

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



First Sunday in Advent Time Yr A

27th November 2022

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading Is 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

**The Lord will gather all nations in eternal
peace in the kingdom of God.**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they
will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the
Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into
ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
‘Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!’ **(R.)**
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake
up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was
when we were converted. The night is almost
over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all
the things we prefer to do under the cover of the
dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the

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light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mt 24:37-44](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

Jesus exaggerates in today’s Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He

will come again. Christ occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss (see [Matthew 5:34](#); [23:9](#); [Luke 14:26](#)).

His point here is that the exact “hour” is not important. What is crucial is that we do not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him—spiritually and morally—when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us—like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah.

In today’s Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing darkness and night.

Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst. He is the true light, the life of the world. And His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in today’s First Reading.

In the Church, all nations stream to the God of Jacob, to worship and seek wisdom in the House of David. From the Church goes forth His word of instruction, the light of the Lord—that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more.

By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day. It is time we start living like it: throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, rejecting the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace.

The hour is late as we begin a new Advent. Let us begin again in this Eucharist. “Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.” Let us give thanks to His name, keeping watch for His coming, knowing that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

What Money can buy:

A bed but not sleep

A clock but not time

A book but not Knowledge

A position but not respect

Medicine but not health

Amusements but not happiness

Obedience but not faithfulness

A house but not a home

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Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, Laura Burns, Joan Bathgate and Jane French 🙏

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

Sunday 4th December – Mass

Ouyen: 11:00 am

Reader: Chloe & Matilda Brady

Prayers of the Faithful: Carmel Vallance

Offertory Procession: The Brady Family

Eucharistic Minister: Lorna Keam

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections 20th November

Ouyen: \$304.95

Planned Giving: \$130.00

Church Cleaning:

December: Celia Reidy & Cheryl Anderson

Presbytery Cleaning:

December: Ellen Bonica

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father will be available after the Friday Mass for Reconciliation, after the 11:00am Masses, 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.

Christmas Mass 2022 – Ouyen 5:45pm Christmas Eve, Christmas Mass times for Mildura and Robinvale will appear nearer the time

Summary of the New Covid Provisions:

- ~ QR Codes are no longer required to sign in
- ~ Face masks are no longer required to be worn
- ~ Kindness and Common Sense strictly enforced

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations - We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.

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 Patche	Mass	11:30am	<i>1st Friday</i>
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
Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 5 Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday

Please Note there is no Friday Mass on the 2nd of December

Side door entrance: we are asking anyone with any mobility issues, and those who use gofers, to enter via the side (north facing) door. This has a much wider opening on level ground and is ideal for dropping off/picking up or parking gofers. For those with gofers we would ask you to **please use the gravel to drive** on, rather than the pavers. If you are aware of any other potential hazards please notify: Faye, Cheryl or Marie.

Beware of carpet bubbles/ripples: Due to the recent rain, large ripples of carpet have been appearing throughout the church. As the ground dries out, they will disappear but until then please watch where you put your feet as they are a real tripping hazard!

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Next week Chloe and Matilda Brady will receive their First Holy Communion. They, along with Ann Bosco, have been busily preparing for this day. As it is also the first Sunday of the month, there will be a “cuppa” in the Parish Centre. Please come along and help us celebrate as a community and congratulate Chloe and Matilda. Ann will be making her first Holy Communion in January with her cousins, when she returns to India over the holidays. Please remember in your prayers all the children and their families preparing for the Sacraments.

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Orders for Columban Calendars have now been placed and should arrive in the next week or so. We should have a few spares for anyone that didn't get to put an order in. Calendars are \$10.00 and can be paid for on collection. There are still a few (5) packets of Christmas cards left, they are \$6.00 per packet.

Stations of Christmas: Fr Gary Jones has put together a great prayer resource for Advent which help remind us of the journey to Christmas. The Stations of Christmas are simple reflections that allow us to keep us focused on the events that lead to the birth of Jesus. They are great way of making sure we keep Christ in our Christmas. There are a couple of copies on the table at the back of the church near the kitchen.

St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal: The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 13 18 12;
- Visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

You can also:

- make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase;
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Christmas

Mass Times

St Mary's Church, Robinvale

Christmas vigil: 8pm Carlos, 8.15pm Mass.

Christmas Day: 11am Mass.

St Patrick's, Manangatang

Christmas Day: 9am Mass.

St. Joseph's, Ouyen

Christmas vigil: 5.30 Carlos, 5.45pm Mass.

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