

Parish of St Mary & St Joseph

Orange

Parish of the Sacred Heart & St Lawrence O'Toole

Molong

St Mary's (Orange), St Joseph's (Orange), Sacred Heart & St Lawrence O'Toole (Molong), St Michael's (Manildra),
St Brendan's (Mullion Creek), St Patrick's (Cargo), St Columbanus' (Cudal)

The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th June 2018 - Year B

PARISH TEAM

Fr Greg Bellamy	Parish Priest
Fr Pius Khaoya	Assistant Priest
Diep Nguyen	Seminarian
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Sr Frances McAleer rsj	Resident in Molong
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OFFICE HOURS

Mon: 10.00am - 4.30pm **Tues-Fri:** 8.45am - 4.30pm
Closed - Lunch: 12.30 - 1.30pm

We recognise the Wiradjuri, Gamilaraay and Wailwan peoples as the original custodians of the land on which our Parishes stand.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June: Universal: Social Works

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Reflection

In today's Gospel Jesus has just been healing and casting out demons in Galilee. Along with the crowds, who flock to Him so that He can't even take a break to eat, come people who do not understand what He is doing. Even His friends think He has lost His mind and needs to be taken away for a while. But the scribes who came down from Jerusalem are not just honestly mistaken; they accuse Him of being possessed by the prince of demons.

The reality is just the opposite. Jesus is revealing Himself as the one promised in our first reading. He is the seed of the woman who has come to crush the head of the demonic serpent. In the parable of the strong man, Jesus reveals that He has come not just to punish the devil but to free those bound by him. As St. Bede explains, "The Lord has also bound the strong man, that is, the devil: which means, He has restrained him from seducing the elect, and entering into his house, the world; He has spoiled his house, and His goods, that is men, because He has snatched them from the snares of the devil, and has united them to His Church."

The scribes blaspheme by attributing this work of the Holy Spirit to demons. Jesus adds a statement that shocks us at first: "whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness." That does not mean that there are any limits to the mercy of God (CCC 1864). Rather, the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the deliberate refusal to accept the mercy offered through the Holy Spirit. Instead, we must imitate those who sat at Jesus' feet. For, as He said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Response to the Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Daily Prayer for the Renewal of our Parish

Heavenly Father, through your Son, you have commissioned us to go out to the whole world and make disciples. You have commissioned us to evangelise and serve the poor. You have commissioned us to worship you and pray constantly for our families, for our community, and for the whole world.

Bless and guide the pastor of our parish community and all our priests. Bless and guide the religious, parish staff, school staff, volunteers, young families, and all our community. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern Your Will for the spiritual and cultural renewal of our parish. Transform us into intentional missionary disciples who rely on your grace and so have the courage to leave all behind and follow your Son.

We entrust the renewal of our parish mission and community to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary and ask for her intercession as we strive to do Your Will.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Scripture: Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Next Week's Scripture: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

PARISH NOTICES

DAY BY DAY

Monday 11th June (Public Holiday) St Barnabas, apostle

- 8.30am Mass St Mary's
- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong

Tuesday 12th June Week 10 in Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 9.10am Rosary at St Mary's
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 11.00am St Francis Aged Care. All Welcome
- 6.00pm Word & Faith Group will meet at the Convent in Molong

Wednesday 13th June St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor

- 9.15am Mass St Lawrence Molong, all welcome
- 9.45am Word & Faith Group meet at the convent Molong
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 14th June Week 10 in Ordinary Time

- 9.10am Rosary at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Calare Nursing Home. All welcome.
- 6.00pm Holy Hour at St Joseph's

Friday 15th June Week 10 in Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 5.00-5.40pm Reconciliation at St Joseph's
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 16th June Week 10 in Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Mass Cargo
- 4.15-4.45pm Reconciliation at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Mass Manildra

Sunday 17th June Week 10 in Ordinary Time

- 8.00am Mass Mullion
- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 9.30am Mass Molong
- 11.15am Baptisms St Mary's
- 5.00pm Mass at St Joseph's
- 5.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass St Mary's



Orange Parish **Parent Information Meetings** will be held in Kenna Hall next **Wednesday 13th June 9.30am and** **Thursday 14th June 7.00pm**

All families who wish to request this sacrament in 2018 must attend one of these meetings.

Children must be in **Year 6** or above

Family Group 9

The next luncheon will be on Sunday 17th June at Duntryleague Restaurant 12noon for 12.30pm start. If unable to attend please phone Allan & Gloria 6363 1639



Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting their 2018 Winter Appeal by way of leaving collections at **Masses on the weekend of 16 & 17 June in Orange & Molong Parishes.**

Have you ever thought about giving up some of your time each week to be a 'Vinnies' volunteer? Right now there is a shortage of truck drivers in Orange to help deliver furniture. There are many other ways you can volunteer. Contact Jenny at the office in Leewood Drive on 6362 2565

Social Justice Group **Next Meeting**

4.00pm Wednesday 13th June
Kenna Hall Meeting Room
All welcome

ALPHA for Youth

What: A great way for young people to get together, share a meal and learn more about faith **Who:** Young adults aged 16-20 **Where:** Kenna Hall Meeting Room **When:** Sunday's 3:30-6pm (including Evening Mass)

JOIN THE TEAM

Position Vacant **Parish Secretary**

Part-Time 21 hours per week

Due to changes in staff hours we require an additional staff member. We are looking for a Parish Secretary to perform a variety of administrative and clerical duties. This also includes providing support to our Priests, Staff, Volunteers and Parishioners.

