



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Ouyen, Patchewollock, Tempy, Underbool, Walpeup

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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 yet.** Mass is streamed on YouTube.
~The church Is open for private prayer each weekday between 10 – 4pm except **Thur 10 – 6**
~ Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday between 2 – 6pm
~Bulletins can be collected from the Parish Centre which will be open from 10am – 4pm each Friday.
~Baskets are on the table for the 2 collections which 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 11. 10. 2020

Planned Giving \$437.00

Presbytery \$68.00

Local On-line Mass:

**** St Joseph's Parish Ouyen is 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

~**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! 😊

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

Good News!!! Our church is now open for private prayer this means Adoration will begin again of a Thursday from 2-6pm. Masks are essential as is singing in; a list of important prayer needs is also on the table where you sign in.

Columban Calendars – It's time to order now

An order form will be in the parish office beside the bulletins until 23rd Oct in order for them to arrive at the beginning of Dec.

St Mary MacKillop Commemorative Rosary

beads have arrived for those who were/are interested. A pair will be hanging on our Lady's statue in the parish centre; cost is \$40.

CWL Memberships are due again over the next

few weeks. The cost of a membership only is \$35; membership and Horizon magazine are \$65. Subs can be paid to either Margaret Collins or Cheryl Anderson.

The Journey to the Plenary Council 2020

Copies of the discernment papers are available in the parish office beside the bulletins. A simplified or easier version of the papers will be out soon, and these too will be made available in print as soon as we get them. Please continue to pray for the progress of the Council; your prayers are needed! As part of the ongoing journey for the Plenary Council, work has commenced on the preparation of the *instrumentum laboris*, or working document, for the Council. Fr Kevin Lenehan is part of the *instrumentum laboris* writing team

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

It's St Mary's 10th Anniversary and you're

invited! To mark the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint, the Sisters of Saint Joseph invite you to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of Saint Mary of the Cross. The Sisters have created commemorative prayers, videos and a global vigil in of honour Mary throughout September and October (see the link below)

<https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary>

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Parish Safety Officer: Mrs Marie Shaddock 0417 660 893

October is the Month of the Rosary

“Blessed” Carlo Acutis - aged 15

Those who knew the ‘Carlo recall the sanctity of the young man who loved computers and Jesus. Carlo, was an Italian teenager who died in 2006. He used to say, “All of us are born as originals, but many of us die as photocopies.” His beatification ceremony, held in Assisi on Oct. 10th, shows the world the originality of this boy who died at just 15. Born in 1991 in London, Carlo moved to Milan shortly thereafter. As the only child of a well-to-do and doting family, he enjoyed friends, loved karate, skiing, basketball, canoeing and walking his dogs. He had his own personal computer and became skilled at computer programming and videography. Yet Carlo was different in one major aspect: His love for God was boundless.



His mother said that he was special from a very early age. “He was generous, obedient and docile,” he developed a devotion to Jesus when he was 4, and wanted to enter every church they passed. This devotion did not come from his parents, who were not practicing Catholics when Carlo was born. His mother readily admits that by the time Carlo was born, she had been to Mass three times in her life. Carlo seems to have been introduced to Jesus by a Polish nanny and his kindergarten. “He pushed me to do research and to read. I began to take theology courses and reflect on life. I discovered the beauty of my faith. We are all on a journey in the spiritual life, but because of Carlo, I was inspired to start that journey,” said his mother.

At the age of 7 Carlo asked for special permission to receive his first Communion; and from that day until he died, Carlo never missed going to daily Mass and praying the Rosary. In 1998, Carlo became fascinated with computer programming. His mother bought him books on programming, from the University of Milan. He taught himself how to code in several languages and taught himself everything, including 3-D animation. Once he mastered computer programming, Carlo began to use it to spread the Catholic faith. He developed a website on Eucharistic miracles, which he worked on for four years. The website has a compilation of 196 stories of [Eucharistic miracles](#). It has been turned into an exhibit that has traveled the world. Carlo also developed exhibits on the Virgin Mary, purgatory and angels and demons. He created websites for his Milan parish and for the local Jesuits to encourage volunteers. “He always lived in the presence of God.” Carlo always thought it was strange that people could wait on long lines to get concert tickets, but not in front of the tabernacle where Jesus is present. He prayed a lot for sinners, for their salvation and was always making sacrifices — saying No to desserts, No to video games or films. He would meditate on hell, saying, ‘Do people realise what it would be like to be in hell forever? He once said, “What does it matter if you win 1,000 battles if you cannot win against your own corrupt passions; the real battle is with ourselves.”’

Carlo had a great sensitivity toward the poor and would take food and hot liquids to the homeless, “with his weekly allowance, he bought covers and sleeping bags for them,” recalled his mother. Carlo had many friends at school and was sensitive to those in need. Whenever he saw difficulties, he would try to get involved. He had an extraordinary personality, and many people thought God had special plans for him. When Carlo was 15 years old, a bout of flu hit his school but when he did not recover tests revealed he had acute leukaemia, which would kill him in three days. Sensing his impending death, he told his parents that he was offering up all his suffering for the Pope and the Church. His sudden death sent shockwaves through his family, school and community. Miracles associated with Carlo happened right away. One woman, age 45, who had not been able to conceive children for years, became pregnant the week after the funeral. Another woman was cured of cancer at the funeral. There have been hundreds of miracles, graces and favours, as well as many spiritual conversions. The beauty of Carlo’s witness is that he was a child of our time. He was a holy person in the digital age. “He was open to life in all its dimensions: with his studies, sports and computer programming. At the same time, he put together a daily life centred on his faith,” said Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi. *adapted from the National Register and Carlo Acutis website

What have you done for your Faith today?

