

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



Trinity Sunday Year B

26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### 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

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*The Lord himself is God in heaven above  
and on earth below: there is no other.*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the

land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**R.)** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

## 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

## 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

Last Sunday, we celebrated the sending of the Spirit, which sealed God's new covenant and made a new creation. In this new creation, we live in the family of God, who has

revealed himself as a Trinity of love. We share in his divine nature through his Body and Blood. This is the meaning of the three feasts that cap the Easter season— Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi.

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai.

These feasts should be intimate reminders of how deeply God loves us, how he chose us, from before the foundation of the world, to be his children.

Today's readings illuminate how all God's words and works were meant to prepare for the revelation of the Trinity and God's blessing in Jesus Christ—the blessing we inherited in Baptism, and renew in each Eucharist.

By God's word the heavens and earth were filled with his kindness, we sing in today's Psalm. Out of love, God called Abraham and chose his descendants to be his own people, Moses says in today's First Reading. Through the Israelites, he revealed to the nations that he alone is Lord and there is no other.

In Jesus, God's word took flesh as a son of Abraham. And Jesus reveals in the Gospel today that the one God is Father, Son, and Spirit, and that he desires to make all people his own.

As he led Israel out of Egypt, God freed us from slavery, Paul says in today's Epistle. As he adopted Israel, he gives us the Spirit by which we can know him as "Our Father."

As God's heirs, we receive the commissions of Moses and Jesus today. We are to fix our hearts on him, and to observe all that he has commanded. The Eucharist is his pledge—that he will be with us until the end, that he will deliver us from death to live forever in the promised land of his kingdom.

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**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** Ellen Bonica

**Sick:** Cora Jardine, John Nihill, John Moulder and Joan Pohlner

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Welcomer:** Lorna Keam

**Reader:** Carmel Vallance

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Flora Moulder**

**Offertory Procession:**

**Thomas Family**

**Eucharistic Minister:**

**Gerald Leach**

**Projectionist:** Marie

**Shaddock**

**Collections: 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**Underbool \$60.00**

**Ouyen \$216.50**

**Planned Giving \$565.00**

**June Church & Presbytery**

**Cleaning:** Merrill & John

**Boland**

**Mass Times:**

**Ouyen each Sunday at 11am**

**Underbool 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 May: For the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.**

**Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation has begun, if you know of anyone who is interested in their child receiving any of the sacraments please see Marie; a notice has also been placed in the school newsletter.**

**Father Shaiju will be on holiday in India from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. In his absence he has arranged visiting priests to say Mass for us.**

1st week of July (6th/7th): Fr. Francis,

2nd week of July (13th/14th): Fr. Peter Hudson,

3rd week of July (20th/21st): Fr. Matt or Fr. John

**Wisdom from the Saints: "My Jesus, if you uphold me, I shall not fall." St. Philip Neri**

**"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did." St. Maximilian Kolbe**

**(Worldly) Wisdom: If you are in it up to your ears, keep your mouth shut. 😊**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fr Shaiju, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fr John, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fr Shaiju, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fr Matt

**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**



**Thank you to everyone** who came and took part in our International Day of Food and to all the cooks who brought along their delicious dishes. It was a great success and enjoyed by everyone!



**This weekend we welcome Fr Matt back to Ouyen; it is also the final weekend** of the Mass count.

**The new edition of Fr Mick's Shared Table** is out, and a couple of copies are on the tables at the back of the church. Through ongoing support Fr Mick has been able to plan for the future with confidence and finally set up the kitchen in Yanaoca, as well as address the educational needs of the children in that area and continue to support the kitchens, vegetable gardens and other projects on the outskirts of Lima.

**Formation in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024:** In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. In 2023, Bishop Paul asked parishes to focus on leadership in their local communities, either by forming or developing further a parish council or leadership team according to local circumstances, which we have done. The Diocesan Assembly will bring together representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. The formation opportunity is for Parish **Leadership Teams/Parish Councils/Parish Teams**, School Leadership Teams/School Advisory Councils, Catholic Organisations Leaders. An invitation is also extended to people who would consider future leadership and like to participate. **Our date will be June 13<sup>th</sup>** Please see Marie if you are interested.

**First World Children's Day: May 25 & 26** Pope Francis has announced the celebration of the first World Children's Day on May 25 & 26, 2024, "Like Jesus, we want to put children at the centre and care for them." The day will be organised by the Vatican's Dicastery for Culture and Education and will seek to answer the question, "What kind of world do we wish to pass on to the children who are growing up?" You can read the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the First World Children's Day at <https://www.worldchildrenday.org/>



**Bishop Paul will be visiting our parish** on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. He will be here for Mass, followed by lunch, and a chance to speak with him; more details about this nearer to the time.

**Something to Smile About . . .**

**Wife: Can you stop yawning when I'm talking to you.**

**Husband: I'm not yawning, I'm trying to say something.**

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