



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Ouyen, Patchewollock, Tempy, Underbool, Walpeup

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

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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, Denis Poynton, Chris Hall and Fr Bernard Buckley.

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

~There will be No Masses in the Parish due to the new restrictions which are in force until the 13th of September.

~Bulletins will be able to be collected from the Parish Centre which will be open from 10am – 4pm each Friday.

~Baskets (on the table) for the 2 collections will also enable you to leave your usual offerings.

~Return pledge cards can also be left either in or beside the appropriate basket on the table.

~If you have any questions or concerns please call either: Faye 50 921 326 or Marie 0417 660 893.

Collections: Ouyen 6. 9. 2020

Planned Giving \$1,937.00

Presbytery \$80.00

*Lebanon Collection \$150.00

Local On-line Mass:

We are very pleased to say that **St Joseph's Parish, Ouyen is now on YouTube! You can watch our Parish Mass from 5pm of a Saturday or any time after that, by going to: [St Joseph's Parish Ouyen YouTube](#); just as you would if you were watching the Mildura Mass.

Planned Giving Pledges: 😊 Thank you to those who have returned their cards, it is greatly appreciated. If you have not returned yours yet could you please do so immediately. Cards can be left in the office of a Friday, mailed or can be collected from you, if you prefer. The new program began Sunday September 6th.

Not so local Masses:

~**St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat:** Mass livestreamed daily from the Cathedral at 10.00am

can be viewed [here](#) or on [facebook](#). Otherwise the website is: (www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) if you receive this via email you can click on the "here" mentioned to take you to the link.

Holy Land - Good Friday Collection this Sunday, please give generously!

This Sunday is Child Protection Sunday

The Catholic Church in Australia marks this day as one on which we pray for those who have been abused, for their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults. You can find out more at:

www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Tues 8th Sept Birth of Mary, Mother of God

Apologies for the glitch which prevented this going to air. With any luck we will have something even better to replace it with!

This month's Horizon magazines have arrived

please make sure you collect yours. They are beside the bulletins in the Parish Centre.

We would love to hear any comments you have regarding our YouTube Mass. It is still very much a work in progress and your thoughts and suggestions are very welcome! 😊

Advent and Christmas is going to look a little different this year and we would like to encourage you to join an on-line reflection group similar to that at in Lent. The idea is that we have 6—8 online groups from around the Parishes of Mildura, Merbein, Ouyen, Red Cliffs and Robinvale as well as face to face if allowed. These online groups will be at different times through the week which will allow us to join together with others from around the region to prepare for the birth of Christ. The first week of Advent commences on the 29th November and in preparation. Cost for the booklet will be \$4.00 Could you please notify Marie as soon as possible if you are interested so that we can order the booklets.

Would you like to be able to access our local

Mass on-line or are you having difficulty getting Mass on-line? We can help. Please let us know.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Parish Safety Officer: Mrs Marie Shaddock 0417 660 893

The Debt We Owe - Scott Hahn Reflects on the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life.

Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master.

It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see [Proverbs 24:6](#); [Leviticus 16](#)). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time.

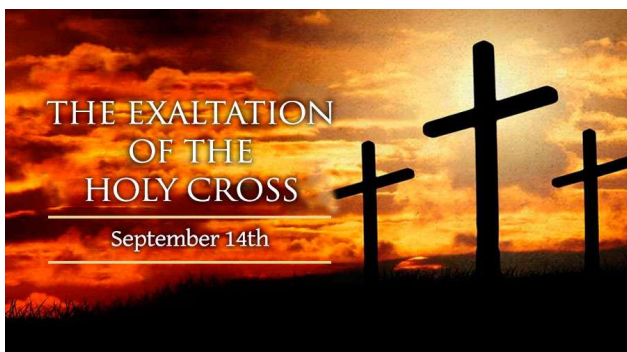
We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful. But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us? Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see [Revelation 5:9](#)). As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes.

The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us. This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ (see [Romans 14:10, 12](#)).

So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion. The feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his saving death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven

opened. The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free." The following day is the Feast of **Our Lady of Sorrows. The title 'Our Lady of Sorrows' given to our Blessed Mother, focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by Simeon (a sword shall pierce your heart). Interestingly, the feast was officially placed in the Roman Missal under the title of 'Our Lady of Compassion', highlighting the great love our Blessed Mother displayed in suffering with her Son. As Mary stood by the cross of her son sharing his suffering and pain, today she stands beside each one of us. She urges us to trust, to be hopeful and most of all to conquer each moment with love, knowing that Calvary is not the end but the beginning!**