

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)

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C - 19th May 2019

PARISH CLERGY TEAM

Fr Greg Bellamy Parish Priest
Fr Pius Khaoya Assistant Priest
Fr Mathew Humtsoe Assistant Priest

PARISH MISSION TEAM

Ms Shannon Cain Sacramental Coordinator
Ms Amy Sullivan Director of Ministries
Ms Carla Ghisla Director of Mission
Sr Frances McAleer rsj Resident in Molong
Mr Will Tracey Youth Minister
Ms Sarah Ziegler Youth Minister

PARISH MISSION SUPPORT TEAM

Mr Michael O'Mara Business Manager
Ms Harriette Williams Executive Assistant
Ms Sandy Livermore Parish Secretary

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

Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

Response to the Psalm

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Reflection

By God's goodness and compassion, the doors of His kingdom have been opened to all who have faith, Jew or Gentile.

That's the good news Paul and Barnabas proclaim in today's First Reading. With the coming of the Church—the new Jerusalem John sees in today's Second Reading—God is “making all things new.”

In His Church, the “old order” of death is passing away and God for all time is making His dwelling with the human race, so that all peoples “will be His people and God Himself will always be with them.” In this the promises made through His prophets are accomplished (see Ezekiel 37:27; Isaiah 25:8; 35:10).

The Church is “the kingdom for all ages” that we sing of in today's Psalm. That's why we see the Apostles, under the guidance of the Spirit, ordaining “presbyters” or priests (see 1 Timothy 4:14; Titus 1:5).

Anointed priests and bishops will be the Apostles' successors, ensuring that the Church's “dominion endures through all generations” (see Philippians 1:1, note that the New American Bible translates *episcopois*, the Greek word for bishops, as “overseers”).

Until the end of time, the Church will declare to the world God's mighty deeds, blessing His holy name and giving Him thanks, singing of the glories of His kingdom.

In His Church, we know ourselves as His “faithful ones,” as those Jesus calls “My little children” in today's Gospel. We live by the new law, the “new commandment” that He gave in His final hours.

The love He commands of us is no human love but a supernatural love. We love each other as Jesus loved us in suffering and dying for us. We love in imitation of His love.

This kind of love is only made possible by the Spirit poured into our hearts at Baptism (see Romans 5:5), renewed in the sacrifice His priests offer in every Mass.

By our love we glorify the Father. And by our love all peoples will know that we are His people, that He is our God.

Next Week's Scripture

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

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 20th May Easter Weekday

- 5.00pm Exposition at St Mary's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Mary's

Tuesday 21st May Easter Weekday

- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's

Wednesday 22nd May Easter Weekday

- 9.15am Mass at Molong
- 9.45am Reconciliation at Molong
- 5.00pm Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 23rd May Easter Weekday

- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Mass at Wontama
- 6.00pm Holy Hour at St Joseph's

Friday 24th May Our Lady, Help of Christians

- 5.00pm Exposition and Reconciliation at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 25th May Easter Weekday

- 9.00am Mass at Cargo
- 10.30am Baptisms at St Mary's
- 4.15pm Reconciliation at St Mary's
- 4.40pm Reconciliation at Manildra
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass at Manildra

Sunday 26th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

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



JUBILEE OF FR JAMES KANE

Fr James Kane approaches the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The parish will celebrate this significant milestone with a special mass said by Bishop Michael McKenna and attended by the priests of the Diocese and with a parish dinner.

The Jubilee Mass will be held on Monday June 3rd at St Joseph's Church, commencing at 5.45pm.

The parish dinner will take place on Thursday June 6th in Kenna Hall from 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to bring along a plate to share at the parish dinner.

GIVING SUNDAY

In the lead-up to Giving Sunday, on June 2nd, we have an opportunity to reflect and pray about how God is asking us to give of the time, talent and treasure that he has generously provided.

The parish has prepared information to help you in this time of prayerful consideration. This week we present financial information from the Parish of Molong and next week from the Parish of Orange.

A short video clip featuring two members of the Parish Finance Council will be shown next week at each Mass. A Parish Report will be available on the weekend of Giving Sunday. The report outlines the mission and direction of our parishes and the progress we have made towards our goals.

HOW CAN YOU GIVE YOUR TALENTS?

Are you an organised person? Are you passionate about the Eucharist? Do you like to share the word of God with others? Do you enjoy the feeling of a freshly cleaned space? Maybe you know someone with these gifts?

We are always looking for new people to share their gifts with our community, particularly as sacristans, Communion ministers at Mass and to the sick, readers, commentators and cleaners. Contact Amy at ministries.orange@cdo.org.au or phone the parish office. We would love to hear from you!



CALL TO HOLINESS

From Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, 'Gaudete et Exsultate':

We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain.

