

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



Third Sunday of Easter Year B

14th April 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*You have killed the prince of life; God,
however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 John 2:1-5](#)

A reading from the first letter of St John

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away
our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Luke 24:35-48](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would

be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Reflection By Dr Scott Hahn

Jesus in today's Gospel teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures. He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His Passion, death, and Resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church—to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

In today's First Reading and Epistle, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to.

God has brought to fulfillment what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the Exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified.

John, too, describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (see Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9-10), he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God, and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world.

Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission—to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God.

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Parish Administrator: Fr Shaiju Mathew (03) 5026 3068
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Recent Deaths:
Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, John Nihill, Des Healy and John Moulder

Fourth Sunday of Easter
21st April

Welcomer: Carmel Vallance

Reader: Susan O'Sullivan

Prayers of the Faithful:

Margaret Collins

Offertory Procession: Celia

Reidy & Cheryl Anderson

Eucharistic Minister:

Marlene O'Callaghan

Projectionist: Marie

Shaddock

Collections: 7th April

Ouyen \$217.75.00

Planned Giving \$355.00

April Church Cleaning

Carmel Vallance &

Marlene O'Callaghan

Presbytery: Celia Reidy

Mass Times:

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am

Underbool 1st & 3rd Fridays

at 9am

Weekday Masses this week

Friday at 10:30am

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Leadership Team Meeting: Friday 19th April, after the 10:30 Mass. Members of the current Leadership Team are: Faye Nihill, Cheryl Anderson, Carmel Vallance, Susan O'Sullivan, Peter Shaddock, Marie Shaddock (Leo Collins advisor on maintenance). If you have anything you would like to raise with the Leadership Team please see one of the members

Next Social Gathering: Thursday 18th April, 6pm at the Club, following the rosary at 5pm & Mass at 5:30; all welcome!

Thank you from Caritas: We hope your entire community had a lovely Easter! We can't believe that Project Compassion is over for another year. Thank you for your incredible support this year. Your community is helping to create a better tomorrow for all future generations! *If you have not yet returned your contribution yet, could you please do so as soon as possible so that our parish can finalise payment.

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: "Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins."
St Peter

Something to Smile about . . . My super-power is holding onto junk for years and throwing it away a week before I need it. 🙏

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



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This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more “about” Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives.

In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today’s Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers.

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat: We are celebrating the whole of 2024 as an anniversary year. Bishop Paul has invited parishes to acknowledge the 150th anniversary at Masses on the weekend of **April 27-28, 2024**. He invites schools to mark the anniversary during the week of April 29 to May 3, coinciding with Catholic Education Week which was brought forward



for the occasion. Bishop Paul encourages each parish and each school to acknowledge their own history in the context of the 150 years of the history of the diocese. Local communities are coming up with creative ways of telling their local story as part of the diocesan story. Parishes are encouraged to host a community gathering on the weekend of April 27-28, perhaps tea, coffee and cake after Mass or a meal shared together. If you have any suggestions on how we can celebrate as a parish they would be very welcome. Please see Fr Shaiju, Faye, Cheryl, Carmel Vallance, Susan O Sullivan Peter or Marie if you have any thoughts.

Bishop Paul is commemorating the anniversary year with a personal visit to each parish and looks forward to celebrating with as many local communities as possible throughout the year; our visit will be in June.



You may have noticed at the Easter Vigil that we had an extra candle on the altar. This is the Centenary Candle for the 150 years of our diocese which officially came into being on the 30th March 1874. It will be lit at every Mass and important gathering throughout the rest of the year as a reminder of our significant milestone and of how we are all connected throughout the diocese, each parish making our diocese what it is.

Diocesan History Timeline & Parish History As part of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, a timeline of significant dates and events over the past 150 years has been published on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/>

There has also been an “Our History” section added to parish pages on the website for parishes to update with their own history. If you would like to add any dates to the diocesan timeline or need assistance with adding information to the parish “Our History” section, please email pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Maintenance is taking place on the St Patrick’s Cathedral fence which requires the removal of the ribbons from the fence. Bishop Paul has written a letter to give further detail about this. It is on the table near the sacristy at the back for those who wish to read it.

St Joseph’s Parish is a Child Safe Parish - Parish Safety Officer: Mrs Melanie Grace 0477 846 777