

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)

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14th October 2018 - Year B

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

Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

Response to the Psalm

Fill us with your love, O Lord and we will sing for joy!

Gospel Acclamation

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

Reflection

The rich young man in today's Gospel wanted to know what we all want to know—how to live in this life so that we might live forever in the world to come. He sought what today's Psalm calls "wisdom of heart."

He learns that the wisdom he seeks is not a program of works to be performed or behaviors to be avoided. As Jesus tells him, observing the commandments is essential to walking the path of salvation—but it can only get us so far.

The Wisdom of God is not precepts, but a person—Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Wisdom whose Spirit was granted to Solomon in today's First Reading. Jesus is the Word of God spoken of in today's Epistle. And Jesus, as He reveals Himself to the rich man today, is God.

In Jesus we encounter Wisdom, the living and effective Word of God.

As He does with the rich man today, He looks upon each of us with love. That look of love, that loving gaze, is a personal invitation—to give up everything to follow Him.

Nothing is concealed from His gaze, as we hear in the Epistle. In His fiery eyes, the thoughts of our hearts are exposed, and each of us must render an account of our lives (see Revelation 1:14).

We must have the attitude of Solomon, preferring Wisdom to all else, loving Him more than even life itself. This preference, this love, requires a leap of faith. We will be persecuted for this faith, Jesus tells His disciples today. But we must trust in His promise—that all good things will come to us in His company.

What, then, are the "many possessions" that keep us from giving ourselves totally to God? What are we clinging to—material things, comfort zones, relationships? What will it take for us to live fully for Christ's sake and the sake of the Gospel?

Let us pray for the wisdom to enter into the kingdom of God. With the Psalmist, let us ask Him, "Teach us."

Next Week's Scripture

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

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 15th October

St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor

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

Tuesday 16th October

Week 28 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

Wednesday 17th October

St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

- 9.15 Mass at Molong
- 9.45am Reconciliation at Molong
- 11.00am Requiem Mass Maureen Riley
St Joseph's Church
- 2.30pm Adoration & Novena @ 67
Bletchington Street
- 5.00pm Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 18th October

St Luke, evangelist

- 9.10am Rosary at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Mass at Cherrywood
- 6.00pm Holy Hour

Friday 19th October

Week 28 in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday 20th October

Week 28 in Ordinary Time

- 8.00am Mass Cargo
- 5.00pm Liturgy of the Word Cudal
- 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 21st October

Week 29 in Ordinary Time

- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's
- 8.00am Mass at Mullion
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 9.30am Mass at Molong
- 10.30am Stay & Play St Mary's
- 11.15am Baptisms at St Joseph's
- 5.00pm Syro Malabar Mass St Mary's
- 6.00pm Mass at St Joseph's

NEXT WEEKEND

- Annual Appeal for Catholic Mission
- Guest Speaker: Margaret Vella



DIVINE RENOVATION

'Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission' was written by Canadian priest Fr James Mallon. It offers learnings and ideas for the transformation of parish culture. Rooted in Church teaching, it offers both inspiration and practical guidance. The book costs \$30 and is available after each Mass in Orange this weekend and from the Parish Office.

What's better than reading a book? Discussing it in a group! You are invited to join one of five discussion groups that will meet over five weeks commencing the week of Sunday 14th October. Please sign-up after Mass or at the Parish Office. There are only 50 places. You can choose from one of the following five groups:

Tuesday 9.30am-11.00am

Co-ordinator: Shannon Cain
Location: Shannon's Home

Wednesday 7.00pm-8.30pm

Co-ordinator: Amy Sullivan
Location: Amy's Home

Thursday 10.30am-12.00pm

Co-ordinator: Jen Ringbauer
Location: Kenna Hall Meeting Room

Thursday 4.00pm-5.30pm

Co-ordinator: Camille Tavares
Location: Catherine McAuley School

Thursday 7.00pm-8.30pm

Co-ordinator: Josh Dunn
Location: Kelly's Hotel

CALENDAR NOW ON SALE

The Orange Parkinson's Support Group Calendar is now available from the Parish Office for \$20. Volunteers required to help Rosie sell calendars after all Masses on weekend 20th & 21st October. Please contact Parish Office.

FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

Orange Parkinson's Support Group Fundraising Luncheon will take place in Kenna Hall and will be preceded by Mass at St Joseph's, at 11.00am Saturday 17/11/2018. Tickets are available in the Parish Office for \$50 p/p (\$5 discount applies with purchase of calendar).



