

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



The First Sunday of Lent, Year C

9th March 2025

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

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Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.

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Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by
the Spirit through the wilderness where he
was tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left
the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through
the wilderness, being tempted there by the
devil for forty days. During that time he ate
nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then
the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of
God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But
Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not
live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil
showed him in a moment of time all the
kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will
give you all this power and the glory of these
kingdoms, for it has been committed to me
and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me,

then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus
answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him
stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you
are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw
yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the
test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting
him, the devil left him, to return at the
appointed time.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the
mouth of God.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in
His flesh the history of Israel.

We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has
passed through water and been called God's
beloved Son. Now, as Israel was tested for
forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into
the desert to be tested for forty days and
nights.

He faces the temptations put to Israel:
Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God
for food. As Israel quarrelled at Massah, He's
tempted to doubt God's care. When the Devil
asks for His homage, He's tempted to do
what Israel did in creating the golden calf.
Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God,
Three times quoting from Moses' lecture
about the lessons Israel was supposed to
learn from its wilderness wanderings.

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, John Moulder, Mark Weir, Mary Moloney, Lyn McIntyre, Sylvester Rudolph, Veronica Turton, Graeme Floyd, Les Gregg and Frances Cullinan.

Sunday 16th March

Welcomer: Kathy Loxton

Reader: Marlene

O'Callaghan

Prayers of the Faithful: Leo O'Callaghan

Offertory Procession:

Jessica & Jona Kilaton

Eucharistic Minister: Lorna Keam & Margaret Collins

Projectionist: Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

Collections: 2nd March

Ouyen \$185.50

Planned Giving \$305.00

March Church & Presbytery Cleaning:

The Grace Family

Mass Times:

Ouyen each Sunday at 11am

Underbool: March – Friday 21st @ 9:00am

Weekday Masses this week: Friday @ 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 March: For families in crisis -

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

St Joseph's day 19th March, Mass 5:30pm followed by dinner at the club. If you would like a ride please see either Cheryl, Margaret or Marie.

Wisdom from on high "The road is narrow. He who wishes to travel it more easily, must cast off all things and use the cross as his cane." St. John of the Cross

Something to smile about . . .

An Irishman moved into a tiny village in County Kerry, walked into the pub and promptly ordered three beers. The bartender raised his eyebrows, but served the man three beers, which he drank quietly at a table, alone.

The next evening the man again ordered and drank three beers at a time. Soon the entire town was whispering about the 'Man Who Orders Three Beers'.

Finally, a week later, the bartender broached the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to be prying but folks around here are wonderin' why you always order three beers and drink them alone?" "To be sure, to be sure, tis a wee bit odd," the man replied. "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America and the other went to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order two extra beers, whenever we would partake, as a way of keeping up the family bond. We're a close family, you see."

The bartender and the whole town were pleased with his answer and with the reverence for family and soon the man became a local celebrity and source of pride to the village. Then one day the man came in and ordered only two beers.

The bartender served them with a heavy heart. Word flew around the village quickly.

Prayers were offered for the soul of one of the brothers.

The next day, the bartender said to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer our sincere condolences to you for the death of your brother. Tis terribly sad."

The man pondered for a moment then with a smile replied, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, meself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent." 😊

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.



Continued from the back page → Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. "Call upon me and I will answer," the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Epistle.

This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: "We cried to the Lord ... and He heard." But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters.

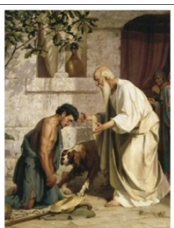
Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and "bow down in His presence," offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

Leadership Team Meeting March 12th at 12:00pm in the Parish Centre

St Joseph's Day 19th March, Mass at 5:30pm followed by dinner at the Club for all those who would like to come. If you would like a ride please let Margaret, Cheryl or Marie know.

Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year 2025 During this Jubilee Year, a plenary indulgence has been offered to those who have fulfilled the necessary conditions. A Plenary Indulgence is the complete remission before God of the temporal punishment (suffering either physical/earthly or in purgatory) due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. In order to receive the Plenary Indulgence the faithful must, be in the state of grace: have the intention of *complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; have sacramentally confessed* their sins; *receive the Holy Eucharist & pray for the intentions of the Holy Father*. In addition to this the faithful need to: make a *visit*, to one of the Jubilee places, e.g. Bendigo Cathedral, and spend some time in Eucharistic adoration or prayer. It is easiest done by going to Mass at the Cathedral followed by confession. **Those sick or housebound** can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence under the same conditions, if they offer up their sufferings or the hardships of their lives, and also recite all the following prayers: the Our Father, Creed and Pope Francis Jubilee prayer.

Update on Lyn: Lyn has left the Alfred Hospital and is now in rehabilitation at the Hawthorn Epworth. Her address is room 24, Epworth Rehabilitation Hospital, 50 Burwood Rd Hawthorn, 3122.



The Lenten Discussion Group is on of a Tuesday morning at 10:30am in the Parish Centre, beginning on the 4th of March. The books are \$5 each and include short daily reflections, beautiful artwork and a more detailed look at the Sunday Gospel. If you are interested in taking part, we'd love to have you. The books are also a great form of private reflection if you are unable to join with the group. Please see Marie if you would like to be a part of it – so that we can have enough books.

Fr Mick McKinnon's latest "Shared Table" is available on the tables at the back of the church. In 2005, The Year of The Eucharist, Fr Mick first established The Shared Table Project. It is now into the 20th year of the project and much has been achieved during this time in both the Cangallo, Motupe, Montenegro districts on the outskirts of Lima, where Fr Mick first worked, and the Yanaoca region in The Andes where he continues his ministry. As always it is well worth a read. There are four copies printed so that you can take a copy home and bring back next week for others to read.

***The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering formation** in the following areas: Lectors/Readers; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Funeral Ministry; Scripture reflection; RCIA; Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion. If anyone is interested, there is a possibility we could host it here. Please see Marie if you would like a refresher, or take on any of the above.

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