



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: Val Sleep

Anniversaries: Rachel Cook

Sick: Susan O'Sullivan, Kate Walsh, Chris Burns, Joan Bathgate, Terri Scott, Mark Weir, Cate Poynton, Josette Sultana, Josephine Sciberras, Laura Burns and Denis Poynton.

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



~ Mass this weekend is at 9:00am on Sunday at the back of the church
~ Our Mass schedule will begin once we know what we are able to do.
~ There will be no more Mass streamed on YouTube while we can go to Mass.
~ The church is open for private prayer each weekday between 10 – 4pm except Thursday when it is 10 – 6 pm
~ Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday between 2 – 6pm
~ Bulletins will now be collected at Mass or by private arrangement.
~ If you have any questions or concerns please call either: Faye 50 921 326 or Marie 0417 660 893.

Collections: 15.11. 2020

Ouyen: \$204.40

Planned Giving: \$661.00

Procedures and Precautions for Mass:

- ~ Face masks are to be worn at all times except when receiving Communion or Reading from the lectern.
- ~ Hand sanitizer must be used (before signing in)
- ~ You will be required to fill in tracing details prior to Mass
- ~ Social distancing of must be adhered to
- ~ The "Sign of Peace" will be via a gesture
- ~ There will be one line for receiving Communion and distance needs to be kept within the line
- ~ Communion is only under one species
- ~ Prayer cards & hymnals used in Mass need to be wiped down after Mass.
- * If possible, we ask you to provide your own chair while Mass is outside. This is a further precaution and also helps those setting up and

packing away. Chairs will be available for those who need assistance.

A new directive resulting from the Royal

Commission means that **ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS** require a Working With Children Check. These (WWCC) can be completed online, are free and can be done in the parish office. For more information, please see Marie.

Get More out of Advent Discussion Groups – in the flesh! Tuesday's at 10:00am in the Parish Centre, booklets are \$4 each and have reflections for each day. Please contact Marie if you are interested.

Red Wednesday - On 25 November the Pontifical Foundation *Aid to the Church in Need* is asking Catholics around the world to commemorate Red Wednesday and pray in solidarity with those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their faith. Wear something red in solidarity with those who have suffered for or shed their blood for their faith, and join us at the church for the Rosary at 4pm.

St Mary MacKillop Commemorative Rosary beads have arrived for those who were/are interested. A pair will be hanging on our Lady's statue in the parish centre; cost is \$40.

CWL - Memberships are due. Membership only is \$35; membership and Horizon magazine are \$65. Please pay either Margaret Collins or Cheryl Anderson.

Aid to the Church in Need Christmas cards have arrived. A pack of 12 cards is \$15 and proceeds go to help those Christians around the world who are in urgent need as well as: priests, seminarians and religious in countries where there is poverty and persecution.

Columban Calendars have arrived for those who ordered them. Please see Margaret or Cheryl for yours. Calendars are \$9.00 and we do have a couple of spares if you would like one.

Catholic Care Victoria: Victoria's bishops have announced the merging of CatholicCare Melbourne and Gippsland, and Sandhurst as well as Centacare Ballarat, to form a single, new entity, 'CatholicCare Victoria' from January 1, 2021. Further information is available from the diocesan website.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Parish Safety Officer: Mrs Marie Shaddock 0417 660 893

November is the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

When the End Comes: Scott Hahn reflects on the Solemnity of Christ the King

The Church year ends today with a vision of the end of time. The scene in the Gospel is stark and resounds with Old Testament echoes.

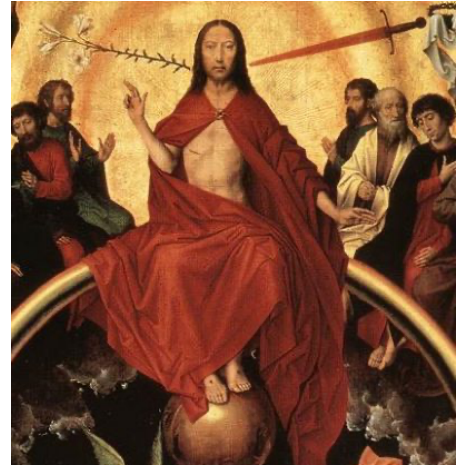
The Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language. The nations have been gathered to see His glory and receive His judgment. The King is the divine shepherd Ezekiel foresees in today's First Reading, judging as a shepherd separates sheep from goats.

Each of us will be judged upon our performance of the simple works of mercy we hear in the Gospel today. These works, as Jesus explains today, are reflections or measures of our love for Him, our faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all our might and our neighbour as ourselves.

Our faith is dead, lifeless, unless it is expressed in works of love.

And we cannot say we truly love God, whom we cannot see, if we don't love our neighbour, whom we can. He healed our sickness, freed us from the prison of sin and death, welcomed us who were once strangers to His covenant. He clothed us in Baptism, and feeds us with the food and drink of His own body and blood. The Lord is our shepherd, and we are to follow His lead, to imitate His example.

Let us strive to follow Him in right paths, that this kingdom might be our inheritance, that we might enter into the eternal rest promised for the people of God.



Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2021 continues slowly. While it is in a context more different and difficult than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever. The six discernment papers have been released and are available to read at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/ead>, however we as a parish will be waiting until the next year before doing anything more.

November - the month for Souls in Purgatory

Mass offerings for those who have died are available from Aid to the Church in Need. If you would like to have a Mass said, pamphlets are available beside the bulletins. Have a Mass offered for your family today and the money from your offering will be sent to a poor priest overseas who will offer up the Mass for your intentions. This can also be done at any time of the year not just in November.

Change in Parish Details

With the roll out of the NBN locally it was decided the best move for the Parish was to use a “dongle” a box-like feature that makes the internet possible in portable form. This allows us to have use of the internet on the computer in the church (something we didn't have) as well as in the office for the one price which we can determine by our usage and top up when necessary. The significant change is that we will no longer have a phone number associated with the office. If you need to contact someone from the parish the best numbers to ring are Faye - 50921326 or Marie: 0417 660 893 - this can be done at any time, not just of a Friday morning

Wisdom for Today's World, from of Old - adapted from the Horizon

In the end people appreciate honest criticism far more than flattery - *Proverbs 28:23*

Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses - *Proverbs 27:6*

A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered. Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent and discerning holds his tongue - *Proverbs 17: 27-28*

He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin - *Proverbs 13:3*

A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much - *Proverbs 20:19*

He who repeats an evil report has no sense. Never repeat gossip, and you will not be reviled . . . Let anything you hear die within you, be assured it will not make you burst - *Sirach 19: 5-6*

What have you done for your Faith today?