

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



**Palm Sunday, Year C**

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem & Blessing of the Palms - begins outside**

*Let us pray:*

*Almighty ever-living God, sanctify ✠ these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exaltation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.*

*Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*

**(R) Amen.**

**✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

- <sup>28</sup> Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
- <sup>29</sup> When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples,
- <sup>30</sup> saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here.
- <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it".
- <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away

- and found it as he had told them.
- <sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?'
- <sup>34</sup> And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'.
- <sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it.
- <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road.
- <sup>37</sup> As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,
- <sup>38</sup> saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
- <sup>39</sup> Peace in heaven and glory in the highest! And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'.
- <sup>40</sup> He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

**First Reading**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the  
wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

## Responsorial Psalm

(R.) My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians

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*He humbled himself to become like us and  
God raised him on high.*

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are,  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the  
underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!

## Gospel

*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke*

Please use the white sheets

Your response is 'C' for the Crowd

## Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my  
drinking it,  
your will be done.

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**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:**

**Sick:** Cora Jardine, John Moulder, Mark Weir, Mary Moloney, Lyn McIntyre, Sylvester Rudolph, Graeme Floyd, Margaret Morrison and Joan Marschall.

**Easter Sunday 10:00am**

**Welcomer:** Louise

Fitzpatrick Leach

**Reader:** Peter Shaddock

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

Flora Moulder

**Offertory Procession** Celia

Reidy & Val Latta

**Eucharistic Minister:** Lorna Keam

**Projectionist:** Marie Shaddock

**Collections: 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Ouyen \$228.10

Planned Giving \$215.00

**April Church & Presbytery**

**Cleaning:** Carmel Vallance & Marlene O'Callaghan

**Mass Times:**

**Ouyen each Sunday at 11am**

**Underbool: – To be advised**

**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 April: For the use of new technologies**

Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, but will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

**Wisdom from on high "One of the meanings of penitential fasting is to help us recover an interior life. Moderation, recollection, and prayer go hand in hand." Pope St. John Paul II**

**Our roster of priests will look like this in our parish from 1<sup>st</sup> May.**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fr Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fr John, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fr Bill, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fr Matt, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fr Bill

**Upcoming Dates:**

17<sup>th</sup> April - Holy Thursday 7:00pm

18<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday 3:00pm –**Holy Land Collection**

**20<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday Mass 10:00am**

27<sup>th</sup> April - Divine Mercy Sunday - Fr Shaiju's farewell after Mass

1<sup>st</sup> May New Ministry District to begin its work together

4<sup>th</sup> May – Fr Bill to say Mass, (cuppa after Mass)

**Something to smile about . . . How to wash a cat . . .**

1. Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl...
2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
3. In one smooth movement put the cat in the toilet and close the lid. You may need to stand on the lid.
4. At this point the cat will self-agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this!
5. Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a 'Power-Wash' and 'Rinse'!
6. Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.
7. Stand well back, behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift the lid.
8. The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom, and run outside where he will dry himself off.
9. Both the toilet and the cat will be sparkling clean.

*Yours sincerely,*

*the Dog* 🐾🐾🐾

**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.**



**Holy Week . . .** This year we are grateful to have Fr Abraham with us for Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Please make yourself known to him and make him feel welcome.

We are in need of flowers for Holy Thursday. If you have flowers and would like to donate some (it would be great to have some for Sunday as well) could you please bring them to the church or see Cheryl or Sally to arrange a time. Readings for those doing them on Holy Thursday and Good Friday are on the table near the kitchen, please take yours if you would like to have a read through first. The list for Easter Sunday is in the regular section in the bulletin. If you are not going to be here please let Marie know.

**Good Friday Holy Land Collection** – The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will be taken up on Good Friday. Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on the Christians who are often caught in the middle between the Jews and the Muslims. Supporting this collection offers hope to these people who often feel alone and forgotten. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection which is more needed than ever, please be as generous as you are able especially with spiritual support.

**Project Compassion Envelopes and Boxes** – As we come to the end of our Lenten season it is now time to return Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes. They can either be put in the collection baskets or given directly to Faye. With your generosity Caritas Australia has been able to help thousands of vulnerable people around the world giving vulnerable people the support they need to face their challenges and improve their situation.

#### **Easter Mass Times: In Ouyen**

**Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Last Supper **7:00pm** followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 9:00pm

**Good Friday:** Walk of Witness **10:30** starting from All Saints; **3:00pm** The Passion of our Lord

**Easter Sunday:** The Resurrection of the Lord **10:00am**

#### **Easter Mass Times Sunraysia:**

**Mildura:** Holy Thursday 7pm; Good Friday 3pm; Easter Vigil 7pm; Easter Sunday 9am.

**Merbein:** Holy Thursday 5pm; Good Friday 3pm; Easter Sunday 10:30am.

**Red Cliffs:** Holy Thursday 7pm; Good Friday 3pm; Easter Vigil 6pm.

**Irymple:** Easter Sunday 8:30am; **Werrimull:** Easter Sunday 11am.

#### **Please keep little Jacinta and her family in your prayers**

**Lyn's address** for the moment is at the Hawthorn Epworth. Her address is room 24, Epworth Rehabilitation Hospital, 50 Burwood Rd Hawthorn, 3122.

**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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