

The Parish Overview

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)

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 11th November 2018

PARISH CLERGY TEAM

Fr Greg Bellamy Parish Priest
Fr Pius Khaoya Assistant Priest
Mr Diep Nguyen Seminarian

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Sr Helen Saunders rsj Pastoral Assistant Orange
Sr Frances McAleer rsj Resident in Molong
Ms Shannon Cain Sacramental Coordinator
Ms Elizabeth Bowmer Youth Minister
Ms Jemarnie Orge Youth Minister

PARISH ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Mr Michael O'Mara Business Manager
Ms Joanne Doulman Parish Secretary
Ms Deb Cantrill Parish Secretary
Ms Harriette Williams Executive Assistant

PARISH SCHOOL TEAM

Mr Peter Meers James Sheahan Catholic High School
Mr Michael Croke Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School
Mrs Kerrie Basha & Mrs Kerry Maher St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Co-principal)
Mr Matthew French St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Molong
Ms Jacky Parmeter St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Manildra

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Today's Scripture

1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Response to the Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Reflection

We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving (see [Galatians 5:6](#)). That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy.

The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family.

The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple.

In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the cross.

Again in today's Epistle, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah.

On the cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take away our sin and bring us to salvation (see [Isaiah 53:12](#)).

And again we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged, not by how much we give—for the scribes and the wealthy contribute far more than the widow. Rather, we will be judged by whether our gifts reflect our livelihood, our whole beings, all our heart and soul, mind and strength.

Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love (see [2 Corinthians 9:6-7](#))?

Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, as He sustains the widow.

Today, let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry.

Next Week's Scripture

Daniel 12:1-13; Hebrews 10:11-14.18; Mark 13:24-32

Our weekly Sunday Bible reflections are produced by the St Paul Center. You can subscribe to receive these weekly reflections directly into your inbox. The website also contains many other products and resources for going deeper into the Sacred Scriptures. Go to: <https://stpaulcenter.com>

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

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DAY BY DAY

Monday 12th November St Josaphat, bishop, martyr

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 5.00pm Exposition at St Mary's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Mary's

Tuesday 13th November Week 32 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 Mass at St Francis Nursing Home. All welcome
- 2.00pm Graveside Service for Karen Wicks Molong Cemetery

Wednesday 14th November Week 32 in Ordinary Time

- **NO** morning Mass at Molong
- 1.00pm Funeral Prayers Margaret Powter St Mary's Church
- 2.30pm Adoration & Novena at 67 Blethington Street
- 5.00pm Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's
- 6.00pm Molong Cemetery Mass

Thursday 15th November Week 32 in Ordinary Time

- 9.10am Rosary at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Mass at Cherrywood Nursing Home. All welcome
- **NO** Holy Hour at St Joseph's

Friday 16th November Week 32 in Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 1.30pm Funeral Prayers Leslie Parker St Mary's
- 5.00pm Reconciliation & Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's
- 6.00pm Manildra Cemetery Mass

Saturday 17th November St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

- 9.00am Mass at Cargo
- 11.00am Mass at St Joseph's before Parkinson Support Dinner. All welcome
- 5.15pm Reconciliation at St Mary's
- 5.40pm Reconciliation at Manildra
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Manildra

Sunday 18th November Week 33 in Ordinary Time

- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's
- 8.00am Mass Mullion
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 9.30am Mass at Molong
- 11.15am Baptisms at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Syro Malabar Mass St Mary's
- 6.00pm Mass at St Joseph's



THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

CEMETERY MASSES

- 6.00pm Wednesday 14/11 Molong
- 6.00pm Friday 16/11 Manildra
- 6.00pm Friday 23/11 Cargo
- 6.00pm Wednesday 28/11 Cudal

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

5.45pm Friday 30/11 at St Joseph's, includes lighting of candles and blessing of Columbarium. There is no Exposition 30/11, but there will still be Confessions.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will take place this weekend at all Masses. There will be a leaving collection.. Please consider helping the less fortunate this Christmas.

