

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



Third Sunday of Lent

12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

### First Reading [Ex 17:3-7](#)

A reading from the book of Exodus

**Give us water to drink.**

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.' **(R.)**

### Second Reading [Rom 5:1-2. 5-8](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

**The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;

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give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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### **Gospel [Jn 4:5-42](#)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir,' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know;

we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work.'

Have you not got a saying:

Four months and then the harvest?

Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for.

Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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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.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**Ouyen: 11:00am**

**Reader: Carmel Vallance**

**Prayers of the Faithful: Lorna Keam**

**Eucharistic Minister: Gerald Leach**

**Projectionist: Marie Shaddock**

**Collections 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**Ouyen: \$169.50**

**Planned Giving: \$250.00**

**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 Bishop Paul** here to say Mass, followed by a "cuppa" after Mass so 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 March: 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** are on the table at the back of the church with an attendance/apologies sheet. Please check it to make sure we have everyone listed that was there.

**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.

*"I am not capable of doing big things,  
but I want to do everything, even the  
smallest things, for the  
greater glory of God."*

*St. Dominic Savio*

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**This week we welcome the Vicar General**, Father Kevin Maloney who has travelled from Ballarat to say Mass for us and those in Robinvale and Manangatang. Thanks for coming Father, we appreciate the effort you've made and hope you can get some down time while you are here.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> March at the home of Carmel & Neil Vallance 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 Third Sunday of Lent** –Caritas Australia's Project Compassion campaign introduces us this week to Priscilla from Zimbabwe, who is using her conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and farm poultry to support her family during the current food crisis.

**A special prayer initiative for the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate** Pope Francis celebrates the 10<sup>th</sup> year of his pontificate tomorrow. The best thing we can do for the Pope is to pray for him, whether or not it is recorded, the benefits will be felt. So, please make a special effort to say a few Hail Mary's for Pope Francis on Monday. The Digital Synod has launched a special online map featuring lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him. Anyone can join in on the link below. There you will find an invitation to pray one or more Hail Mary's and your response will add a little candle to the world map. This map with the candles will then be sent to Pope Francis <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>.

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

**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

**17<sup>th</sup> March** - St Patrick's Day 🍀 - Lenten Discussion Group

**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.)

**20<sup>th</sup> March** – Feast of St Joseph – carried over from Sunday

**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 followed by a cuppa, please bring a plate to share.

**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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