

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



Second Sunday of Lent

5<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

### First Reading Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

**The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.**

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

### Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

**God has saved us, and called us to be holy.**

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is  
heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel Mt 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**His face shone like the sun.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the

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light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

## Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

## Reflection by Dr John Bergsma



This Sunday we are only eleven days into Lent, still very early along on our Lenten pilgrimage. The readings share the theme of 'beginning the journey of faith' even while giving us a glimpse of our final destination. In all three years of the Lectionary

cycle (A, B, C), the readings for the Second Sunday of Lent always pair a key extract from the Abraham narrative (Gen 12–22) with an account of the Transfiguration from one of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). This is because, in all the Gospels, the Transfiguration marks 'the beginning of the end' of Jesus' earthly life.

After the Transfiguration, Jesus "sets his face toward Jerusalem" and begins the 'death march' toward the Holy City, which will culminate in Passion Week and his Crucifixion.

The readings pair the beginning of Jesus' journey to his death with accounts of Abraham's life because Abraham is remembered as the classic figure of the Old Testament who went on a "journey of faith" that culminated in the sacrifice of an "only-begotten son". So, Jesus and Abraham are linked as men who journeyed in faith. Likewise, Lent is, for each one of us a journey of faith toward greater holiness. For the remainder of Lent, we spiritually accompany Jesus on his final journey toward suffering, humiliation, death ... but ultimately to glory. Let's encourage ourselves this week with the thought that Jesus transfigured is an image of the glory of holiness that awaits us at the end of Lent and the end of life's journey, provided we willingly embrace the hardships that are necessary for holiness to develop in our lives.

**"In the world you will have trouble,  
but take courage, I  
have conquered the world."**

*John 16:33*

## Something to smile about

Three sisters aged 92, 94 and 96 share a house together.

One night the 96 year old runs a bath, puts her foot in and pauses. She yells down the stairs, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?"

The 94 year old yells back, "I don't know, I'll come up and see."

She starts up the stairs and pauses, then she yells, "Was I going up the stairs or coming down?"

The 92 year old who was sitting at the kitchen table having a cup of tea is listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful." and knocks on the wooden table for good measure.

She then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door!"

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### Recent Deaths:

#### 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.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent 12<sup>th</sup> March

Ouyen: 11:00am

Reader: Les Gregg

Prayers of the Faithful: Carmel Vallance

Eucharistic Minister: Marlene O'Callaghan

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

### Collections 26<sup>th</sup> February

Ouyen: \$190.00

Planned Giving: \$160.00

Church Cleaning: March: The Grace Family

Presbytery Cleaning: March: Cheryl Anderson

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
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Next week we have Fr Kevin Maloney here to say Mass, please help him to feel welcome and at home with us.

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 victims of abuse** - We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held last Sunday are on the table at the back of the church – near the kitchen.

### 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.

**"Do not lose hope of making spiritual progress; you still have opportunity and time."**  
*The Imitation of Christ - Thomas á Kempis*

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**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 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at the home of Peter & Marie Shaddock, 28 Calder Hwy at 7:30pm; all welcome!

**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.

**Project Compassion Second Sunday of Lent** –Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam.



With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

**A special prayer initiative for the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate** Pope Francis will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> year of his pontificate on March 13, 2023. To highlight this milestone anniversary in a “viral” manner, the Digital Synod has launched a special online map featuring virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him. Anyone who wishes to join the initiative will find an invitation on the website to pray one or more Hail Mary's <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>. The map with the 'little candles' which represent the Hail Mary's that are prayed for him will be sent to Pope Francis.

#### **What's Happening When**

- 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.)
- 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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