



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Ouyen, Patchewollock, Tempy, Underbool, Walpeup

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

Ouyen Parish Office: 5092 1330; Parish Contact Person: Mrs Faye Nihill 5092 1326

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 and Denis Poynton.

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

Good News!!! 🎉 🙌 **Mass is Back** 🎉 🙌

& The church is open for private prayer – it could almost be like the old days – before masks. 🙌

Adoration is every Thursday from 2-6pm. Masks are essential as is signing in; a list of important prayer needs is also on the table in the church where you sign in.

~ Mass this weekend is at 9:00am on Sunday at the back of the church
~ Our Mass schedule will begin once we know what we are able to do.
~ There will be no more Mass streamed on YouTube while we can go to Mass.
~The church Is open for private prayer each weekday between 10 – 4pm except Thur when it is 10 – 6
~ Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday between 2 – 6pm
~Bulletins will now be collected at Mass or by private arrangement.
~If you have any questions or concerns please call either: Faye 50 921 326 or Marie 0417 660 893.

Collections: 8.11. 2020

Ouyen: \$146.50

Planned Giving: \$135.00

Procedures and Precautions for Mass:

- ~Face masks are to be worn at all times except when receiving Communion or Reading from the lectern.
- ~Hand sanitizer must be used (before signing in)
- ~You will be required to fill in tracing details prior to Mass
- ~Social distancing of must be adhered to
- ~The “Sign of Peace” will be via a gesture
- ~There will be one line for receiving Communion and distance needs to be kept within the line
- ~Communion is only under one species

~Prayer cards & hymnals used in Mass need to be wiped down after Mass.

*If possible, we ask you to provide your own chair while Mass is outside. This is a further precaution and also helps those setting up and packing away. Chairs will be available for those who need assistance.

Red Wednesday - On 25 November the Pontifical Foundation *Aid to the Church in Need* is asking Catholics around the world to commemorate Red Wednesday and pray in solidarity with those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their faith. Wear something red in solidarity with those who have suffered for or shed their blood for their faith, and join us at the church for the Rosary at 4pm.

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 - This months Horizons and newsletter have arrived! Memberships are also due. Membership only is \$35; membership and Horizon magazine are \$65. Please pay either Margaret Collins or Cheryl Anderson.

Aid to the Church in Need Christmas cards have arrived. A pack of 12 cards is \$15 and proceeds go to help those Christians around the world who are in urgent need as well as: priests, seminarians and religious in countries where there is poverty and persecution.

Columban Calendars have arrived for those who ordered them. Please see Margaret or Cheryl for yours. Calendars are \$9.00 and we do have a couple of spares if you would like one.

Catholic Care Victoria: Victoria's bishops have announced the merging of CatholicCare Melbourne and Gippsland, and Sandhurst as well as Centacare Ballarat, to form a single, new entity, 'CatholicCare Victoria' from January 1, 2021. "In coming together, we reinforce our shared commitment to social service ministry; offering works of mercy, charity and justice to meet the needs of the vulnerable and marginalised in Victoria, now and into the future." Further information is available from the diocesan website.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Parish Safety Officer: Mrs Marie Shaddock 0417 660 893

November is the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Padre Pio is known for his many mystical experiences during prayer, often piercing the heavenly veil while on earth. One such experience involved an unexpected encounter with a soul from purgatory.

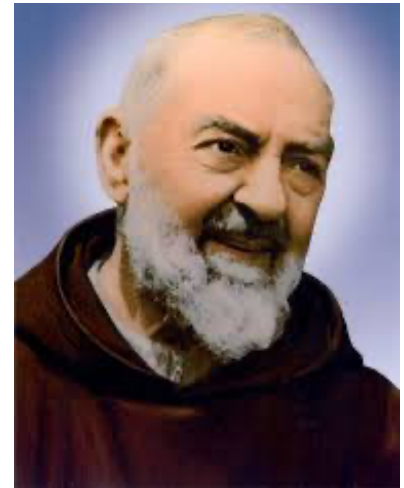
One day while praying alone, Padre Pio opened his eyes to see an old man standing there. He was surprised by the presence of another person in the room and explained in his testimony, “I could not imagine how he could have entered the friary at this time of night since all the doors are locked.”

Seeking to unravel the mystery, Pio asked the man, “Who are you? What do you want?”

The man responded, “Padre Pio, I am Pietro Di Mauro, son of Nicola, nicknamed Precoco. I died in this friary on the 18th of September, 1908, in cell number 4, when it was still a poorhouse. One night, while in bed, I fell asleep with a lighted cigar, which ignited the mattress and I died, suffocated and burned. I am still in purgatory. I need a holy Mass in order to be freed. God permitted that I come and ask you for help.” Pio comforted the poor soul by saying, “Rest assured that tomorrow I will celebrate Mass for your liberation.”

The man left and the next day Pio did some investigative work and discovered the veracity of the story and how a man of the same name died on that day in 1908. Everything was confirmed and Padre Pio celebrated a Mass for the repose of the old man’s soul.

This was not the only appearance of a soul from purgatory asking Padre Pio for prayers. Pio claimed, “As many souls of the dead come up this road [to the monastery] as that of the souls of the living.” Many times the souls would ask for a Mass to be said for them, highlighting the spiritual weight of a Mass and how it can lessen the time a person spends in purgatory before embracing the glories of heaven.



What is Purgatory?

“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.” *Catechism of the Catholic Church* Put simply, Purgatory is the “waiting room” of Heaven, a place where souls are prepared for the unimaginable joy of being with God. Most of us are not perfect at the time of our death, and just as our eyes have to adjust when moving from the darkness into light, so our immortal souls spend time “adjusting” or conforming to the perfection of Heaven. The length of time spent in Purgatory depends on the state of our soul at death and on the generosity of others to pray for us. We cannot pray for ourselves when dead, but those still alive can pray for those who have died and shorten their time in Purgatory.

November - the month for Souls in Purgatory

Mass offerings for those who have died are available from Aid to the Church in Need. If you would like to have a Mass said, pamphlets are available beside the bulletins. Have a Mass offered for your family today and the money from your offering will be sent to a poor priest overseas who will offer up the Mass for your intentions. This can also be done at any time of the year not just in November.

Change in Parish Details

With the roll out of the NBN locally it was decided the best move for the Parish was to use a “dongle” a box-like feature that makes the internet possible in portable form. This allows us to have use of the internet on the computer in the church (something we didn’t have) as well as in the office for the one price which we can determine by our usage and top up when necessary. The significant change is that we will no longer have a phone number associated with the office. If you need to contact someone from the parish the best numbers to ring are Faye - 50921326 or Marie: 0417 660 893 - this can be done at any time, not just of a Friday morning

What have you done for your Faith today?