



# 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:

## Anniversaries:

**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.**

**Good News!!!** 🎉 🙌 **Mass is Back** 🎉 🙌

& The church is open for private prayer – it could almost be like the old days – before masks. 🙌

Adoration is every Thursday from 2-6pm. Masks are essential as is signing in; a list of important prayer needs is also on the table in the church where you sign in.

~ **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 Thur when it is 10 – 6**  
~ **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:** 1.11. 2020

Underbool: \$55

Patche: \$40

Ouyen: \$319.65

Planned Giving: \$2,764.00

## **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.

## **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 - This months Horizons and newsletter**

have arrived! Memberships are also 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.

## **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 and join us at the church for the Rosary at 4pm.

## **Marist House Fitzroy University residence**

Marist House is a residential program for young adults who are studying at one of the many universities in and around Melbourne. Whether from the city or the country, Marist House provides young people with a safe, stable and supportive environment in which to engage with their tertiary studies. Hosted by a resident community of Marist Brothers, Marist House offers a communal setting for young people desiring to live together, open to exploring their Catholic/Christian faith and engaging in service to the wider community. It also serves as a hub for Young Marists in Melbourne. For more information see Marie.

**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

# Members of the Wedding: *Scott Hahn reflects on the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour, some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together.

This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel. In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom. In this, He fulfills God's ancient promise to join himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride. The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church.

We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (see [Revelation 19:7-9](#); [21:1-4](#)).

As St. Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour. We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God—virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm.

We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes.

If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry. We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God, hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet that will satisfy our souls.

### Change in Parish Details

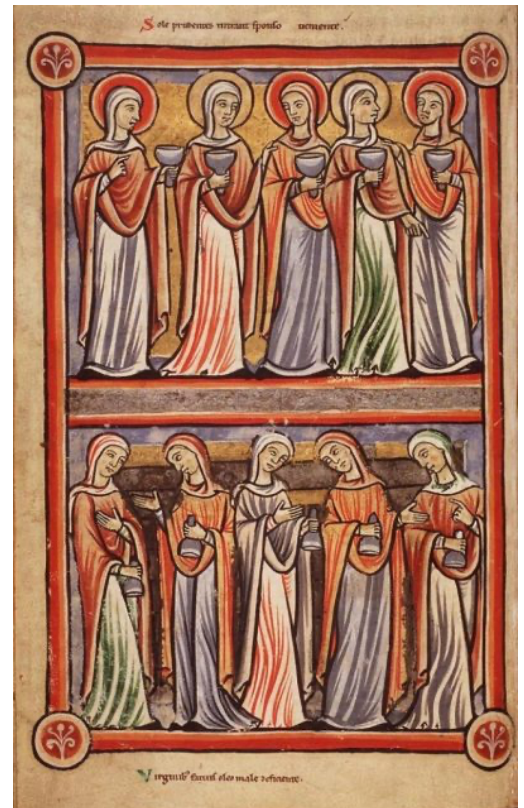
With the roll out of the NBN locally it was decided the best move for the Parish was to use a "dongle" a box-like feature that makes the internet possible in portable form. This allows us to have use of the internet on the computer in the church (something we didn't have) as well as in the office for 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

### A New Audio Prayer Resource for Children and Families

A new audio resource called 'Time With Jesus' (TWJ) is a collection of short five minute meditations that take children (and adults) on an adventure through 13 popular New Testament bible stories to meet Jesus and speak with Him. For a free sample meditation, tips on how to use the TWJ resource in families and children's ministries and to make a purchase visit [www.beheldmedia.com](http://www.beheldmedia.com), [www.parousiamedia.com](http://www.parousiamedia.com). TWJ is available on CD or mp3 format and is a joint production of Beheld Media and Parousia.

### 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.



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