

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

7th August 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones forever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading [Wis 18:6-9](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading [Heb 11:1-2, 8-19](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms

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about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 12:32-48](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Reflection by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant. While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

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Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, Laura Burns, Joan Bathgate and Marj Hynam 🙏

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

Sunday 14th August – Mass

Ouyen: 11:00 am Sunday

Reader: Gerald Leach

Prayers of the Faithful: Margaret Collins

Offertory Procession: Kathy Loxton &

Cheryl Anderson

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections 31st July

Ouyen: \$188.50

Planned Giving: \$200.00

Church Cleaning:

August: Faye Nihill & Ellen Bonica

Presbytery Cleaning:

August: Marie Shaddock

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father will be available after the Friday Mass for Reconciliation, after the 11:00am Masses, or at any other time by appointment.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday from 2:00 – 5:00pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm and Rosary at 4:00pm; all welcome.

Prayer For Australia: Eternal Father, I offer you the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ offered at all the Masses throughout the world for the Holy atonement, and to protect Australia from the sin of abortion, euthanasia, and from every evil. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the New Covid Provisions: ~ QR Codes are no longer required to sign in~ Face masks are no longer required to be worn~

Kindness and Common Sense strictly enforced

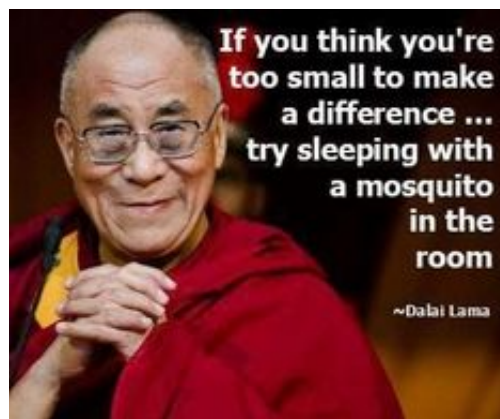
Pope's Prayer Intention for August: *Small*

Businesses We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Mass Timetable

Wk 1 Patche	Mass	11:30am	1 st Friday
Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	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

Don't Forget - Mass this Friday at 10:00am



Side door entrance: we are asking anyone with any mobility issues, and those who use gofers, to enter via the side (north facing) door. This has a much wider opening on level ground and is ideal for dropping off/picking up or parking gofers. For those with gofers we would ask you to **please use the gravel to drive on**, rather than the pavers which are too narrow and have a dangerous lip. If you are aware of any other potential hazards please notify: Faye, Cheryl or Marie.

***Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal 14th August** envelopes are out this week and next week.

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Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue in their preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation: Nigel Hamilton, Liam Hamilton, Keely O'Shannessy, George Scott and Ann Bosco.

CatholicCare Victoria (previously Centacare) delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community **help CatholicCare Victoria** support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. **Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal 14th August** Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Come and have a Cuppa in the Parish Centre after Mass today 😊

KNOWING JESUS DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS You cannot become what you do not know. Join us as we seek to dive deep into the life of Jesus to expand our understanding of who He is and help us live and become more like Him. This FREE Daily Devotional series is presented by Bruce Downes, known as The Catholic Guy, and starts on **Monday 15 August**. What people have said about the Daily Devotional Videos: *Love the spiritual knowledge packed messages that you share with all of us. Thank you for spreading this very important message in a way that I understand and look forward to daily!*

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Catholic Women's League Victoria Wagga Wagga Annual Conference: August 20–21

Members of CWLVicWW, along with family and friends, are invited to attend the 2022 Annual Conference on Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21 at Australian Catholic University in Fitzroy. Hear from Keynote Speaker Monica Doumit and others, while enjoying an opportunity to reconnect and refresh. Registration forms must be received by August 12 and are available via email cwlvicww@gmail.com. More information on the conference is available at <https://www.cwlvicww.org.au/current-event/conference/>

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Parish Meeting: Minutes of the meeting can be found on the table nearest the kitchen at the back of the church. Below are some of the points that came out of the recent Parish meeting:

***Now that we can gather again,** we will return to having our “cuppa” on the 1st Sunday of each month. We want everyone to feel welcome and able to come so, the parish will provide biscuits but anyone is welcome to bring something to share if you wish – it is you we value.

***Our new Parish Safety Officer** is Mrs Melanie Grace. Thank you, Mel, for taking on this important role. A reminder that if you see something that concerns you please report it directly to Melanie or Fr Anthony. It is important that any concerns are addressed and as soon as possible.

Louise Fitzpatrick Leach has kindly offered to be our Parish Social Justice Person; thank you Louise for your generosity! ***Sacristan** – after the sudden and sad loss of John Galvin, who did so much around the church, Leo & Marlene O'Callaghan have volunteered to take over John's duties. They will be helped by Louise & Gerald Leach when needed, and also by Peter & Marie Shaddock.

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