October is the Month of the Rosary

Only the Rosary can change the Course of History

Only the Rosary can change the course of History. This is the urgent message the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, gives to humanity again and again throughout the ages.

Traditionally, the month of October is dedicated to the Rosary, or prayer through Mary. The month of May is already set apart as a special Marian month during which we express our filial love, trust and veneration to Mary. But throughout October the Church honours Mary as the one who achieves victories for us in the most difficult situations.

Already at the time of Saint Dominic, it was the Rosary that helped Simon de Montfort win the battle of Muret (1213) against the heretic Albigensian army. It was also thanks to the Rosary that Pope Saint Pius V (a Dominican)

obtained victory over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. That is why he instituted the feast of the Most Holy Rosary, also called feast of Our Lady of Victories, on that day.

Through the Rosary, Pope Innocent XI obtained from Heaven in 1683 the liberation of Vienna, Austria, from the threat of Islam. In the same way, the Turks were defeated outside Belgrade in 1716. It was this event that led Pope Clement XI to extend the feast of the Holy Rosary to the universal Church. And again, it was with the Rosary that Saint Louis de Montfort formed the soul of the Vendée region (18th century France) that later rose up to protect the faith against the repression of the godless laws of the French Revolution.

It was again the prayer of the Rosary that Our Lady of Fatima (1917) urgently requested to be prayed each day to save souls from hell. The Allied victory of the Second Battle of the Marne (near Paris) during the WWI (July 18, 1918) was also attributed to an intervention of Our Lady. And then there was the liberation of Austria from the threat of Communism in 1947 after a Rosary of Reparation Crusade. Thus, the Rosary is a heavenly and peaceful weapon, received by Saint Dominic right from the hands of the Blessed Virgin, which has helped apostolic hearts in every age.

As long as people recite the Rosary, God will not abandon the world, for this prayer is powerful on His Heart. Through the Rosary, we can hope to shatter the great religious indifference of today's world, a world without hope.

The Rosary can be compared to a long chain that links earth to Heaven. We hold on to one end while the other is in the hands of the Blessed Virgin. The Rosary is very pleasing to God. That is why the Church invites us to recite it every day during this month of October, before Jesus truly present and exposed on the altar or hidden in the tabernacle.



Mary wants to bestow on our souls, families, homelands, and the world, this torrent of favours that she holds in her Heart, if only we would humbly pray and implore her through daily Rosaries. Our decadent modern societies are undoubtedly the result of lack of prayer. It was in anticipation of this general disorientation that Our Lady so insistently asked for the recitation of the Rosary. And since the Rosary is, after the Holy Mass, the most apt prayer for preserving faith in souls, the devil is strongly fighting it in any way he can.

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St Vincent de Paul Society, “Assist a Student” Program:

The program assists very poor students in countries to our north to attend school who may otherwise, without this assistance, not be able to afford to attend. It is aimed at breaking the poverty cycle the student finds themselves in and it encapsulates the Vincentian message of “a hand up, not a hand out.” A \$100 donation provides access to education. Any administrative costs are met by the Australian St Vincent de Paul Society. For more information go to [https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Our Impact/International Impact/Assist a student today/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Our_Impact/International_Impact/Assist_a_student_today/)

Carers Week in Australia:

Carers Week in Australia will be celebrated on Sunday 11 to Saturday 17 October however we will continue to pray and talk about these very special people for a bit longer yet. In recognition of the many carers in our parishes, the Bishop’s mission for Social Justice invite you to celebrate and acknowledge carers. Carers Australia define carers as people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue or who are frail aged. This includes the 272,000 young people up to the age of 25 who are carers.

Diocesan e-News:

The Diocesan e-News is the online newsletter of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. It is supported by the print publication “Our Diocesan Community” and the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. The Diocesan e-News is published every two weeks and distributed via email. It is available to all members and those associated with the Diocese and to those with an interest in the life of the Diocese. We encourage you to subscribe to the e-News so you can receive updates and information about the life and activity of the parishes and schools of the diocese. To subscribe please go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au, click News & Events in the menu at the top, then e-News and register for the Diocesan e-News by the subscribe box.

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated this Sunday :

Today is World Mission Sunday - a special day when we are called by Pope Francis to pray and offer material support to the work of mission around the world. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope and practical support to live a fulfilling life. Chen was just 16 when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident. Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the *Arrupe Centre*. Led by Bishop Enrique, the *Arrupe Centre* provides people like Chen with support and opportunities they may not access otherwise. You can support by placing your donation in the Appeal Envelopes; or Online at www.catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia or by Texting GIVE to

0488 854 436. Thank you for your prayerful support!



A Prayer for our Carers . . . Blessed Be These Hands

Blessed be these hands that have touched life.

Blessed be these hands that have felt pain and tiredness.

Blessed be these hands that have been clenched in anger, or withdrawn in fear.

Blessed be these hands that have drawn blood and administered medicine, written policies, protected patients, made progress notes and cut through red tape.

Blessed be these hands that have cleaned bodies and beds and disposed of wastes.

Blessed be these hands that have anointed the sick and suffering, offered blessings and prayers.

Blessed be these hands, some still smooth with youth - some that have grown stiffer with age.

Blessed be these hands that have comforted the dying and held the dead.

Blessed be these hands and all the creativity they engage.

Blessed be these hands for with them we hold the future.

Blessed be our hands, for they are the work of your hands, O Holy One.

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