FAREWELL TO DIEP

Our seminarian Diep Nguyen has been with us in 2018 for his 12 month pastoral placement. Diep has made a wonderful contribution to our parish life. Sadly, the end of his placement is fast approaching. Diep will finish in the parish on Sunday 25th November. On that Sunday we will have a farewell for Diep after the 9.30am Mass. Please come along and bring a plate to share.

PRISON MINISTRY

This weekend we specially pray for all who are imprisoned, especially young people. We pray also for those in prison chaplaincy and who give pastoral care in prisons.

A PRAYER FOR PRISONERS

God, Our Creator, We acknowledge the ancestors and original owners of this land. Maker and spirit of earth and all creation let your love possess our land and may we share in faith and friendship, all your gifts. We pray for all those in our prisons, and those who through sickness, addictions and other reasons live in their personal prisons. We remember and pray for those who seek to change difficult life stories. We remember and pray for the victims of crime on the outside. We remember and pray for the countless victims of crime on the inside. We remember and pray for the whole criminal justice system and its processes. Keep all of us ever mindful of your great love so that we may always remember you as a God of Mercy and forgiveness. Amen.

Find out more on the Bishops' website:
<https://www.catholic.org.au/commissions/bishops-commission-for-pastoral-life>



JOIN OUR TEAM

We are now looking for a full-time staff member in the Parish Office. This is a clerical and administrative role. The role provides clerical support to the Priests, sacramental and pastoral staff, volunteers and parishioners.

For a copy of job description please email office.orange@cdob.org.au

Applications close Monday 18th November, 2018. Please include resume and covering letter which address the major accountabilities.

THE CENTENARY OF THE ARMISTICE

One hundred years ago today, four bloody years of brutal conflict came to an end. In the 'great war' 62,000 Australians died for our freedom and in service of their country. Today we remember their sacrifice and pray for them and we pray for peace in our world.

On 11th November 1918, Fr Brosnan (from St Joseph's) said these words at the Orange Armistice ceremony: "Today we must not forget to give our thanks to God. If there is one person more than any other who appreciates peace it is the minister of God. Four years ago war broke out and with it sorrow came to this country. Ministers have felt like culprits stealing into homes, their fingers seeming to drip with the blood, the shedding of which they had come to announce. Thank God it has come to an end. Our duty of prayer should go further, we must pray for a lasting peace." This ceremony will be reenacted at 10.00am Sunday 11th November outside the Old Town Hall (Anson St). Fr Pat will read Fr Brosnan's words again, 100 years later.

FAMILY GROUP 9

The final luncheon for the year will be held next Sunday 18th November at Duntryleague Restaurant. If unable to attend please phone 6363 1639

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

St Francis Aged Care (Clinton Street) need volunteers to visit residents. Even an hour or two every fortnight or joining us to assist on an outing would be helpful. Please contact Chris Geraghty on cgeraghty@chcs.com.au or phone 0423 755 001

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YOUTH GROUP & CHOIR

'Elevate' is a youth group that meets every Sunday afternoon in school terms at Kenna Hall. It begins at 4.00pm. It is open to young people at least in year 5. 'Elevate' involves fun activities, food, worship, sharing, and singing! Once a month 'Elevate' will lead the singing at the Sunday evening Mass in St Joseph's. 'Elevate' is on this Sunday.

ORANGE PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP FUNDRAISING

The fundraising luncheon will take place in Kenna Hall and will be preceded by Mass at St Joseph's, at 11.00am Saturday 17th November. Everyone welcome. Tickets are still available in the Parish Office for \$50 p/p (\$5 discount applies with purchase of calendar). Pensioners will receive a free calendar with the purchase of a luncheon ticket. The funds raised are going to support a full time Parkinson's nurse for Orange & the Central West.

