from each parish to present a symbol or photo that best represents their parish. This year the Mass of the Oils will be livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/SdivllKiHSs?feature=share>

Something to Smile about . . . Cricket as explained to an American

You have two sides, one out in the field and one in.

Each person that's in the side that's in, goes out and when they're out, they come in and the next person goes in until they're out.

When they're all out, the side that out comes in and the side that's in goes out and tries to get those coming in, out.

Sometimes you get people still in and not out.

**When both sides have been in and out, including the not outs,
that's the end of the game . . . Howzat!!**

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