

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

14th August 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading [Jer 38:4-6. 8-10](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **(R.)**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **(R.)**
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! **(R.)**

Second Reading [Heb 12:1-4](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of

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courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 12:49-53](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

‘Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

Communion Antiphon

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.
Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

Reflection by Scott Hahn

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us. And in this week’s Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship.

The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism. We were baptized into His death. This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week.

The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth.

The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and

our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God’s Word.

In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week’s Second Reading, nor have we undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week.

But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace. It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood.

But Christ is our peace. By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah.

And, as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast Day of this holy and momentous event stems from the middle of the 5th Century when the Commemoration of the Mother of God was celebrated each year on 15 August in a shrine located near Jerusalem. More than 100 years later, the feast also commemorated the end of Mary’s sojourn on earth and was known as the “Dormition of Our Lady.”

On 1 November in the Holy Year 1950, the day after the closing of the International Marian Congress in Rome, Pope Pius XII solemnly defined the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary’s earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary’s body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son. This is why we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary. *Adapted from the Catholic Weekly*

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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, Joan Bathgate and Marj Hynam 🙏

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

Sunday 21st August – Mass

Ouyen: 11:00 am Sunday

Reader: Lorna Keam

Prayers of the Faithful: Marlene O'Callaghan

Offertory Procession: Bosco Family

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections 7th August

Ouyen: \$243.10

Planned Giving: \$170.00

Church Cleaning:

August: Faye Nihill & Ellen Bonica

Presbytery Cleaning:

August: Marie Shaddock

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:

Every Thursday from 2:00 – 5:00pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm and Rosary at 4:00pm; all welcome.

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

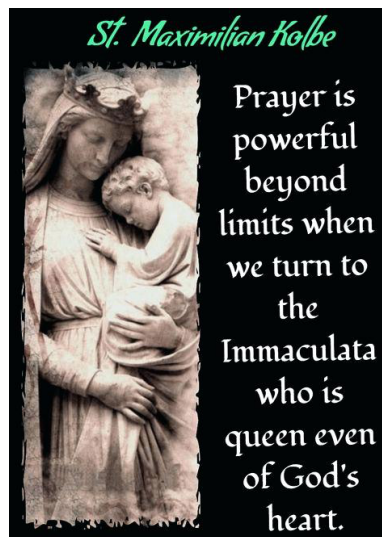
Pope's Prayer Intention for August: *Small*

Businesses We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

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

Don't Forget - Mass this Friday at 10:00am



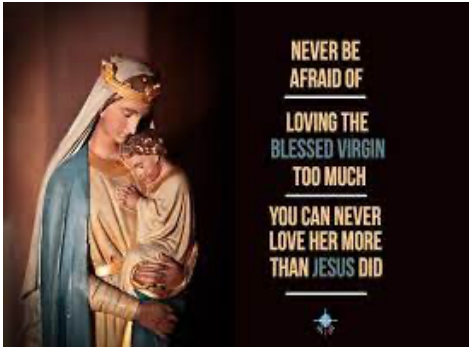
St Maximilian Kolbe died on the 14th of August 1941 in Auschwitz, having offered his life for a fellow prisoner with children. The same prisoner was able to be present in St Peter's square in 1982 when St John Paul II Canonized Maximilian Kolbe

15th August The Assumption of our Lady, Holy Day of Obligation & Indian Independence Day

 Rosary 3:45pm followed by Mass

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 which are too narrow and have a dangerous lip. If you are aware of any other potential hazards please notify: Faye, Cheryl or Marie. * **CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal 14th August** is today envelopes are available with the Bulletins.

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15th August Feast of the Assumption – Holy Day of Obligation

Join us on Monday for the Rosary at 3:45pm followed by Mass at 4pm

Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue in their preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation: Nigel Hamilton, Liam Hamilton, Keely O'Shannessy, George Scott and Ann Bosco.

CatholicCare Victoria (previously Centacare) delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community **help CatholicCare Victoria** support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. **Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal 14th August** Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

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Catholic Women's League Victoria Wagga Wagga Annual Conference: August 20–21

Members of CWLVicWW, along with family and friends, are invited to attend the 2022 Annual Conference on Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21 at Australian Catholic University in Fitzroy. Hear from Keynote Speaker **Monica Doumit** and others, while enjoying an opportunity to reconnect and refresh. Registration forms must be received by August 12 and are available via email cwlvicww@gmail.com. More information on the conference is available at <https://www.cwlvicww.org.au/current-event/conference/>

Africa Food Crisis - Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have devastated the crops of millions across the region. Your generous donation means our partners in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Eritrea can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis. Visit www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now

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