

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

OUYEN, PATCHEWOLLOCK, TEMPY, WALPEUP, UNDERBOOL



Third Sunday of Advent

12th December 2021

First Reading [Zep 3:14-18](#)

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come
to Jerusalem:

Zion, have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,

he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you

as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm [Is 12:2-6 R. v.6](#)

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among
you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation,

I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his
name!

Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord

for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One
of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Phil 4:4-7](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the
Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness.

Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the
Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but
if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking
God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that
peace of God, which is so much greater than we
can understand, will guard your hearts and your
thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation [Is 61:1 \(Lk 4:18\)](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 3:10-18](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'What must we
do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he
must share with the man who has none, and the
one with something to eat must do the same.'

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There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, ‘Master, what must we do?’ He said to them, ‘Exact no more than your rate.’ Some soldiers asked him in their turn, ‘What about us? What must we do?’ He said to them, ‘No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!’

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’ As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

REFLECTION *from: Scott Hahn*

The people in today’s Gospel are “filled with expectation.” They believe John the Baptist might be the messiah they’ve been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: “What then should we do?”

The messiah’s coming requires every man and woman to choose—to “repent” or not. That’s John’s message and it will be Jesus’ too. “Repentance” translates a Greek word, *metanoia* (literally, “change of mind”). In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a twofold “turning”—away from sin and toward God.

This “turning” is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life change. It requires “good fruits as evidence of your repentance” (see [Luke 3:8](#)). That’s why John tells the crowds, soldiers, and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty, and social justice.

In today’s Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the “good news” of John’s call to repentance. We should examine our lives, asking from our hearts as they did: “What should we do?” Our repentance should spring not from our fear of coming wrath but

from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God.

This theme resounds through today’s readings: “Rejoice! . . . The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all,” we hear in today’s Epistle.

In today’s Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord’s coming among us. In today’s First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel’s Annunciation to Mary. The prophet’s words are very close to the angel’s greeting (compare [Luke 1:28–31](#)). Mary is the Daughter Zion—the favoured one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, “a mighty Saviour.” She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: “One mightier than I is coming.”



Wisdom from the Saints:

“Children, I beseech you to correct your hearts and thoughts, so that you may be pleasing to God. Consider that although we may reckon ourselves to be righteous and frequently succeed in deceiving men, we can conceal nothing from God. *St Nicholas a fourth-century Christian bishop considered the real-life model for Santa Claus*



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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: Denis Poynton, Jean Baker

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.**

Sunday 19th December – Mass – Wk 3

Ouyen: 8:30 am

Reader: Marlene O'Callaghan

Prayers of the Faithful: Leo O'Callaghan

Offertory Procession: Cheryl Anderson &
Faye Nihill

Projectionist: Marie Shaddock

Collections: 5th December

Ouyen: \$137.50

Planned Giving: \$467.00

Church Cleaning:

December: Celia Reidy & Cheryl Anderson

Presbytery Cleaning:

December: Ellen Bonica

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

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

Christmas Mass 🎄 11:00 am Christmas Morning 25th
December

Friday Mass resumes this Friday 17th at 4:00pm

Carols by Candlelight, 🎄 **Sunday 19th 7:30 pm at
the Lake, byo: chair, voice & Christmas spirit**

MASSES: At this point, the Sunday Masses in
Ouyen will be at full capacity which means that
everyone can attend. Should our numbers exceed 50,
those attending must be fully vaccinated and this
must be visually recorded – either on your phone or
else by sighting the papers themselves. Because our
numbers are generally in the low 40's there is no
need to record vaccination details at the present.
Mass of a **Friday afternoon is at 4:00pm** and is
also not recorded, it is open to all people but is
limited to 50.

Wiping Down of Pews After Every Mass: In an
effort to reduce spread of any infection and 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.

Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal: This
Christmas donate to Vinnies. Your gift can change a
life. There are families who are experiencing
poverty and homelessness this Christmas and your
help can provide them with much needed essentials
like food, clothing and a place to call home. To
donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

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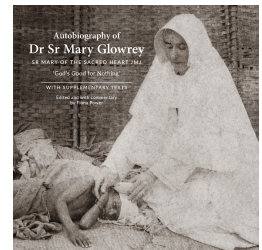


Columban Calendars \$10 – are available at the piety stall along with **Christmas Cards \$6** which are great value, 8 cards for \$6 great to put with a present or in the post. The Post Office is advising that mail will take longer, so get in early.

🎄 Christmas Mass: This year as Christmas is on a Saturday, followed the next day by the normal Sunday Mass on the 26th we will need volunteers to read, for the offertory procession etc; a sheet will be on the table at the back (where you sign in) for you to place your names. The Sunday Mass readers etc will be listed as per usual. If you will not be available when you are listed can you please find your own replacement or ring Marie 0417 660 893.

😊 Names for the Sick list: As we are coming to the end of another year it is time to refresh. If you know of someone who would like to be prayed for via our sick list, please contact Marie. We will be clearing all the names at the end of the year and beginning afresh next year. 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.

The Autobiography of Dr Sr Mary Glowrey is now available This 200 page book also features: photos from the Mary Glowrey Collection & commentaries providing cultural and historical background. **Cost:** \$49.95 + \$10 postage and handling per copy (Currently, Australia only). **Inquiries:** info@maryglowreymuseum.info or see in the Horizon. Please note that books will be available from the first week of December. *Delivery may be delayed due to demands on the postal system*



Immaculata Mission School 2022 You are invited to spend the first 9 days of 2022 with us as we discover what it means to *Be A Saint!* Program includes talks on the faith, praise & worship, daily Mass, Adoration & the Rosary, recreation, community & friendship. Families welcome and children's ministry available! Come and join us for an amazing time to grow in faith, and love for God and to make new friends!

When: 1-9th January, 2022 (Children's ministry available 4th-9th)

Where: New England Girls' School, Armidale, NSW

Cost: \$450 - includes accommodation, food, speakers, talks and activities.

For family rates, additional information and TO REGISTER see:

<http://www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims>

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre & Museum – Christmas Gifts and Accommodation With Christmas coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop. You can also, book your next stay at the **Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre** Accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300

Something to Smile about . . . The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained to youngsters in a Religious Education class at school. After the story, the children were asked to draw a picture that illustrated what had happened. Young Michael drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat behind the wheel was a man, and in the back seat was a man and a woman. The teacher was confused and asked how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. Michael explained that “This is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden.”

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