

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



**Corpus Christi Sunday Year B**

**2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024**

### Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

*This is the blood of the Covenant that the  
Lord has made with you.*

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**R.)** I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.

1. How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The blood of Christ will purify our inner  
selves.*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer

are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is my body. This is my blood.*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and

all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

### Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

### Reflection By Dr Scott Hahn

All of today's readings are set in the context of the Passover. The first Reading recalls the old covenant celebrated at Sinai following the first Passover and Exodus.

In sprinkling the blood of the covenant on the Israelites, Moses was symbolising God's desire to make them his family his "blood" relations.

Quoting Moses' words in today's gospel Jesus elevates and transforms this covenant symbol to an extraordinary reality. In the new covenant made in the blood of Christ, we truly become one with his body and blood. The first covenant made with Moses and Israel at Sinai was but a shadow of this new and greater covenant made by Christ with all humanity in that upper room.

The Passover that Jesus celebrates with his twelve Apostles "actualises" or makes real what could only be symbolised by Moses' sacrifice at the twelve pillars. What Jesus does today is establish his Church as the new Israel and his Eucharist as the new worship of the living God.

In offering himself to God through the Spirit, Jesus delivered Israel from the transgressions of the first covenant. And, as we hear in the Epistle, by his blood he purified us and made us capable of true worship.

God does not want dead works or animal sacrifices. He wants our own flesh and blood, our own lives, consecrated to him, offered as a living sacrifice. **Cont. on the inside**

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**Recent Deaths:  
Anniversaries:**

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

**Sunday 9th June  
Welcomer: Carmel Vallance**

**Reader: Flora Moulder  
Prayers of the Faithful: Lorna Keam  
Offertory Procession: Val Latta & Margaret Collins  
Eucharistic Minister: Marlene O'Callaghan  
Projectionist: Marie Shaddock**

**Collections: 26<sup>th</sup> May  
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. There will be no weekday Masses while Father is away.**

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: "The waves are many and the surging sea dangerous. But we are not afraid we may be drowned. For we are standing on the rock. Let the sea rage as it will, it cannot split the rock asunder." *St John Chrysostom***

**"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name - you are mine." *Isaiah 43:1***

**(Worldly) Wisdom: Life and beer are very similar – chill for best results. 😊**

**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**





**Cont from the back:** This is the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving that we sing of in today's Psalm. This is the Eucharist.

**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. 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.

**Next Friday is The Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. (Mass is at 10:30am)** It is one of the most widely practiced and well-known devotions in the Church. It takes the physical heart of Jesus as a representation of His Divine love for humanity. The Feast of the Sacred Heart has been in the Liturgical calendar since 1856, and is always celebrated 19 days after Pentecost Sunday and always falls on a Friday. Why Friday? Because it was on Good Friday that our Lord died, and his Heart was pierced by the lance, symbolising his broken heart but also his open heart. The devotion especially emphasizes the unmitigated love, compassion, and long-suffering of the heart of Christ towards humanity.

The origin of the devotion to the Most Sacred Heart comes from St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, whose feast day is October 16th. She learned the devotion from Jesus during one of her many mystical experiences and revelations. Mass is at 10:30

**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.

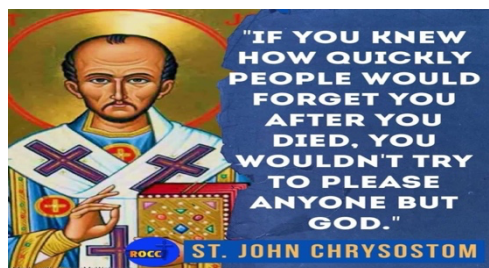
### **Something to Smile About . . .**

At the reception following the wedding of a young couple, the Master of Ceremonies polled the guests to see who had been married the longest. To loud applause one couple announced they had been married for sixty years.

The MC said, "What advice would you pass on to the newlyweds?"

"The woman said, "The three most important words in a marriage are, "You're probably right."

Everyone looked at the husband who immediately said, "She's probably right."



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