



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 and Laura Burns.

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

Friday 25th December - Mass

Ouyen: 8:30 am

Reader: John Nihill

Prayers of the Faithful: Lorna Keam

Offertory Procession: Shaddock family

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Sunday 27th December - Mass Wk 4

U'Bool: 9:00 am

Ouyen: 11:00am

Reader: Peter Shaddock

Prayers of the Faithful: Sally Williams

Offertory Procession: Vallance Family

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections: 13.12. 2020

Patche: \$

Ouyen: \$183.50

Planned Giving: \$1024.00

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

New Procedures and Precautions for Mass:

~Face masks do not need to be worn unless you cannot distance.

~Hand sanitizer must be used (before signing in)

~You will be required to fill in tracing details prior to Mass either with pen and paper or using a smart phone & the **QR tracing available** in a few locations at both doors

~Social distancing is now reduced to 1 to 2square metres (using QR tracing)

~The "Sign of Peace" will be via a gesture

~Communion is only under one species with only one line for Communion

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

Last Minute Christmas Gifts – Mary MacKillop rosary beads, Christmas cards and possibly a calendar still available in the piety stall after Mass.

Christmas Mass In Ouyen will be at 8:30am
Christmas Morning (25th December)

Mildura Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December

6pm Sacred Heart Mildura

6pm Our Lady of Lourdes Werrimull

7.30pm Our Lady's Merbein

8pm St Joseph's Red Cliffs

9.30pm Sacred Heart Mildura

12pm Midnight Sacred Heart Mildura

Christmas Day Friday 25th December

8.30am St Francis Xavier Irymple

9am Sacred Heart Mildura

10.30am St Joseph's Red Cliffs 10.30am Our Lady's Merbein

New Years Day

Friday 1st January 2021 9.30am Sacred Heart Mildura

Robinvale Mass Times For Christmas

Manangatang: Thursday 24th, 5pm Christmas Vigil

Robinvale: Thursday 24th, 8pm Christmas Vigil

Robinvale: Friday 25th, 11am Christmas Day

Parish Mass Timetable

Wk 1 **Patche** (First Friday) Mass 10:00am

Ouyen Assembly 9:00am 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

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

The Mystery Kept Secret: Scott Hahn reflects on the fourth week of Advent

What is announced to Mary in today's Gospel is the revelation of all that the prophets had spoken. It is, as Paul declares in today's Epistle, the mystery kept secret since before the foundation of the world.

Mary is the virgin prophesied to bear a son of the house of David (see [Isaiah 7:13–14](#)). And nearly every word the angel speaks to her today evokes and echoes the long history of salvation recorded in the Bible.

Mary is hailed as the “daughter Jerusalem,” called to rejoice that her king, the Lord God, has come into her midst as a mighty saviour (see [Zephaniah 3:14–17](#)).

The One whom Mary is to bear will be Son of “the Most High”—an ancient divine title first used to describe the God of the priest-king

Melchizedek, who brought out bread and wine to bless Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see [Genesis 14:18–19](#)).

He will fulfil the covenant God makes with His chosen one, David, in today's First Reading. As we sing in today's Psalm, He will reign forever as highest of the kings of the earth, and He will call God “my Father.” As Daniel saw the Most High grant everlasting dominion to the Son of Man (see [Daniel 4:14; 7:14](#)), His kingdom will have no end.

He is to rule over the house of Jacob—the title God used in making His covenant with Israel at Sinai (see [Exodus 19:3](#)), and again used in promising that all nations would worship the God of Jacob (see [Isaiah 2:1–5](#)).

Jesus has been made known, Paul says today, to bring all nations to the obedience of faith. We are called with Mary today to marvel at all that the Lord has done throughout the ages for our salvation. And we too must respond to this annunciation with humble obedience—that His will be done, that our lives be lived according to His word.



How do the elves clean Santa's sleigh on the day after Christmas? They use Santa-tizer.
How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? Nothing, it was on the house!
What do you call a broke Santa Claus? Saint-nickel-less.
What goes “Oh, Oh, Oh”? Santa walking backwards!

St Joseph's Church, Ouyen

People to building capacity ratio

Total capacity 156

What have you done for your Faith today?