

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



Second Sunday in Advent Yr A

4th December 2022

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice
heard
in the joy of your heart.

First Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

The blessing cup that we bless is a communion
with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we
break is a communion with the body of Christ.
The fact that there is only one loaf means that,
though there are many of us, we form a single
body because we all have a share in this one loaf.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Jesus remember me.

1. How precious, O God is your constant love. We
find protection under your shadow.
2. God, continue to love those who you know and
to do good to those who are righteous.
3. Acknowledge that the Lord is good. He made
us and we belong to him. We are his people: the
sheep of his flock.
4. The Lord is good his love is eternal.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

Each time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you are proclaiming the death of the Lord Jesus.
This is what I have received from the Lord, and
in turn passed onto you: that on the same night
he was betrayed; the Lord Jesus took some
bread, and thanked God for it, and he said: "This
is my body which is for you: do this as a
memorial to me."

In the same way he took the cup after supper,
and said: "This is the new covenant in my blood.
Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial to
me."

Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you
eat the bread and drink this cup you are
proclaiming his death.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

"I am the living Bread that comes down from
heaven" says the Lord. Whoever eats this bread
will live forever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at
hand.**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he
preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this
was his message: *'Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven is close at hand.'*

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This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

*A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, they confessed their sins.

But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones.

Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire.

I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Reflection by Sr Dianne Bergant CSA



Today's readings are like Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. The biblical authors sketch profiles of individuals after whom we can model our lives as we embark on our pilgrimage towards our final days. Isaiah depicts the righteous messianic king; Paul provides us with a glimpse of Jesus, the one who ministers to all; and Matthew describes John

the Baptist, the prophet who prepared for the Advent of Christ.

The gifts Isaiah attributes to the messianic king are the same gifts that we receive with the anointing of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. The image of the messianic king may have been fulfilled in Jesus, but it is also offered to us as a model after which we can and should pattern our lives.

Paul declares that Christ came for all. Just as the Canterbury tales describe pilgrims of all backgrounds and characters, so our companions on the pilgrimage come from diverse circumstances. Since the invitation was extended to all, we are expected to welcome all. Some of Chaucer's characters were quite unpleasant, but they were part of the group. Many of the people to whom Jesus ministered were quite unpleasant, but this did not deter him. His example is set before us today.

John the Baptist lived a life of radical self-denial, but he did not require this of others. He preached repentance or change of heart, not a rejection of the circumstances of life. He called for a return to righteousness, to relationships rooted in honesty and respect. He condemned presumption and arrogant reliance on one's religious origin, complacency and the shirking of responsibility, disinterest in the welfare of others.



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Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Cora Jardine, Judi Floyd, Laura Burns and John Nihill 🙏

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

Sunday 11th December – Mass

Ouyen: 11:00 am

Reader: Louise Leach

Prayers of the Faithful: Gerald Leach

Offertory Procession: The Bosco Family

Eucharistic Minister: Leo O'Callaghan

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections 27th November

Underbool: \$70.00

Ouyen: \$ 313.00

Planned Giving: \$460.00

Church Cleaning:

December: Celia Reidy & Cheryl Anderson

Presbytery Cleaning:

December: Ellen Bonica

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father will be available after the Friday Mass for Reconciliation, after the 11:00am Masses, or at any other time by appointment.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: each Thursday from 2pm-5pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm & Rosary 4pm; all welcome.

Christmas Mass 2022 – Ouyen 5:45pm with Carols from 5:30

Beware of carpet bubbles/ripples: Due to the recent rain, large ripples of carpet have been appearing throughout the church. As the ground dries out, they will disappear but until then please watch where you put your feet as they are a real tripping hazard!

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations - We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.

Prayer For Australia: Eternal Father, I offer you the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ offered at all the Masses throughout the world for the Holy atonement, and to protect Australia from the sin of abortion, euthanasia, and from every evil. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen

Summary of the New Covid Provisions:

- ~ QR Codes are no longer required to sign in
- ~ Face masks are no longer required to be worn
- ~ Kindness and Common Sense strictly enforced

Mass Timetable

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

No Mass this Friday the 9th of December

Anointing Mass with Reconciliation will be celebrated on Friday the 16th December at 10am

Side door entrance: we are asking anyone with any mobility issues, and those who use gofers, to enter via the side (north facing) door. This has a much wider opening on level ground and is ideal for dropping off/picking up or parking gofers. For those with gofers we would ask you to please use the gravel to drive on, rather than the pavers. If you are aware of any other potential hazards please notify: Faye, Cheryl or Marie.

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Congratulations to Chloe and Matilda Brady who today received their First Holy Communion. They and their family have been busily preparing for this day and have done a lot of preparation. Please come along, have a cuppa, and congratulate Chloe and Matilda in the Parish Centre after Mass. Ann will be making her first Holy Communion in January with her cousins, when she returns to India over the holidays. Please remember in your prayers all the children and their families preparing for the Sacraments.

Stations of Christmas: Fr Gary Jones has put together a great prayer resource for Advent which help remind us of the journey to Christmas. The Stations of Christmas are simple reflections that allow us to keep us focused on the events that lead to the birth of Jesus. They are a great way of making sure we keep Christ in our Christmas. There are a few copies on the table at the back of the church near the kitchen.



December 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception & Hour of Grace: Join us in the church this Thursday 8th December, from midday until 1pm for the Hour of Grace. This is the day, on which in 1947, Our Blessed Mother gave us the Hour of Grace. Our Lady said when she appeared to Sister Pierina in a little church in Montichiari, Italy: "It is my wish that every year, on 8th December, at noon, the HOUR OF GRACE FOR THE WORLD be celebrated. Many divine and bodily graces will be received through this devotion. Our Lord, my Divine Son Jesus, will send His overflowing mercy if good people will pray continuously for their sinful brother.... it is my wish that the HOUR OF GRACE FOR THE WORLD be made known and spread throughout the world. If anyone is unable to visit his church, yet will pray at home, he will also receive graces through me.... will find a secure heavenly ladder and receive protection and grace through my motherly heart."

**St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal: The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by: Calling 13 18 12; via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods
Visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>
Or you can also: make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase.**

Christmas

Mass Times

St Mary's Church, Robinvale

Christmas vigil: 8pm Carlos, 8.15pm Mass.

Christmas Day: 11am Mass.

St Patrick's, Manangatang

Christmas Day: 9am Mass.

St. Joseph's, Ouyen

Christmas vigil: 5.30 Carlos, 5.45pm Mass.

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