CATHOLIC WEEKLIES

The Catholic Weeklies are on sale for \$2. They are now located in the cross aisle at St Joseph's and at the main door of St Mary's Church. From this week, please place your payment in the marked container and not in the poor boxes. Thankyou.

MOLONG FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

25th November 2018 Luncheon at the Molong Bowling Club as fundraiser for the St Lawrence O'Toole Church Bell Tower Restoration.

EXTRA KINDERGARTEN CLASS AT ST MARY'S FOR 2019

The Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst has announced St Mary's Catholic Primary School will have three classes for Kindergarten in 2019.

Ensuring smaller class size whilst still offering all the high qualities of education St Mary's is renowned for.

Additional but limited spaces are now available for new arrivals to Orange families who have not settled on a school for Kindergarten 2019. Group tours of the school will operate on Monday 12th November at 9.30am Please contact the school to book a place on a tour or to arrange a private tour and interview on 6362 7926.



PLENARY COUNCIL GATHERINGS

From Friday 16th November - Sunday 18th November, Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue sessions will be held in Orange, Dubbo, Mudgee and Bathurst. The Encounter is an opportunity to get together and spend some time thinking and talking about your experiences of faith, life and the Church as part of the preparation for Plenary Council 2020. Everyone is invited to respond to the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Everyone's experience is unique and it is important that the Plenary Council hear responses from as many people as possible. The Listening and Dialogue Encounters will be held at the following locations:

The Gathering in Orange

Friday 16th November: St Mary's School Hall, Byng St, Orange 6.30pm-8.30pm

Everyone is warmly invited to attend to the session, which is an open and inclusive experience of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

SACRAMENTS 2019

We are always reflecting on how we do the sacraments of initiation in our parish and what we can do better. From next year we will be moving the Sacrament of Reconciliation closer to First Holy Communion, so the children will engage in a more extended period of preparation for First Holy Communion. This preparation period will include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

In practice, this means First Reconciliation will occur term 1 in year 3 rather than in term 4 of year 2. This has the advantage that the children will be just that little bit more mature for the sacrament. It also makes it clearer that Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing rather than initiation.

This change means in 2019 there will be no First Reconciliation, except for those students asking for First Holy Communion who have not already celebrated Reconciliation. First Reconciliation for most children will be in term 1 of 2020. If you have any questions please contact our sacramental coordinator. - Fr Greg



OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

In Service of Peace: that the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

OUR PARISH INTENTIONS

For the spiritual and cultural renewal of our parish so we may be a community of intentional missionary disciples; that the Holy Spirit will guide the Plenary Council 2020 process.

RECENTLY BAPTISED

Charles Connell, Zayn Spence, Knox Byrne & Maya Davis

RECENTLY MARRIED

Charlotte Jasprizza & Matthew Penny

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Burns (Cowra), Leslie Parker, Margaret Powter, Betty Rue, Christine Schmid, Karen Wicks, Norma Wells

ANNIVERSARIES

Lonie Bersolto, Brian Burfitt, Brigeda Canencia, Dede Coyne, Donna Evans, Kim Kerin, Kathleen Middleton, William (Whoopee) Schmich, John Walker

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Gaetano & Rosaria Barbagallo, Adrian Berney, Mena Christopherson, Pat & Emelda Coyne, William Crayford & William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Chris Duff, Ray Fitzgerald, Robert Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Keith Hillier, Mary Johnston, Brian Keegan, Monica Kessey, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Terry & Iris Smith, Gerard & Robert Spicer, Alfio Sorbello, Harry Taylor, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, John & Jean Walker, 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 Fardell, Lee, Paul families

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Aila Bond

THE SICK AND INFIRM

Joan Skelton, David Ward, Kyle Wickham, Celestina Vardanega, Patricia Crich, Katherine Twomey, Pat Frecklington, Thelma Walters, Dr Steve Peterson, Michael Gersbach, James Burgess, Ruth Pope, Christine Burke

GIVING PRIORITY TO THE WEEKEND

Fr Greg Bellamy is Parish Priest of Orange and Molong Parishes. He grew-up in Bathurst and has been a priest of the Diocese since 2010.