For a copy of the job description please email

office.orange@cDOB.org.au

Applications close Monday

18th June, 2018

Please include Resume and Covering Letter which addresses the Major Accountabilities



Stay & Play

Morning tea will be on again on 24th June from 10.30am - 11.30am In the cottage behind St Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome.

Claim the Date

RCIA Enquiry night

1st August 2018

7.30pm in Meeting Room
Kenna Hall

World Youth Day 2019

The Diocese of Bathurst will be leading a group of over 18s to Panama for an 18 Day pilgrimage from the 14th January – 1st February 2019. The pilgrimage will include an immersion experience in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, followed by World Youth Day week itself in Panama, concluding with two days post-WYD rest and relaxation at Orange County, California. The approximate cost of the Pilgrimage will be. \$5,199. Expressions of interest made online at www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

PARISH NOTICES

Giving

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Planned Giving Programme this year.

New Pledge Cards for the coming financial year are available in the cross aisle of St Joseph's and the front porch of St Mary's for you to renew your pledge,

OR

if you have not been part of the Planned Giving Programme to date, please consider joining your fellow parishioners in taking responsibility for the mission of the Church in Orange District..

Please complete and place a card in one of the collection boxes in the cross aisle OR take home, fill it out and bring back **no later than 17th June.**

As the end of the financial year is fast approaching, it is now time to catch up with your 2017-2018 Planned Giving Pledge. Thank you.

Orange Parkinson's Support Group together with St Mary & St Joseph's Parish

is compiling a 2019 calendar which will feature local Orange people including 5 or 6 parishioners who have Parkinson's. On Sale in July. Proceeds to support the employment of a Parkinsons Nurse.



A Frank Quote

'God is love.' His is not sentimental, emotional kind of love but the love of the Father who is the origin of all life, the love of the Son who dies on the Cross and is raised, the love of the Spirit who renews human beings and the world. Thinking that God is love does us so much good, because it teaches us to love, to give ourselves to others as Jesus gave himself to us and walks with us. Jesus walks beside us on the road through life.
- Pope Francis

A Prayer for Rain

Loving God, you are the source of all good. You have made water the source of life for our planet.

Please grant to our country, and in particular to our district, the gift of rain so that our land and our crops may blossom and our stock and wildlife flourish.

You know our growing need and our dependence on you and our goodness to creation. Bless us and our land with good rain as we bless you for all your goodness to us and to all creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Thank You & Hello

Thank you to everyone who helped make our new parishioners dinner such a success on Thursday evening. It was wonderful to meet and welcome many new faces to our parish. If you see someone new at Mass, why not say 'hello' and warmly welcome them to our parish community?

Did you know?

The rosary is prayed publicly twice weekly in Orange Parish? 9.10am Tuesdays at St Mary's and 9.10am Thursdays at St Joseph's. Both are before the morning Mass.



Would you like to go deeper in your faith? 'Word on Fire' is full of online resources (blogs, articles, video, audio) by Bishop Robert Barron. You can also order books and DVDs online. Go to www.wordonfire.org

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www.facebook.com/CatholicOrangeNSW



LiveBetter 4 Seniors Program
Managing Diabetes & Good Nutrition
Speakers: Wayne Burgess, Jacqueline Jasprizza & Ben Chiarella
Morning Tea provided
9.30am - 12.30pm Thursday 14th June
Orange Ex-Services Club

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

Delilah Schrader, Marlie Wait, Ivie Ostini, Adrienne Naciongayo, Jim Grant, Daisy Campbell, Samuel Tilston & Amalia Smith

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ron Burrell, Patrick Hanrahan, Michael Higgins, Frank Montague, Alice Perks

ANNIVERSARIES:

Reg Hurst, Derm King, Dorothy Lees, Grace Lockwood, Clive Lord, Butch Seale, Alexandra Sopielnik, Stefan Wilczynski,

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES:

Leila Alexander, Thomas Alexander, Adrian Berney, Pat Bridges, Maria & Charlie Brouwers, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford and William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Des & Daphne Dawson, Ivan Dubenec, Chris Duff, Tammy Fahy, Ray Fitzgerald, Val Gregory, David Hanrahan, Owen Hart, Frank & Joan Hennessy, Mary Johnston, Brian Keegan, Marlene & Allan Kendall, Elizabeth King, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Ellen & Clive Lord, Emily Miller, Janette Odlum, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, Jean & John Walker, Mavis Whitehouse, Santo LoFaro (Italy), Gaetano Torrisi, Salvatore & Venera Torrisi, Mario & Alfio Lizzio, Pietra Faro, Alfina Cosentino, Venera Maccarone, Santo & Alfia LoFaro (Orange). Deceased members of the Paul families.

