

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



First Sunday of Lent

26<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### 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 [Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7](#)

A reading from the book of Genesis

#### **Creation of our first parents, and sin.**

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her

husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. My offences truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R.)**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
4. Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R.)**

### Second Reading [Rom 5:12-19](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

**Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no

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one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man’s sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man’s fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man’s fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man’s obedience many will be made righteous.

## 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 [Mt 4:1-11](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.**

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.’ But he replied, ‘Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone  
but on every word that comes from the mouth  
of God.’

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. ‘If you are the Son of God,’ he said, ‘throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels’ charge,  
and they will support you on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Scripture also says:

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

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ‘I will give you all these’, he said, ‘if you fall at my feet and worship me.’ Then Jesus replied, ‘Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

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

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

## Communion Antiphon

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

## Reflection from Loyola Press

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God’s promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture. The account of Jesus’ temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament. Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus’ rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God’s protection and faithfulness. As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God’s word alone will suffice; God’s promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

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**Recent Deaths:** Lila Grayling

**Anniversaries:**

**Sick:** Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, John Nihill and Eleanor Healy 🙏

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Ouyen: 11:00am *live streamed***

**Prayers of the Faithful: Merrill Boland**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Louise & Gerald Leach**

**Projectionist: Marie Shaddock**

**Collections 19<sup>th</sup> January**

**Ouyen: \$243.30**

**Planned Giving: \$370.00**

**Church Cleaning:**

**March: The Grace Family**

**Presbytery Cleaning: March: Cheryl Anderson**

**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

**World Day of Prayer** – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March

10:00am at Underbool & 7:00pm Ouyen hosted by All Saints Church, followed by a cuppa in the Hall; all welcome. Many thanks to those who have volunteered as readers but we are still in need of one more.

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

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** each Thursday from 2pm-5pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm & Rosary 4pm; all welcome.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for February: For Parishes** – We pray that Parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**Minutes of the Parish Meeting** held on Sunday will be in the bulletin next week 🙏

**A reminder of the urgency** to sign and send the letters for Religious Freedom and particularly the right of faith-based schools to choose their staff.

### 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 for the intercession of Australia's patronesses, Our Lady Help of Christians, and St Mary of the Cross. Amen

**“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”**  
*Mother Teresa*

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[Project Compassion boxes and envelopes](#) are available on the table with the bulletins. Please take yours home this week. The theme “For all Future Generations” asks us to think about the great *yes* that Mary spoke at the Annunciation. She freely accepted God’s invitation to take up a unique place in the history of the human family. The prayer Mary shared with her cousin Elizabeth says, “all generations will call me blessed”. Her *yes* is for *all future generations*. May ours be too! Each week after Communion we will focus on one of the featured stories.

[Welcome Fr Marcello](#), thank you for coming to be with us! It is good to have you back with us again, even if it’s just for a visit.

[Aid the Church in Need](#) has opened an emergency appeal for the people in Northern Syria. They have already mobilised over \$770,000 of immediate aid to Christians in Syria in the wake of the earthquake that killed more than 30,000 people in that country and in neighbouring Turkey. The charity is working with local project partners to firm up an emergency aid package with a focus on two key areas- minor & major repairs in Aleppo and secondly blankets and food packages. To donate call: 1800101201 this is a free call within Australia.



[Lenten discussion group](#) –this week is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March so that it doesn’t clash with World Day of Prayer. It will be at the home of Peter & Marie Shaddock, 28 Calder Hwy at 7:30pm; all welcome!

[World Day of Prayer](#) – This year is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 10:00am at Underbool & 7:00pm Ouyen hosted by All Saints Church, followed by a cuppa in the Hall; all welcome, please bring a plate.

[Final Mass for the Patchewollock Church](#) will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of March at 3:00pm, followed by refreshments in the Hall, anyone wishing to attend is kindly asked to bring whatever they would like to eat and drink. Bishop Paul will say Mass in Ouyen on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> followed by a cuppa in the Parish Centre.

### [What’s Happening When](#)

- 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Ash Wednesday - Mass at 5pm with Fr Matt Thomas
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – First Lenten Discussion Group 7:30pm, 73 Scott St Ouyen – Carmel & Neil Vallance
- 26<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - Fr Marcello Colasante to say Mass
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Lenten Discussion Group 7:30pm, 28 Calder Hwy Ouyen – Peter & Marie Shaddock
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Day of Prayer – All Saints – 7pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent -Mass via Horsham Live Stream, 11:00am in the church
- 10<sup>th</sup> March- Lenten Discussion Group 7:30pm, 28 Calder Hwy Ouyen – Peter & Marie Shaddock
- 12<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - Fr Kevin Maloney to say Mass
- 16<sup>th</sup> March – Fr Anthony back from Holidays
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – 3pm Final Mass at Patchewollock church followed by refreshments at the Patche Hall
- 19<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent -Bishop Paul to say Mass in Ouyen, followed by a cuppa in the Parish Centre (please bring a plate to share)
- 21<sup>st</sup> March – Ouyen to host Zone meeting of Priests 10am – 1pm in the Parish Centre
- 26<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Fr Anthony to say Mass
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Palm Sunday – Fr Anthony to say Mass
- 6<sup>th</sup> April – Holy Thursday – Visiting Priest – 7:00pm Mass
- 7<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday - Visiting Priest – 3:00pm
- 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Vigil/Day - Visiting Priest – to be advised

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