



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Ouyen, Patchewollock, Tempy, Underbool, Walpeup

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Recent Deaths: Marj Morrish

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 and Fr Bernard Buckley.

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

~There are No Masses in the Parish just yet. Mass is streamed on YouTube.
~The church Is open for private prayer each weekday between 10 – 4pm
~ Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday between 2 – 6pm
~Bulletins can 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.
~If you have any questions or concerns please call either: Faye 50 921 326 or Marie 0417 660 893.

Collections: Ouyen 20. 9. 2020
Planned Giving \$164.00
Presbytery \$77.00

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](#)

~**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.

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! 😊

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

Good News!!! Our church is now open for private prayer this means Adoration will begin again of a Thursday from 2-6pm. Masks are essential as is singing in; a list of important prayer needs is also on the table where you sign in.

Advent and Christmas is going to look a little different this year and we would like to encourage you to join one of our on-line/in-person reflection groups similar to that at in Lent. 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.

St Vincent de Paul Drought Community

Support Initiative: St Vincent de Paul are available to assist those who are eligible for round 2 of the Drought Community Support Initiative funding. Funding of \$3,000 per application is available for farming households who meet the eligibility criteria: For more information call the Drought Team 1300 846 643 or go to www.vinnies.org.au/drougthelp.

The Journey to the Plenary Council 2020

continues. Copies of the discernment papers are available in the parish office beside the bulletins. Next step on Plenary Council journey: As part of the ongoing journey for the Plenary Council, work has commenced on the preparation of the *instrumentum laboris*, or working document, for the Council. Fr Kevin Lenehan is part of the *instrumentum laboris* writing team

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

It's St Mary's 10th Anniversary and you're

invited! To mark the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint, the Sisters of Saint Joseph invite you to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of Saint Mary of the Cross. The Sisters have created commemorative prayers, videos and a global vigil in of honour Mary throughout September and October (see the link below)

<https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary>

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Parish Safety Officer: Mrs Marie Shaddock 0417 660 893

The Humble Path - Scott Hahn Reflects on the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard, but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance.

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross (see [Romans 5:14](#)). In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ. This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants.

As God tells Ezekiel today, this is the way to death. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

Mary looks lovingly down from Heaven at her children in Korea



"For 23 years the faithful have been meeting every Tuesday in Seoul Cathedral to pray to the Blessed Virgin to intercede for reunification," said Bishop Alfred Xuereb, the new nuncio in South Korea and Mongolia, "and I am sure that Mary looks down lovingly from Heaven at her children in Korea."

The first missionaries arrived in Korea in 1592 or 1593. The Church was persecuted three times in this region: from 1801 to 1831, the Church of Korea, composed of 10,000 faithful, remained without priests and kept the faith through devotion to Mary; between 1839 and 1846, 6,000 Catholics died as martyrs, among them the first Korean native priest; in 1866, two bishops, 7 missionaries and 10,000 Christians were killed. These persecutions produced an even stronger reliance on the Blessed Virgin. Many families used the Rosary, scapulars, and medals to help them hold on to their faith. In North Korea, the atheistic regime discourages Marian shrines. But faith in God is alive and heroic. In the midst of the communist occupation, the Catholics built a new church in Pyongyang in 1988, dedicating it to "Our Lady of Perpetual Help." In South Korea, WWII fighting ended on August 15, 1945 (feast of the Assumption of Mary), along with the Japanese domination that had lasted for 35 years. On December 8, 1948 (feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary), Korea was admitted to the United Nations. These key dates are not coincidental for Korean Catholics, who see in them a sign of Mary's special protection. There are 200 churches dedicated to Mary in South Korea, the most prominent being Seoul Cathedral, dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.