

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



Palm Sunday

2nd April 2023

Blessing of the Palms (Outside)

Dear brothers and sisters,
since the beginning of Lent until now
we have prepared our hearts by penance and
charitable works.

Today we gather together to herald with the
whole Church the beginning of the celebration of
our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his
Passion and Resurrection.

For it was to accomplish this mystery that he
entered his own city of Jerusalem.

Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us
commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for
our salvation, following in his footsteps,
so that, being made by his grace partakers of the
Cross, we may have a share also in his
Resurrection and in his life.

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,

*sanctify ✠ these branches with your blessing, that
we, who follow Christ the King in*

*exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem
through him.*

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

(R.) Amen.

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

**"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord"**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

21: 1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem
and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of
Olives,

Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,
'Go into the village opposite you,
and immediately you will find an ass tied,
and a colt with her; untie them and bring them
to me.

If anyone says anything to you, you shall say,
"The Lord has need of them,"
and he will send them immediately'.

This took place to fulfil

what was spoken by the prophet, saying,
'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed
them;

they brought the ass and the colt,
and put their garments on them, and he sat
thereon.

Most of the crowd spread their garments on the
road,
and others cut branches from the trees
and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him
and that followed him shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!'

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And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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 Mt 26:14 – 27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew – on Separate Sheets

Your response is 'C' for the Crowd

Communion Antiphon

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

First Reading Is 50:4-7

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.

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Recent Deaths: Peter Saunders

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd and John Nihill

May our healing God touch the lives of our sick bringing them comfort & peace. 🙏

Easter Vigil Saturday, 8th April

Ouyen: 7:00pm

Readers: As per filled out forms

Prayers of the Faithful: As per form

Offertory Procession: As per form

Eucharistic Minister: As per form

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections 26th March

Ouyen: \$218.00

Planned Giving: \$115.00

Church Cleaning:

April: Carmel Vallance

Presbytery Cleaning:

April: Celia Reidy

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father will be available after the 11:00am Mass, or at any other time by appointment.

Prayer For Australia: Eternal Father, I offer you the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ offered at all the Masses throughout the world for the Holy atonement, and to protect Australia from the sin of abortion, euthanasia, and from every evil. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mass Timetable

Wk 1 Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 2 Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 3 Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 4 U'Bool	Mass	9:00am	Sunday
Wk 4 Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 5 Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday

Parish Leadership Team Meeting Wednesday 5th at 11:00am in the Parish Centre.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: this week will take place after the Mass of the Lord's Supper at the Altar of Repose. The church will be open until 9:00pm; all welcome.

This week is Holy Week –we still have a few slots to fill for readers etc. If you can help out, please see Marie and put your name down on the sheets provided.

Flowers for the Altar of repose: if you have any flowers you would like to give for the altar of repose could you please bring them to the church on Thursday, at 3pm.

Easter Mass Times in Ouyen:

Holy Thursday 7pm

Good Friday 3pm

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil -7pm

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: For a culture of peace and non-violence - We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizen

Prayer for Religious Freedom

Heavenly Father, we pray for our politicians to work with faith leaders, teachers, parents and guardians of children, our community of faith, to protect religious freedom within our religious educational institutions. We pray for the pastorally sensitive formation of children in accordance with sound biological anthropology and the traditional teachings of the faith of their families. We ask this through the intercession of Australia's patronesses, Our Lady Help of Christians, and St Mary of the Cross. Amen.

*"Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about."
St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

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Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

“All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled. By the close of today’s long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished: the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull. He remains faithful to God’s will to the end. He does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today’s First Reading, “The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame.” Destined to sin and death as children of Adam’s disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ’s perfect obedience to the Father’s will.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection will be taken up on Friday. This money goes to support and maintain all of the churches in the Holy Land and assist those Christians who live there. Life is very difficult for Christians in the Holy Land at the best of times but since Covid things have become even more difficult with fewer tourists and less chance to sell their products. The money raised from this collection also supports schools and pastoral activities which aim to help the ordinary people make ends meet and cope with many bureaucratic difficulties.

Parish Appointments: Fr Anthony Nagothu has asked to spend twelve months with the Oratorian Community in New York. In view of Fr Anthony’s move, Bishop Paul has appointed **Fr Shaiju Mathew MST** as Administrator of **Robinvale** and **Ouyen**. His appointment to Robinvale and Ouyen will take effect on **April 20**. As a result of Fr Shaiju’s move, **Fr John Corrigan** has been appointed as Assistant Priest in the Parishes of **Mildura, Merbein and Red Cliffs**. Fr Corrigan is currently serving in the South West Coast Parish. His appointment to Mildura, Merbein and Red Cliffs will take effect on **April 20**.

Wraps with Love continues going ahead: News from the headquarters in Sydney states that 3,750 wraps have been sent to earthquake victims in Turkey and 5,000 wraps are waiting to be picked up by the Syrian Association of Victoria to go to Syria. Many thanks to all the wonderful knitters and crocheters! From the Josephite Associates and Helen Dean in Swan Hill.

What’s Happening When

- 6th April – Holy Thursday** –Fr Jim McKay– 7:00pm Mass
- 7th April – Good Friday** -Fr Jim McKay– 3:00pm
- 8th April - Easter Vigil** -Fr Jim McKay– 7:pm
- 16th April – Divine Mercy Sunday** – **Fr Anthony’s last Mass & Farewell**, please bring a plate to share.
- 20th April – Fr Shaiju begins as Administrator** of Robinvale and Ouyen

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