

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 (Molong), St Michael's (Manildra),
St Brendan's (Mullion Creek), St Patrick's (Cargo), St Columbanus' (Cudal)

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year B - 7th January 2018

PARISH TEAM

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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 January: Religious Minorities in Asia.

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

Today the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews.

As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today's Gospel, he is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth (see Micah 5:1-3; 2 Samuel 5:2).

Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother (see 1 Kings 2:19). And the magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon (see 1 Kings 10:2,25).

His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings.

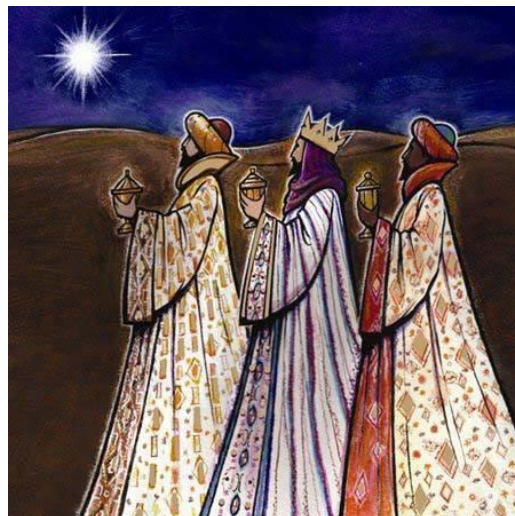
Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations (see Numbers 22:21; 23:7; 24:7,17).

This is the star the three magi follow. And like Balaam, they too, refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign – that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God.

We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Epistle.

We too, must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star (see Revelation 22:16), and the light of the world (see Isaiah 42:6; John 8:12).

As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts – our intentions and talents – on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King.



Today's Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Next Week's Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42

PARISH NOTICES

Day-by-day

Monday 8th January, 2018

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- Funeral Peg Madden - St Joseph's Church 1.30pm
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Mary's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Mary's

Tuesday 9th January, 2018

First Week of Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 9.10am Rosary at St Mary's
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- NO ST FRANCIS AGED CARE MASS TODAY

Wednesday 10th January, 2018

First Week of Ordinary Time

- 9.15am Mass at Molong
- 9.45-10.15am Reconciliation at Molong
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 11th January, 2018

First Week of Ordinary Time

- 9.10am Rosary at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 6.00-7.00pm Holy Hour at St Joseph's
- NO CALARE AGED CARE MASS TODAY

Friday 12th January, 2018

First Week of Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.10-5.40pm Reconciliation at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 13th January, 2018

First Week of Ordinary Time

- 10.15am Baptisms at St Mary's
- 5.15-5.45pm Reconciliation at St Mary's
- 5.40-5.55pm Reconciliation at Manildra
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Manildra

Sunday 14th January, 2018

Second Week of Ordinary Time

- 8.00am Final Mass at Cumnock followed by morning tea
- 8.00am Mass at Cudal
- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 9.30am Mass at Molong
- 11.15am Baptisms at St Joseph's
- 6.00pm Mass at St Joseph's

'A Frank Quote'

A family enlightened by the Gospel provides a school for Christian living! There one learns faithfulness, patience and sacrifice.
- Pope Francis

Position Vacant - Parish Business Manager

The Parish of St Mary & St Joseph, Orange is actively seeking to employ a Parish Business Manager. The objective of this role is to provide accounting and management support to the Parish Priest by efficiently and effectively managing the non-pastoral operations of the parish.

This is a full-time position. The ideal candidate will have finance and business management qualifications and experience in property management.

For further details and full position description, please visit:

www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/?i=167&positions-vacant

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 19th January 2018.

For more information, please contact Fr Greg Bellamy, Parish Priest on 02 6362 2378 or Mr Patrick Cooper, Diocesan Financial Administrator on 02 6334 6402.

Bishop's Pastoral Letter

'Life, Death & Life'

Available in all Churches and online at www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

New Rosters for 2018

New rosters for Sacristans, Altar Servers, Drivers, Ministers of Communion, Commentators and Readers are available in all churches in both parishes this weekend. Please pick up your envelope before going home.

