

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## First Reading [Dn 12:1-3](#)

A reading from the prophet Daniel

**When that time comes your own people will be spared.**

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** Keep me safe, O God:  
you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand  
firm. **(R.)**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
3. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

## Second Reading [Heb 10:11-14, 18](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

**By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.**

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

## Gospel Acclamation [Lk 21:36](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son  
of Man.

Alleluia!

## Gospel [Mk 13:24-32](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark

**He shall gather his elect from the four winds.**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels

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to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

## Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

**REFLECTION** *adapted from works by Dr John Bergsma & Scott Hahn*

“Tempus fugit, the Romans used to say. “Time flies.” It’s hard to believe that we are already at the second-to-last Sunday of the liturgical year.

Where has the year gone? How can it be so close to the end already? Yet these feelings are very appropriate for the Mass we celebrate this Sunday, whose readings encourage us to count time carefully, to be aware of its passage, to meditate on our mortality and the passing of all things, and to think soberly of the end and the final judgment.

The Church gives us the entire month of November to contemplate the Last Things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. We still have about two weeks left, and we should resist letting Advent and Christmas “creep forward” in our thoughts and spirituality, causing us to miss the graces that are meant for us in November.”

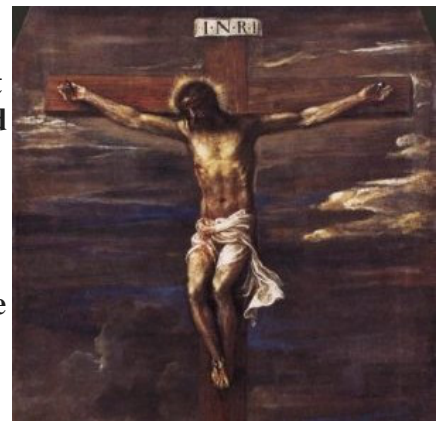
In the readings this week Jesus has reached Jerusalem. Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory. Today’s Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven’t been seen “since the beginning of God’s creation” (see [Mark 13:9](#)). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God’s creation,

a “devolution” of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see [Mark 13:7–8](#)). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9–13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God’s presence (13:14).

In today’s reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also [Isaiah 13:10](#); [34:4](#)). Into this “uncreated” darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see [Mark 8:31](#)). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—



clouds, glory, and angels (see [Daniel 7:13](#)). He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God’s promises to save “the elect,” the faithful remnant.

As today’s First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust.

As we ponder the responsorial psalm “You are my inheritance O Lord!” we are called to consider what exactly that will be. The Church gives us these last weeks of the liturgical year precisely for such self-reflection, which may lead to a healthy use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## Inspiration from the Saints

A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.

*Proverbs 25:28*

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**Parish Administrator: Fr Anthony Nagothu (03) 5026 3068**

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:**

**Sick:** Susan O'Sullivan, Chris Burns, Joan Bathgate, Terri Scott, Mark Weir and Josephine Sciberras 🙏  
**May our healing God touch the lives of our sick bringing them comfort & peace.**

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

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Mass - Full Attendance**  
(for those fully vaccinated)

**Ouyen:** 8:30 am  
**Reader:** Carmel Vallance  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** Gerald Leach  
**Offertory Procession:** Margaret Collins & Carmel Vallance  
**Projectionist:** Louise Fitzpatrick Leach

Patche: \$50:00  
Ouyen: \$128.00  
Planned Giving: \$ 2,193.00

**Church Cleaning:**

November: Joan Pohlner & Kathy Loxton

**Presbytery Cleaning:**

November: Carmel Vallance

**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:**

Thursdays 2:00pm – 6:00 pm, all welcome!

**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

**Beginning in November: St Joseph's Parish Mass Timetable**

**MASSES:** From this point on, the Sunday Masses in Ouyen will be at full capacity which means that anyone attending must be fully vaccinated and these must be visually recorded – either on your phone or else by the papers themselves. The Mass of a **Friday afternoon at 4:00pm** is not recorded and so is open to all people but is limited to 30; it also provides another opportunity for those who are unable to attend the larger Sunday Mass. If you have any questions, please ask either Faye or Marie.

**Wiping Down of Pews After Every Mass:** In an effort to reduce spread of infection and any risk of contamination 2 packets of sanitizing wipes will be left on both seats of the central front pews. **If the people nearest to them passes them out**, to their respective sides, each person can then wipe down their own seat and place their wipe in the bin on the way out.

**Retired Priests Collection** Now that we are able to gather in greater numbers we will take up the collection for the retired priests over two weeks beginning next week the 21<sup>st</sup> until and including the 28<sup>th</sup> envelopes will be there for those who wish to take them home, and a second collection will also be taken up after communion on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. Let us support those who supported us.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for November: for People Who Suffer from Depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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**Now that** we have returned to our previous Mass roster, which you can see on the opposite page, we are essentially back to full capacity. This is a good time to start with new rosters for everything, and I ask you to put your name down where you feel you can help. The lists are on the table where you sign in.

**This week we welcome into our Parish family: Leo Leach.** Leo is the second child of Ash and Dominic Leach and a little brother to Tess. We pray Leo, Tess, Ash and Dom feel welcome and at home in our parish and know that, as a parish, we are here to help support them in any way possible. May the graces they receive today strengthen them and fill them with love and joy, making them vibrant members of God's family.



**Blessed** – is a beautiful **Advent and Christmas reflection guide** that will be available for personal reflection not as a group discussion. Copies are \$5 and can be ordered by contacting Marie, as soon as possible due to the mail delays. Advent begins on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November

**Columban Calendars \$10** – unbelievably it is time to order calendars for next year. A sheet will be on the table where you sign in so that you can put your order in; to make it simpler, payment will be on delivery. We also have a good supply of **Christmas Cards \$6** for anyone wishing to get in early. The Post Office is advising that mail will take longer, so get in early.

**Looking Forward – Pastoral Planning for Parishes 2021 – 2025** is a draft document of proposals for the future of parishes in our diocese; this 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. As a result, we are planning on doing this immediately after an 11:00am Mass, followed by a shared luncheon where we can openly discuss any benefits and concerns. This will most likely take place in December, but watch this space

**Synod of Bishops** - Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**Something To Smile About . . .** Susie's husband, George, had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, prompting frequent visits by their local parish priest. Things were looking grim, but she was next to her husband's bedside every single day without exception.

One day as George slipped back into consciousness, he motioned for her to come nearer. Susie pulled the chair close to the bed and put her ear close so she could hear him. "You know," George whispered, his eyes filling with tears. "You have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired, you stuck by me. When my business went under, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you were there. My health started failing, and low and behold you were there by my side. And you know what Susie?"

"What dear," she asked, gently stroking his hand.

"I've decided you're bad luck."

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