Let the grace of your baptism bear fruit in a path of holiness. Let everything be open to God; turn to him in every situation. Do not be dismayed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life. When you feel the temptation to dwell on your own weakness, raise your eyes to Christ crucified and say: "Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making me a little bit better". In the Church, holy yet made up of sinners, you will find everything you need to grow towards holiness. The Lord has bestowed on the Church the gifts of scripture, the sacraments, holy places, living communities, the witness of the saints and a multifaceted beauty that proceeds from God's love, "like a bride bedecked with jewels".

This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures. Here is an example: a woman goes shopping, she meets a neighbour and they begin to speak, and the gossip starts. But she says in her heart: "No, I will not speak badly of anyone". This is a step forward in holiness. Later, at home, one of her children wants to talk to her about his hopes and dreams, and even though she is tired, she sits down and listens with patience and love. That is another sacrifice that brings holiness.

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TRY ALPHA

We want to be a parish that provides spaces for people to search and question. That's why we are launching Alpha this September.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring life, faith and meaning. It's completely cost free. Everyone is welcome and no question is off limits. Alpha includes a meal and informal discussion. You don't have to worry about whether you will fit in: it's for everyone, including people who are not sure what they believe.

For details about our Alpha program, register at <https://goo.gl/pejFi5>.

MOLONG PRAYER GROUP

You are warmly invited to join the Molong Prayer Group which meets on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays at 9am in Molong Church to reflect on the scripture readings of the day.

JOIN THE MCAULEY FAMILY

2020 Kindergarten enrolments are now open for Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School.

Please pick up an enrolment pack from the school office at 90 Hill St, Orange or contact us for a school tour 6361 3344.

RENAISSANCE OF MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The 2019 Renaissance of Marriage Conference will be held on July 26th and 27th at the University of Notre Dame in Sydney. The conference is a national gathering of Catholic leadership in the areas of marriage and relationship formation, including youth, pre-marriage and post-married stages.

To find out more about this unique opportunity to connect with some of the nation's best Catholic thinkers, visit www.rom.org.au.



ELEVATE YOUTH GROUP

Students in Yr 7 - 11 are invited to attend Elevate for food, fun, worship and music. Elevate is held in Kenna Hall on Sundays during the school term from 3pm until 5pm.

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

The privacy of sick persons and bereaved families is respected by the Parish. There have been instances of well-meaning people requesting to publish names and intentions in The Parish Overview without the person concerned giving consent and this has caused distress.

Frequently, a parishioner will desire a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention, e.g. the repose of the soul of a deceased person, and also have the intention published in The Parish Overview. These are now separate processes:

REQUEST A MASS TO BE OFFERED

To request a priest offer Mass for an intention, Mass Intention envelopes are available in the churches and Parish Office. An envelope should be completed and can be returned at the Parish Office or in a collection basket during Mass.

NAME OR INTENTION IN THE OVERVIEW

To request a name or intention be published in The Parish Overview, you must have appropriate consent and give written instruction to the Parish via the request form. Unfortunately, we cannot publish a name or intention without completion of the form.

Forms are available at the Parish Office, and in each church. A name or intention will be published for a specific duration, as requested on the form.

A FRANK QUOTE

God is peace: let us ask Him to help us to be peacemakers each day, in our life, in our families, in our cities and nations, in the whole world.

- Pope Francis



OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent.

OUR PARISH INTENTIONS

For the spiritual and cultural renewal of our parish; that God will guide the Plenary Council 2020; that God will give healing to all those who have been abused in Church institutions.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patricia Crich, James Burgess, Lorrea Deas, Ray Dickson, Pat Frecklington, Ralph Harvey, Sheila Hegarty (Ireland), Sharron Kassoutas, Lily Laws, Noni McAneney, Beth Moxham, Doug Punch, Tori Punch, Den Smith, Norma Wright, Celestina Vardanega

RECENTLY BAPTISED

Oliver Cooper, Ryder Patterson

RECENTLY MARRIED

Jane Thompson & Thomas Boog

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sr Merrilyn Browne rsj, Sr Dymrna Callaghan rsm, Ronald Fanning, Frances Fuller (Cahill), John Wolvey

ANNIVERSARIES

Ron Alexander, Barbara Bastick, Dot Bevan, Ted Carman, Ted & Ellen Fitzgerald, Fred May, Maurice Munday, Anthony Pereira (birthday), Mary Pereira

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Adrian Berney, Rodger Brown, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford, William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Des & Daphne Dawson, Chris Duff, Ricky Eggins, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Joan & Frank Hennessey, Grace & Jessica Hornby, Mary Johnson, Brian Keegan, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Denise Mansell, Allen Murphy, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Alice Perks, Bazil Perks, Eileen Tyack, Len Tyack, Harry Taylor, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, Tracey Warner, Jack Whitehouse, Santo LoFaro (Italy), Gaetano Torrisi, Salvatore & Venera Torrisi, Mario & Alfio Lizzio, Pietra Faro, Alfina Cosentino, Venera Maccarone, Alfia LoFaro (Orange), deceased members of the Clancy, Fardell, Kilby, Lee, Lynch, Paul and Torrisi families

