



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: Denis Poynton

Anniversaries:

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

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

13th December – Mass - Week

Ouyen: 11:00 am

Reader: Margaret Prentice

Prayers of the Faithful: Flora Moulder

Offertory Procession: Merril & John Boland

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

20th December - Mass - Week 3

Ouyen: 11:00 am

Reader: Melanie Grace

Prayers of the Faithful: Margaret Collins

Offertory Procession: June O'Connor & Marj Hynam

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections: 29.11. 2020

Ouyen: \$164.80

Planned Giving: \$369.00

Church Cleaning:

December – Cheryl Anderson and Celia Reidy

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday from 2-6pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm & Rosary at 4pm for the needs and intentions of the Parish

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, distance needs to be kept within the line

~Communion is only under one species

~Seats used in Mass need to be wiped down after Mass.

Decision regarding CWL in our parish

After a brief meeting last week it was decided to disband our CWL branch in Ouyen. Rather, we will operate under similar circumstances as "St Joseph's Parish" with those who wish to remain as members of the CWL becoming general (private) members.

Christmas Mass this year will be at 8:30am

Christmas Morning (25th December)

*Reclining Lounge chair wanted for Father

Anthony - if anyone has a spare, is getting new furniture or knows of one available please see Marie or Faye

Next week we will have Peter Cay one of the

seminarians visiting with Fr Anthony so please make him welcome. Peter is from Vietnam and is a third year student, and has been to Ouyen before. He will be staying with Father Anthony throughout December and possibly January

Get More out of Advent with our Discussion

Group. Next Tuesday 8th at 10:00am in the Parish Centre, booklets are \$4 each and have reflections for each day. Please contact Marie if you are interested or would just like a booklet.

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.

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.

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

December is the Month of the Divine Infancy

Straighten the Path: Scott Hahn reflects on the Second Sunday in Advent

Our God is coming. The time of exile—the long separation of humankind from God due to sin—is about to end. This is the good news proclaimed in today’s liturgy.

Isaiah in today’s First Reading promises Israel’s future release and return from captivity and exile. But as today’s Gospel shows, Israel’s historic deliverance was meant to herald an even greater saving act by God—the coming of Jesus to set Israel and all nations free from bondage to sin, to gather them up and carry them back to God.

God sent an angel before Israel to lead them in their exodus towards the promised land. And He promised to send a messenger of the covenant, Elijah, to purify the people and turn their hearts to the Father before the day of the Lord.

John the Baptist quotes these, as well as Isaiah’s prophecy, to show that all of Israel’s history looks

forward to the revelation of Jesus. In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from Himself. He has reached down from heaven and made His glory to dwell on earth, as we sing in today’s Psalm.

He has done all this not for humanity in the abstract but for each of us. The long history of salvation has led us to this Eucharist, in which our God again comes and our salvation is near. And each of us must hear in today’s readings a personal call. Here is your God, Isaiah says. He has been patient with you, Peter says in today’s Epistle.

Like Jerusalem’s inhabitants in the Gospel, we have to go out to Him, repenting our sins, all the laziness and self-indulgence that make our lives a spiritual wasteland. We have to straighten out our lives so that everything we do leads us to Him.



St. John the Baptist baptises the people

Proposed Mass Timetable

Week	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am
Week 1	Robinvale	Manangatang (Ouyen Lay led)	Robinvale
Week 2	Robinvale	Manangatang	Ouyen
Week 3	Robinvale	Manangatang	Ouyen
Week 4	Robinvale	Underbool (Manang Lay led)	Ouyen
Week 5	Robinvale	Manangatang	Ouyen

***First Friday - Patchewollock 10:00am**

What have you done for your Faith today?