

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



Christmas Day

25th December 2021

First Reading [Is 52:7-10](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,

‘Your God is king!’

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Heb 1:1-6](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.

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Come you nations and adore the Lord.
Today a great light has come upon the earth.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:1-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

In the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness, He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me
ranks before me

because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us,
received –
yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's
heart,
who has made him known.

Communion Antiphon

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation
of our God.



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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Susan O'Sullivan, Chris Burns, Joan Bathgate, Terri Scott, Mark Weir, Josephine Sciberras and Tristan Bush 🙏

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

Sunday 26th December – Mass – Wk 4

No U'bool Mass this week

Ouyen: 11:00 am

Reader: Les Gregg

Prayers of the Faithful: Carmel Vallance

Offertory Procession: The Brady Family

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Sunday 2nd January – Assembly – Wk 1

Ouyen: 9:00 am

Reader: Lorna Keam

Prayers of the Faithful: Carmel Vallance

Eucharistic Minister: John Galvin

Leader: Marlene O'Callaghan

Collections: 19th December

Ouyen: \$191.80

Planned Giving: \$ 420.00

Church Cleaning:

January: Peter & Marie Shaddock

Presbytery Cleaning:

January: Faye Nihill

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Will resume again later in January

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

The Bishop's Christmas Appeal: Is one way in which the diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance. A letter from the Bishop with a break down of last years donations and where they went is on the table at where you sign-in. ***We will take up a second collection at the Christmas Mass.**

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: for

Catechists - Let us pray for the Catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

St Joseph's Parish Masses

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

Summary of the New Covid Provisions:

***We are no longer required to check the vaccination status of those attending places of worship. *Quotient requirements are no longer in force. *Masks are not mandatory. *QR code check-ins are still required. More details are on the opposite page**

Wiping Down of Pews After Every Mass: Is now a personal choice. There will still be 2 packets of sanitizing wipes, now at the sign-in table for anyone who wishes to wipe down their seat; wipes can then be left in the bin beside the table on your way out.

Apollo Bay Parish: Fr Wally Tudor will soon be retiring from his responsibilities as Parish Priest due to health concerns. Fr Michael O'Toole will become Parish Priest of Apollo Bay. This will be in addition to his responsibilities as Parish Priest of Colac and Supervising Priest for Cororooke. Fr John Pothiyittel will become Assistant Priest of Apollo Bay Parish. This will take effect on February 1, 2022.

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Columban Calendars \$10 & Christmas Cards \$6 – we still have a few calendars and Christmas cards left if anyone is after a last minute gift or to put with a present.

😊Names for the Sick list: Please be aware that we will be removing all names from the Sick List at the end of the year, unless contacted. If you know of someone who would like to be prayed for via our sick list, please contact Marie. Please note, if you would like to include someone's name on the list, it is important that you have asked them and/or their family first.

Bishop's Letter re Covid Provisions: is on the table where you sign in if you would like to read it.

Looking Forward – Pastoral Planning for Parishes 2021 – 2025 is a draft document of proposals for the future of parishes in our diocese which involves our parish. The Parish Leadership Team in conjunction with Fr Anthony have looked at the proposals for our region and would like to share them with the parish as a whole. Fr Matthew Thomas (Mildura) will come and join us in January to discuss any benefits and concerns. More information on dates and times will be given as soon as possible.

Wishing Everyone A Happy and Holy Christmas



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