2019 Financial Year Parish of Molong

Parish of Sacred Heart & St Lawrence O'Toole, Molong Income & Expenditure including 2 month forecast for the year to 30th June 2019

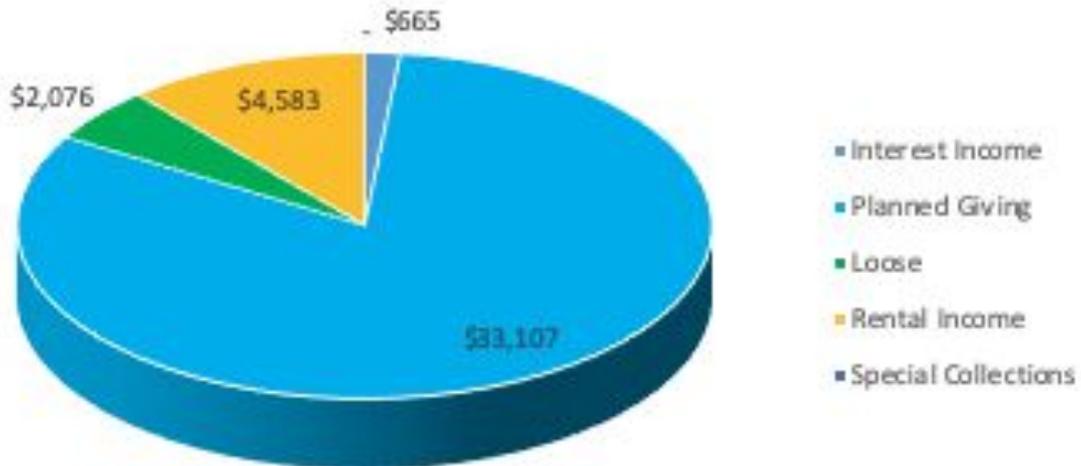
Income

Planned Giving: \$33,107 [regular contributions via direct debit or envelope]

Rent Received: \$4,583 [from private rental residence located at Cumnock]

Interest: \$665 [interest on term deposit]

Second Collection: \$2,076 [excluding planned giving]



Expenditure

Repairs & Maintenance: \$16,397 [Presbytery & Covent]

Insurance Expense: \$16,296 [including 3 months from prior year]

Diocese Levy: \$11,218

Electricity: \$4,926

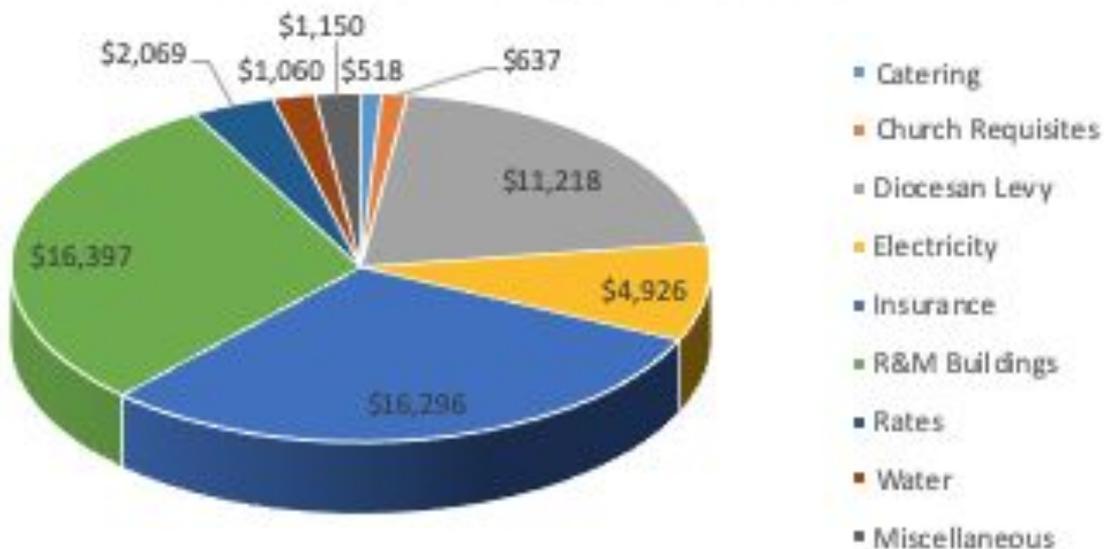
Rates: \$2,069

Water: \$1,060

Church Requisites: \$637 [including candles, altar bread and wine etc]

Catering: \$518 [for Molong Anniversary]

Miscellaneous: \$1,150



Net Actual to April plus forecast result to 30th June 2019 is a deficit of \$13,840

Note: balance sheet has cash at bank of \$22,766 plus Term Deposit of \$48,000 including funds raised for Restoration of the Bell \$4,070