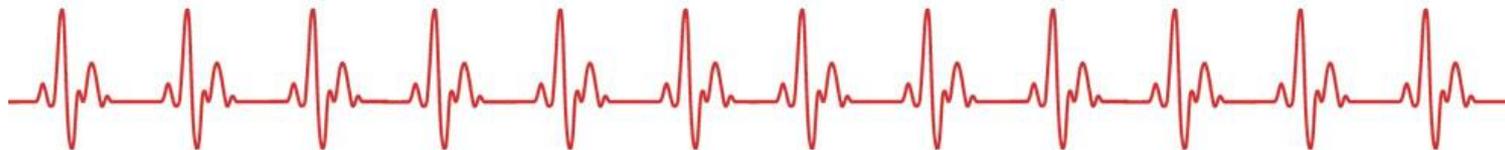
THE SICK AND INFIRM:

Patricia Crich, Celestina Vardanega, Dr Steve Peterson, Kyle Wickham, Den Smith, Beth Moxham, Ray Dickson, Doug Punch, Tori Punch, Norma Wright, David Ward, Katherine Twomey, Sandy Ostini, Jackie Hanrahan,

Coming up ...

Vinnies Winter Appeal 16/17 June
Sr Helen Annual Leave:
9 June - 9 July
Fr Greg Annual Leave:
25 June-27 July
Confirmation in Orange 4/5 August

Church-Heartbeat: the Importance of Health



One of the key biblical images for understanding the mystery of the Church is that of the human body. St Paul calls the Christian community the 'body of Christ' to speak about the unity of the Church and the diversity of its members and their talents (cf. 1 Cor 12: 12-14).

When reflecting on how we should look after our bodies, most people would recognise that 'growth in size at all costs' is not a particularly wise life-goal. Bodybuilders put on bulk, but if that bulk is built upon steroids rather than a balanced diet and carefully planned exercise regime then the body is on shaky foundations indeed.

Is the body of the Church supposed to grow? Certainly the answer is a clear 'yes': Jesus' last instruction is to go and make more disciples (who will in turn make even more disciples). When should this growth stop? When you reach the ends of the earth and have made all the nations followers of Jesus (cf. Matt 28:16-20; Mk 16:15-20; Acts 1:1-11). Growth is part of who we are called to be as the Body of Christ.

However, like a bodybuilder, long-term growth does not come from cutting corners. Sustainable growth is built upon the premise of health. Only a healthy body grows properly. Only a healthy Church grows properly. St Paul tells us that the body of the Church will grow only if every part is working properly (Eph 4:16). And of course Jesus' own teaching on the Church - the vine and the branches - highlights that only healthy branches grow and produce fruit (Jn 15:1-8).

When we are raising our children, we can't really *make them grow*. All we can do is our best to ensure they are *healthy* primarily by removing obstacles to good health. Parents can remove obstacles such as poor nutrition, physical inactivity, or unsatisfactory living conditions and then, all things equal, they will grow naturally simply because they are healthy. Health means growth: authentic growth means health.

By identifying the Church with living organisms - the human body and a fruit-bearing vine - the New Testament reminds us that health and growth are basically synonymous. A healthy organism is a growing organism. An organism that is not growing is in fact dying. There is no real neutral position: a body is healthy and growing or it is sick and dying. It is futile to try grow a body if it is sick or to make it healthy without wanting growth and change.

The American Evangelical Pastor Rick Warren has written extensively on Church health. An interesting point that he makes is that any body is healthy and growing if it has good balance. Functioning ecosystems, for example, depend on a delicate balance between predators and prey and if that balance is disrupted a food chain can collapse. Likewise, in human architecture there must be balance between the various stresses and forces that are exerted on a structure, otherwise the building will collapse.

For the body of the Church to be healthy it must balance all the priorities that Jesus has given to the Church: not just the ones that seem easy or are particularly valued by the pastor or a particular group. Broadly, the health of a Church community is related to five dimensions of growth. According to Pastor Warren, every Christian community should be:

1. Growing warmer through fellowship
2. Growing deeper through discipleship
3. Growing stronger through worship
4. Growing broader through ministry
5. Growing larger through evangelism.

Over the next 5 weeks we will reflect on each of these dimensions in turn. The Lord wants his body to be healthy and growing, so let's pray and reflect on what that might mean for us as a parish community.

Fr Greg

See Pastor Rick Warren's article on Church health:

<https://pastors.com/church-growth-is-okay-but-church-health-is-what-matters>

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