

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, UNDERBOOL, WALPEUP



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29TH AUGUST 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)

2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING [Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27](#)

A reading from the letter of St James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation [Jas 1:18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

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GOSPEL [Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

The Word of the Lord . . .

An excerpt from: Dr John Bergsma.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches on the nature of God's Law. It is not that God's Law is not demanding or that it changes with time. God's Law, however, does not consist primarily in dos and don'ts of external behaviour, as important as that can be. It is primarily a rule of the soul, a guide for our interior person, which then reflects itself in our actions.

The Gospel passage is a highly edited excerpt from Jesus's debate with the Pharisees over the customs of the elders. The Pharisees had become fixated on observing these customs to the neglect of the central commandments and principles of the law. Jesus wants to call the Pharisees—and us—back from a fixation on external observance to a focus on the heart of the law, which is the proper ordering of the soul.

Ultimately, it is the interior act of the soul (what comes out of the heart) and not what materially happens to the body that "defiles" or "profanes" a person in the sight of God. The sad thing is though that regulations about exterior cleanliness are much easier to keep than purity of soul – thankfully we have recourse to the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Laughter is the Best Medicine

Interesting Year 1981

1. Prince Charles got married
2. Liverpool crowned soccer Champions of Europe
3. Australia lost the Ashes tournament.
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Interesting Year 2005

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2. Liverpool crowned soccer Champions of Europe
3. Australia lost the Ashes tournament
4. Pope Died

Lesson Learned? - The next time Charles gets married, someone warn the Pope!

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Ouyen, Patchewollock, Tempy, Underbool, Walpeup
Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu: (03) 5026 3068
Parish Contact Person: Mrs Faye Nihill 5092 1326

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Susan O'Sullivan, Chris Burns, Joan Bathgate, Terri Scott, Mark Weir, Cate Poynton, Josephine Sciberras and Judy Dowsley 🙏

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

St Joseph's Parish Mass Timetable

Wk 1	Patche	Mass	11:30am	1 st Friday
	Ouyen	Assembly	9:00am	Sunday
Wk 2	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
Wk 3	Ouyen	Mass	8:30am	Sunday
Wk 4	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday
	U'Bool	Mass	3:00pm	Sunday
Wk 5	Ouyen	Mass	11:00am	Sunday

Sunday 5th September – Assembly – Wk 1

Ouyen: 9:00am

Reader: Les Gregg

Prayers of the Faithful: Merril Boland

Eucharistic Minister: Gerald Leach

Leader: Flora Moulder

Ouyen: \$

Planned Giving: \$

Church Cleaning:

August – Faye Nihill & Ellen Bonica

Presbytery Cleaning:

August – Marie Shaddock

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After Mass (11:45am) on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month, and of a Thursday afternoon during and after Adoration and or Mass (in consultation with Father) or at any other time by appointment with Father.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays 2:00pm – 6:00 pm, all welcome

Here we go again! We will be delivering and or emailing bulletins each Friday or Saturday, while we are in lock down. Some people already have their bulletins emailed to them each week, if you would like to receive your bulletin via email, please let me know.

Our Weekday Mass is changing to Friday's at 4pm beginning whenever we can get back to Mass. Adoration will remain on Thursday's, between 2:00pm – 6:00pm

New appointment: From September 20, 2021, **Fr Gary Jones**, currently Parish Priest of Creswick and Daylesford, will become Parish Priest of Mortlake and Teran. These were the parishes that Fr Mick was looking after while he was waiting to travel.

Major earthquake hits Haiti Over 1,400 people have died and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and more than 30,000 families have been left homeless. There is immediate need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid. To help you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal by calling 1800 024 413 toll free or at www.caritas.org.au

Safeguarding Sunday – September 12 The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday on September 12 this year. This had previously been known as Child Protection Sunday, but the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference approved the change of name to better reflect the Church's policies and protocols to protect and support children and adults at risk. The day seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused and makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, especially children and other people who are at risk. We are invited to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. More information can be found at:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday>

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Thank-You! To those who have been cleaning up around the church of late. Faye and Ellen have been busy cleaning the inside windows. And last Saturday, an impromptu group arrived at the church to prune, shape and clear the gardens around the church – finishing on the stroke of 1pm. Thank you to: Neil, Carmel and Jim Vallance, Roger and Cheryl Anderson, Faye Nihill, Ellen Bonica and Peter Shaddock, it looks great! Thanks also to Peter for the “new” benches outside the church, we look forward to being able to use them again when we can get back to Mass.



Last week Fr Mick was in Mildura, some of our parishioners were able to wish him well at the dinner on Wednesday night. For most of this year, Fr Mick McKinnon has been serving the communities of Mortlake and Terang while he has been waiting for an opportunity to travel to Peru for ministry there in collaboration with the Columban’s. Fr Mick has recently received notification that he will be able to travel. He will continue as Administrator of these parishes until September 19. God bless and safe travels Fr Mick.

Social Justice Sunday – August 29, 2021

The Bishops’ Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that “we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour.” It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. You can download the statement from the ACBC Office for Social Justice at the website below or the hard copy will be out soon.

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>.

“Mission: one heart many voices” Virtual Conference

Inspired by Jesus, this conference will focus on themes of encounter on the margins, inclusion, governance and synodality and challenge you to consider contemporary mission in light of Pope Francis’ teaching, witness and vision of liminal leadership in mission. The Conference is from September 1-3, 2021 and is being convened by Catholic Religious Australia in conjunction with Catholic Mission. An opportunity not to be missed. Check it out at <https://2021.mohmv.com.au/>.

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – 5th Sept.

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY’S
RESPONSIBILITY

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