New Principal at St Joseph's Manildra

Congratulations to Mrs Jacky Parmeter who has been appointed principal of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Manildra, from January 2018.

New Youth Ministers 2018

Congratulations to Elizabeth Bowmer and Jemarnie Orge who have accepted the position of youth minister in Orange Parish and James Sheahan Catholic High School in 2018. Elizabeth and Jermarnie will split their time between the parish and the school.

Christmas Special

Through Catherine's Eyes – stories of local Mercy Sisters **\$25.00**
Available at the entrance to the Church after Mass or at the Parish Office during the week.

All proceeds go to Mercy Works in PNG. Postage \$12.50 extra. Contact Sr Paula Smith rsm 0414 246 830

Bulletin Notices

If you would like to request a notice be published in the bulletin, you are kindly asked to let the parish office know before Thursday lunch time. Requests received after lunch will need to wait for the next weekend to be published. Thankyou.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PILGRIM BOOKS

To assist us we have a need for at least 5 or more committed volunteers to work for 3-4 hours on 1 particular day per week. We are looking for people who really share the vision of Pilgrim Books.

There will be a Volunteer Information Evening at 7pm

THIS Tuesday 9th January 2018 at the McNamara St shop.

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you

Many thanks to all who worked hard over the Christmas period to make sure our liturgies were well organised and beautiful. Your efforts are appreciated.

Final Mass at Cumnock

As you are aware, regular Masses at Cumnock will, unfortunately, need to be suspended in 2018. A final Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated at 8.00am on Sunday 14th January followed by morning tea. All are welcome to come along for this Mass and offer support to the local community.

Orange Days for Girls

Invites you to Regular Sewing Bees on the First and Third Wednesday each month in 2018, Starts 17th Jan 2.00pm - 6.00pm. The sewing Room, on the stage at Kenna Hall, Hill Street, Orange. We make DfG menstrual pads, shields and colourful bags for Sudan. All are welcome - can you bring cotton or flannelette fabrics? Machines, equipment & afternoon tea supplied. RSVP Neimat 0401 769 004, Helen 0420 298 639 or Anni 0409 458 156. Web address: www.daysforgirls.org

Reconciliation in Molong and Manildra

In 2018 individual reconciliation (first rite) will be available each week in Molong directly after the 9.15am Wednesday Mass and in Manildra from 5.40-5.55pm before the Saturday evening Mass.

Farewell Fr Ephrem

We farewell Fr Ephrem at the 9.30am Mass at St Mary's this Sunday 7th January. The Mass will be followed by morning tea. Many thanks to Fr Ephrem for his service in Orange and Molong parishes for the past 6 years. May God bless your ministry in Dubbo and Gilgandra. Prayers and best wishes from our parish community.

Our Prayers in the Bulletin

In recent months our sick list has grown considerably. Some people on the list were nominated several years ago and we are unsure of whether they should remain on the list. At the start of the new year we are re-starting the sick-list from scratch.

In order to nominate someone to be published in the sick-list or recently deceased list, the person concerned or the legal guardian or the next-of-kin needs to give permission. To make a nomination please call into the parish office during office hours and sign a nomination form. These nomination forms will be available in the country churches so they can be handed directly to the priest after Mass.

When a person is nominated, they will remain on the list for one month (4 weeks). Feel free to re-nominate those who remain sick as many times as you would like, provided you have their permission.

The Columbarium

We have recently repainted the Columbarium behind St Joseph's. During the work we discovered significant damage to the rendering by flower-holders that have been drilled or screwed into the wall. We had to remove these additions in order to repair the damage. We have these holders and flowers in the parish office for the owners to collect.

To help preserve the columbarium into the future, we kindly ask that families do not make additions to the columbarium. Thank you.