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We are very excited to welcome the Sisters of the Immaculata (based in Tasmania) and their youth mission team to our Parish. The Sisters and the team will be speaking at Masses in Orange this weekend about their mission. Over the next few days they will be working in our schools. A special event will be the youth rally on Wednesday evening. Please have a chat to the sisters and the team after Mass this weekend and get the word-out about the youth rally on Wednesday.

YOUTH RALLY AND BBQ INVITATION

BBQ and Youth Rally at Kenna Hall with the Sisters of the Immaculata and the Youth Mission Team

5-7pm Wednesday 17th October.

Open to young people in Year 6 and above. Young adults and parents of participants are welcome. Participants should be dropped-off at 4.45pm for the BBQ to start on time. There is NO COST, but a gold coin donation would be appreciated. Unaccompanied kids need to be signed-in by a parent and signed-out at the end.

INVITATION CHALLENGE: Mark this in your diary and pass the enclosed invitation on to someone you know!

Sisters of the Immaculata website:
<http://www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend is World Mission Sunday. We have our annual appeal to support Catholic Mission at all Masses. At the Orange Masses we will have a guest speaker: Margaret Vella.

SIGNIFICANT STEPS

Dong Van Nguyen will be admitted as a Candidate for Ordination at St Brigid's Church, Dubbo during the Parish Mass at 9.00am Sunday 11 November 2018. Cong Van Hoang, Duong Van Ha & Lam Song Tran will be installed as Lectors at the Mass in the Cathedral, Bathurst at 10.00am Sunday 28 October 2018. All are welcome to attend. Please keep these men in your prayers.

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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' begins 4.00pm Sunday 21st October.

DROUGHT SUPPORT

As the social services agency of the Diocese of Bathurst, Centacare Bathurst is committed to assisting families and communities affected by the current drought and their journey to recovery. If you, or someone you know, need family or relationships services support Centacare is offering its services free of charge for any person affected by the drought. Please contact either the Dubbo Office 02 6885 0277, Bathurst Office 02 6331 8944 or Louise Hennessy 0419 631 781.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Helpers to make sandwiches in Kenna Hall one Wednesday afternoon a month (for the night patrol van). Any help will be graciously accepted. If available please ring Denise on 6362 2565 between 9.00am - 5.00pm.

STAY & PLAY MORNING TEA

Sunday 21st October 10.30 -11.30am
In the cottage behind St Mary's Church
Everyone is welcome.

CLAIM THE DATE

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

FAMILY GROUP 9

The next luncheon will be at Duntryleague Golf Club on 21st October 12 for 12.30pm. Please phone 6363 1639 if unable to attend.



THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

The month of November is dedicated to praying for the salvation of those who have gone before us. We begin the month with the Feast of All Saints, celebrating those who have already attained salvation and are with God in Heaven. We have a special Mass at Mercy Hall that day with all the Catholic Schools in Orange District in attendance. The next day, in the commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls), we pray for all those being purified and on the way to salvation. Throughout the month we have special Masses in each of the main local cemeteries. The month reaches its climax on the last Friday of November with our annual Memorial Mass for those who have died in the previous year. A highlight of this Mass is the lighting of candles symbolising our prayers for our loved ones and the blessing of the columbarium behind St Joseph's. You are invited to enter prayerfully into this month of prayer and remembrance.

Feast of All Saints

Combined Mass for Catholic Education in Orange District: 10.00am Thursday 1st November at Mercy Hall.

November Cemetery Masses

6.00pm Friday 2/11 Orange (All Souls)
6.00pm Friday 9/11 Cumnock
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

PRAYER FOR HSC STUDENTS

Prayer sheets are available in the cross aisle at St Joseph's and the main entrance of St Mary's. Please take one and pray for our year 12 students.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Has your family or group held a 'dialogue and listening encounter' yet? The Bishops would like to hear from you. Pick-up an instruction sheet in the Church or go to the Plenary Council Website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

Evangelisation: the mission of religious. That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have no voice.

