



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Ouyen, Patchewollock, Tempy, Underbool, Walpeup

Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu in Robinvale: (03) 5026 3068

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Susan O'Sullivan, Kate Walsh, Chris Burns, Joan Bathgate, Terri Scott, Mark Weir, Cate Poynton, Josette Sultana, Josephine Sciberras, Laura Burns, Denis Poynton and Fr Bernard Buckley.

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

~There are No Masses in the Parish just yet. More details are on page 2
~The church Is open for private prayer
~Bulletins can be collected from the Parish Centre which will be open from 10am – 4pm each Friday.
~Baskets (on the table) for the 2 collections will also enable you to leave your usual offerings.
~If you have any questions or concerns please call either: Faye 50 921 326 or Marie 0417 660 893.

Collections: Ouyen 13. 9. 2020
Planned Giving \$390.00
Presbytery \$.00

*Holy Land Collection \$495.00

Local On-line Mass:

We are very pleased to say that **St Joseph's Parish, Ouyen is now on YouTube! You can watch our Parish Mass from 5pm of a Saturday or any time after that, by going to: [St Joseph's Parish Ouyen YouTube](#); just as you would if you were watching the Mildura Mass.

~**St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat:** Mass livestreamed daily from the Cathedral at 10.00am can be viewed [here](#) or on [facebook](#). Otherwise the website is: (www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) if you receive this via email you can click on the "here" mentioned to take you to the link.

We would love to hear any comments you have regarding our YouTube Mass. It is still very much a work in progress and your thoughts and suggestions are very welcome! 😊

Good News!!! Our church is now open for

private prayer this also means Adoration will recommence this Thursday from 2-6pm

This month's Horizon magazines have arrived

please make sure you **collect** yours. They are beside the bulletins in the Parish Centre.

Advent and Christmas is going to look a little different this year and we would like to encourage you to join an on-line reflection group similar to that at in Lent. (Of course, if we are able to meet in person we will do so!) The idea is that we have 6—8 online groups from around the Parishes of Mildura, Merbein, Ouyen, Red Cliffs and Robinvale as well as face to face if allowed. These online groups will be at different times through the week which will allow us to join together with others from around the region to prepare for the birth of Christ. The first week of Advent commences on the 29th November and in preparation. Cost for the booklet will be \$4.00 Could you please notify Marie as soon as possible if you are interested so that we can order the booklets.

St Vincent de Paul Drought Community

Support Initiative: St Vincent de Paul are available to assist those who are eligible for round 2 of the Drought Community Support Initiative funding. Funding of \$3,000 per application is available for farming households who meet the eligibility criteria: For more information call the Drought Team 1300 846 643 or go to www.vinnies.org.au/droughthelp.

Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it is in a context more different than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever. Copies of the discernment papers will be available in the parish office beside the bulletins. The Diocese of Bathurst has recorded audio versions of documents for those who prefer to listen. These can be accessed on the Plenary Council website: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

Would you like to be able to access our local Mass on-line or are you having difficulty getting Mass on-line? We can help. Please let us know

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Parish Safety Officer: Mrs Marie Shaddock 0417 660 893

First and the Last - Scott Hahn Reflects on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness.

Israel failed to yield good fruits and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel's kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors. But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth. This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus' parable of salvation history in today's Gospel. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise. In the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations.



This provokes grumbling in today's parable. Doesn't the complaint of those first labourers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus' prodigal son parable? God's ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today's First Reading. And today's readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy. Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late—after having spent most of their days idling in sin. But even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in today's Psalm. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard. Our task is to continue labouring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today's Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name.

Finding our way out of COVID - Level 3 - What we can and can't do as a Church in Ouyen

Bishop Paul has been lobbying the government to ease restrictions on places of worship. He, along with the other Bishops, and other religious leaders will meet with the government this week, so please pray for a positive response from the government this time. Below is a list of what we can and will be doing. Please see the whole of the bishops letter for all of the details.

*The Church will be open each day for private prayer. You can visit the church by yourself or in your households group - that is those you live with, or you can visit the church in your "social bubbles". "Social bubbles" are the person you nominate who you can visit or they visit you, if you live alone. Although it is not stated, we will have a page for you to list your details on when you visit - just name and phone number, date and time, and the usual hand sanitiser will be there as well. Face masks must also be worn unless receiving Communion, Reading or Preaching.

*Outdoor religious gatherings will be allowed for up to 10 people, plus a faith leader - This means we could have some sort of prayer gathering not just limited to Mass. If you have any suggestions about this please see Faye or Marie.

Adoration will begin again from 2pm - 6pm of a Thursday We will still be streaming the Mass on our parish YouTube channel.

*Confessions can be heard in the church but a time needs to be worked out with Father.