



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Ouyen, Patchewollock, Tempy, Underbool, Walpeup

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## Recent Deaths:

## Anniversaries:

**Sick:** Susan O'Sullivan, Chris Burns, Joan Bathgate, Terri Scott, Mark Weir, Cate Poynton, Josephine Sciberras and Judy Dowsley 🙏

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

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Mass – Wk 5

**Ouyen:** 11:00 am

**Reader:** Gerald Leach

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

**Offertory Procession:** Brady Family

**Projectionist:** Marie Shaddock

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Assembly – Wk 1

**Ouyen:** 9:00am

**Reader:** Les Gregg

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Merrill Boland

**Eucharistic Minister:** Gerald Leach

**Leader:** Flora Moulder

**Collections:** 15<sup>th</sup>. 8. 2021

Ouyen: \$ 244.50

Planned Giving: \$438.00

## Church Cleaning:

August – Faye Nihill & Ellen Bonica

## Presbytery Cleaning:

August – Marie Shaddock

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

After Mass (11:45am) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, and of a Thursday afternoon during and after Adoration and or Mass (in consultation with Father) or at any other time by appointment with Father.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Thursdays 2:00pm – 6:00 pm, all welcome.

### St Joseph's Parish Mass Timetable

Wk 1	<b>Patche</b>	Mass	11:30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday
	<b>Ouyen</b>	Assembly	9:00am	Sunday
Wk 2	<b>Ouyen</b>	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 3	<b>Ouyen</b>	Mass	8:30am	Sunday
Wk 4	<b>Ouyen</b>	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
	<b>U'Bool</b>	Mass	3:00pm	Sunday
Wk 5	<b>Ouyen</b>	Mass	11:00am	Sunday

**HERE WE GO AGAIN!** We will be delivering or emailing the bulletins each Friday while we are in Lock down so ,please watch your

mail/boxes. Next week we will be leaving St Paul's Publications and begin printing our own readings. This will save a bit of money, give us more space, better print and stop the doubling up of commentaries. There may be a few hiccups along the way but hopefully we will have a better bulletin at the end of the day or week.

**\*If you have any concerns or questions, please phone: 0417660893 (Marie)**

**Our Weekday Mass is changing to Friday's** at 4pm beginning this week Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Adoration will remain on Thursday's, between 2:00pm – 6:00pm

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PANDEMIC Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

Join us in the church for the Rosary at 2pm or wherever you are, as we unite with the rest of Australia. See more on the next page.

## **You are invited to join the national prayer**

campaign and in a special way support the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council. As the first Assembly in October 2021 draws nearer, all people are invited to become 'Prayer Partners' to accompany the Members and invoke the Holy Spirit on this historic gathering for the Church in Australia. This can be done as a group or in your own private prayer.

## **Social Justice Sunday – August 29, 2021**

The Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour." It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. You can download the statement from the ACBC Office for Social Justice at the website below or the hard copy will be out soon.

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>.

**Major earthquake hits Haiti** Over 1,400 people have died and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and more than 30,000 families have been left homeless. There is immediate need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid. To help you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

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## August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Mass readings concludes the meditations on the Eucharist

The Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood or return to their former ways of life. Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading.

Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see [Genesis 12:1–9](#)). And he issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us.

It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world.

As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, just as a husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.



#### **BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – 5<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

### **National Day of Prayer for the Pandemic – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

The team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting, in consultation with many church leaders and prayer networks, including Bishop Philip Huggins and the National Council of Churches, is calling Australia to unite in prayer in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis. The theme is found in this beautiful liturgical prayer: "Lord have mercy — Jesus have mercy". We encourage you to pray in your own church and in your own way at this time. To facilitate a national prayer focus, the team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting are providing the following prayer resources and opportunities:

- Every day from Monday 16 – Sunday, August 22 a Daily Devotion will be sent out to those who register. Each Daily Devotion will include a prayer from a different Church leader.
- Every night from 8.00pm AEST, Monday 16 – Sunday, August 22 a nightly Prayer Call will take place with input from a different church leader each night.
- On Sunday, August 22 from 9.00am – 9.00pm the National Day of Prayer & Fasting team will host a Zoom Prayer call featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Come for a short while or come for a long while. Let us join in prayer for our nation.
- Register at <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

**What have you done for your faith today?**



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**Wisdom From the Saints:** "Let go of your plans. The first hour of your day belongs to God. Tackle the days work that he charges you with, and he will give you the power to accomplish it." St Edith Stein – Jewish convert, Carmelite sister and Martyr at Auschwitz in 1942

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 22<sup>nd</sup> August



### First Reading

A reading from the first book of the Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom

we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 33:2-3, 16-23, R. v.9](#)

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)

3. They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)

4. Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)

5. Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be  
condemned. (R.)

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to

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make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.'

For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

### Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
has eternal life, says the Lord,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.

**What have you done for your faith today?**