RECENTLY BAPTISED

Charlie Buckley, Judd Cantrill, Ollie Ward, Daisy Goudie, Grace Pearson, Isaac Walker, Darby Spicer, Elouise D'Amico

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maureen Riley, Augustine Wai (Hong Kong)

ANNIVERSARIES

Brian Barclay, Christine Britton, Paul Carney, Len Carney, Jim Cleary, Jack Fitzgerald, Gary Parker, Neville Parker, Tom Tracey

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Adrian Berney, Frank Carney, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford & William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Chris Duff, Rodney Dwyer, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Mary Johnston, Brian Keegan, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Mary Luka, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Harry Taylor, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, John & Jean 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 Fardell, Lee, and Paul families.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Aila Bond, for drought breaking rain

THE SICK AND INFIRM

Beth Moxham, Den Smith, Ralph Harvey, Norma Wright, Ray Wright, Doug Punch, Tom Punch, Joan Skelton, John McFarlane, David Ward, Kyle Wickham, Celestina Vardanega, Patricia Crich, Katherine Twomey, Pat Frecklington, Thelma Walters, Dr Steve Peterson

A FRANK QUOTE

Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God.

- Pope Francis

MAKING DISCIPLES

Josh Dunn is a teacher at St Joseph's Catholic School, Blayney. Josh and his wife Monique have four children: Archie, Molly, Annabel, and Elsie. Josh was a member of the First Divine Renovation Discussion Group.



In the closing verses of Matthew's Gospel (28:16-20) we read that, 'Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

In this passage, known as 'The Great Commission', Jesus instructs his disciples to go ... make ... baptise ... and teach ... **new** disciples ...

And so, 2000 years later, how many of us can lay claim to being a **new** disciple?

Are we people who have had a personal encounter with Jesus, to not just know *about him*, but to truly *know* him, love him, be in love with him, walk with him each day, and desire to live his life for us?

Are we committed to being a lifelong learner of our faith? To being engaged in an intentional and disciplined learning process of growth, whether we are 8 years old, 15, 23, 35, 52, 74 or 95?

Are we on fire and passionate about our faith and hungry to grow and learn as a vibrant, committed community of believers?

This is how 'being a disciple' is defined in Fr James Mallon's book, 'Divine Renovation'.

Upon asking myself this question, "Am I a new disciple?" over recent months, I quickly realised that I fell well short. Which, at first, surprised me a little given that I was raised within a beautifully committed and faith-filled Catholic family, taught to love God through stories and prayer shared by my parents and grandparents, schooling in Catholic education, and regular attendance at Mass. Then, as an adult, I was proud to be teaching in Catholic schools, received the sacrament of marriage in a Catholic chapel, had our 4 children baptised as Catholics, and am now hoping to set them on the similar path of Catholic education, Mass attendance and prayer experiences at home ... in essence, good practicing Catholics ...

Sound familiar?

However, when faced with this critical question of whether I can truly claim to be a disciple of Jesus, some deeper thinking, prayer and discernment were very much needed ...

My Catholic education ensured I knew a lot *about* Jesus but did I really *know* him...?

So much of my faith had centred within my family, friends and colleagues, but had we ever had a single conversation about Jesus or our faith?

Then, things really started to hit home ... was my attendance at Mass, like so many people I knew, out of duty or guilt? Or was it a real desire to experience the Eucharist for everything it truly is? And then ... how could I even begin to think that I was part of a parish community, when I'd sat in the same seat for years and not even reached out to an elderly member of our church who'd been sitting in the same pew for all that time?

How many of us may find this resonating with them?

How could I even begin to consider being part of a parish community that may have a vision of *going to make disciples* and *baptise* and *teach* others, when clearly I wasn't a committed disciple myself – someone who has a personal relationship with Jesus, is committed to a life-long journey of learning and growth, while all the time being part of a community of passionate and vibrant believers.

My opportunity to be part of a reading group this year to break open Fr James Mallon's 'Divine Renovation' enabled me to personally face many of these questions, reservations, and misconceptions about my own faith; whilst clearly providing our group with a vision-focused strategy for the renewal of our parish. To share this journey with others at various stages of 'discipleship' provided us with an opportunity for learning and growth from each other. 'Divine Renovation' can provide the opportunity to renew our parish into a vibrant, meaningful community where we can all confidently lay claim to being a passionate, committed disciple of Jesus.

"I am with you always, even to the end of the age"
(Matthew 28:20)

GOING DEEPER

- Purchase the book 'Divine Renovation' after Mass or in the Parish Office for \$30.
- Join a Discussion Group to unpack the contents of the book.