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

RECENTLY MARRIED:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Couch (Picton), Peg Madden, Bob Paton (Tamworth)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Alex Gurney, Mary Luka, Marie Malcolm

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES:

Adrian Berney, Mona Bourke, Maria Brouwers, Jim Cleary, Mena Christopherson, Betty, Phylis, Felix, Nora & Gordon Clancy, William Crayford and William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Des & Daphne Dawson, Chris Duff, Michael Dunne, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Frank & Joan Hennessy, Brian Keegan, Ian Livermore, Aileen Mackie, Narelle McMillen, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Harry Taylor, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, Jean & John Walker, Hilton & Mary Wass, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Dawn Ryan, 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 Cameron, Cohen, Fardell, Lee, Lynch, Kilby, Thurtell, Wicks, Thurtell & Paul families.

THE SICK AND INFIRM:

Michael Higgins, David Ward (Nyngan)

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:



"Prayer is opening your heart and life to God to allow Him, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and with Christ to pray in, for and with you.

Prayer is what God is doing in your heart."

20 New Year's Resolutions ... that aren't losing weight.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart..."

You've probably heard it before: most New Year's resolutions are bound to fail. Only about 8% of people will accomplish their resolution. There are a lot of reasons why this happens—not being specific in the goal or how it'll be achieved, setting goals that are unrealistic, or just getting discouraged—but I think it goes even deeper.

Many people set goals because they dislike some part of themselves; they are trying to fix their body image or lifestyle habits from a place of self-loathing. But, as with most things, it is love that endures.

Before setting your resolution for the year, examine your heart. Are you trying to fix something because you dislike yourself, or are you trying to improve because you love yourself and want to glorify God in all that you do? Invite the Lord into your intentions!

Here's a list of resolutions that can help you love the person God created you to be.

"...and with all your soul..."

1. Read the four Gospels - Just one section a day can give you great insight into the person of Jesus Christ.
2. Begin a prayer journal.
3. Go to Confession once a month - confession is nothing to be afraid of, and regular Confession makes it even less daunting.
4. Sign up for a weekly adoration hour - bonus points if you convince your family or a friend to come with you.
5. Take up spiritual reading. Saints and spiritual writers are an absolute treasure. Learn from them.

"...and with all your strength..."

1. Sleeping - You really do need those eight to ten hours of shut-eye. Seriously.
2. Invite your family to take a family walk once a week - It's great exercise and a great time for conversation.
3. Add one serving of fruit and vegetables each to your day - Let's face it: very few of us eat enough fruits and veggies. Replace less-healthy snacks and meals with some produce.
4. Wear sunscreen - Become your mother and lather that stuff on before spending time outside.
5. Find a soft drink alternative. I'm currently obsessed with flavored sparkling water.

"...and with all your mind..."

1. Put your phone away before bed - Replace late-night scrolling with pre-sleep reading (see next point).
2. Make a book list and read books from it (even if it's your school book list). - Reading increases your concentration and enriches your understanding of the world.
3. Ask for help if you need it - Your mental health matters. Make this year the year that you talk to a counselor about depression, anxiety, or any other conditions affecting you.
4. Replace music with interesting podcasts once a week - They're the easiest way to learn something new!
5. Pick up a new hobby and dedicate a specific amount of time to it each week - Some ideas: guitar, hand-lettering, woodworking, baking, etc.

"...and love your neighbor as yourself."

1. Volunteer - Find an activity that aligns with your skills and serves your local community.
2. Cook for your parents - They'll appreciate it, and you'll learn something new. Two birds, one stone.
3. Write letters for friends' birthdays - Instagram shout-outs are good, but taking the time to hand-write your sentiments is irreplaceable.
4. Call your extended family to say hello - Keep up with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. It'll make family gatherings so much more enjoyable!
5. Forgive someone - Whether that's through conversation, prayer, or simply changing your mindset, show mercy to the person it's hardest to show mercy to.

BONUS!

1. Find a Bible verse that reflects your overall intention for the year. Luke 10:27 will be my "theme verse," reminding me that any improvements in my spiritual life, bodily health, mental health, or relationships should be actions fueled by love of God. **Let's live fully alive in 2018!**

By Courtney Kiolbassa
Lifeteen.com

Lord, you make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise your glorious name. Amen.

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