In his book *Divine Renovation*, Fr James Mallon points out that, for most priests, we see 80% of our people on the weekend during the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, and yet we only devote 20% of our time in any given week to planning, preparing and executing the weekend Masses (I suspect that, in reality, it is even less than 20%). We expend 80% of our time and resources on much smaller numbers of people. It's the classic 80/20 rule: 80% of resources go to 20% of the people and the other 80% get the 20% leftover.

In one of his popular podcasts, Fr Mallon recounts how a visitor walked into his office one day and, seeing him preparing his homily, said 'good, you're not doing anything'. For many people, including many priests, preparation for the weekend is squeezed into the little bit of free time at the end of a week full of one-on-one ministry, administration, and tasks that could very well be taken-on (and probably done better) by a lay person. Many priests find themselves quickly preparing 'something to say' on a Saturday afternoon before the Vigil Mass.

It seems to me that there is something in Catholic culture, and clerical culture in particular, that eschews making an intentional investment of time and resources into making sure the worship of God is of the highest quality possible. I wonder if this is a leftover from the cultural and religious conflict of the Reformation: *Protestants have to worry about good preaching, good music and a warm welcome, but we have valid sacraments, so those things are not important.* This might be an oversimplification, but perhaps there is a grain of truth in it.

Fr Mallon proposes that 'giving priority to the weekend' is a core cultural value that transforms a parish from being self-referential and in maintenance mode to being joyful and missionary. The simple fact of the matter is that Sunday worship makes the Church. It has the power to do three very important things:

Firstly, Sunday worship offers God the worthy worship he deserves. The heart of Christian Discipleship is 'love of God' and the 'worship of God' is the first of the commandments. Excellence in worship, particularly in the celebration of the Eucharist, is a 'first duty' of the Christian: it honours God.

Secondly, ensuring our Sunday worship is of the highest quality opens-up the possibility of conversion for the casual visitor or inquisitive searcher. Although the Eucharist is fundamentally ritualistic and so more comprehensible to the initiated than the uninitiated, there is no reason that a moving homily, beautiful uplifting music, profound silence, and a warm welcome cannot create the conditions for a moving transformative encounter with Christ. Done well, the liturgy can evangelise, and so ensuring we do it well is a way that we live out the second fundamental duty of a Christian: 'love of neighbour'.

Thirdly, Sunday worship done well transforms us. The very act of preparing the music well, of preparing the homily, and of warmly welcoming the stranger, changes the Christian disciple. And, of course, the actual experience of Sunday worship that is 'beautiful and moving' also moves our own hearts and changes us. The grace of the sacrament works together with the power of the Word of God opened-up by the preacher and with the common worship of the community to transform and motivate us to become holy: to become saints.

Giving priority to the weekend means we make Sunday worship the heart of our lives and the highpoint of the week. As a parish, it means a planned, deliberate investment in the weekend in terms of time and resources. It means the preacher scheduling time for homily preparation. It means the musicians practicing rigorously to ensure the music is of the highest quality, without being a performance. It means ensuring all in ministries are properly formed. It means ensuring there are no technical mistakes that could have been foreseen and avoided. It means making sure that everything is set-up to give God our best. It means working out of the assumption that, this week, there will be one person walk into the Church searching desperately for God and we are given this one precious opportunity to help that anonymous person encounter the God of Jesus Christ.

Last of all, giving priority to the weekend also means each and every person in the parish approaching Sunday worship with a 'maximalist' rather than 'minimalist' attitude. *This is the most important thing I do all week. I am going to give everything to God. I want to be here. I am going to make the most of it. I'm not going to look at my watch and count the minutes down. I'm not going to leave Church early. I'm not going to limit my time with God by some imaginary rule that he strictly gets one hour of my life and if Mass goes one minute over, I'm going to be resentful.*

Let's make the words of psalmist our own: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Ps 118:24)