

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)**

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - 23rd February, 2020

Reflection

We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and Gospel this Sunday.

Yet how is it possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect?

Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as His beloved children (Ephesians 5:1-2).

As God does, we must love without limit—with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good (see Romans 12:21).

Jesus Himself, in His Passion and death, gave us the perfect example of the love that we are called to.

He offered no resistance to the evil—even though He could have commanded twelve legions of angels to fight alongside Him. He offered His face to be struck and spit upon. He allowed His garments to be stripped from Him. He marched as His enemies compelled Him to the Place of the Skull. On the cross He prayed for those who persecuted Him (see Matthew 26:53-54, 67; 27:28, 32; Luke 23:34).

In all this He showed Himself to be the perfect Son of God. By His grace, and through our imitation of Him, He promises that we too can become children of our heavenly Father.

God does not deal with us as we deserve, as we sing in this week's Psalm. He loves us with a Father's love. He saves us from ruin. He forgives our transgressions.

He loved us even when we had made ourselves His enemies through our sinfulness. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (see Romans 5:8).

We have been bought with the price of the blood of God's only Son (see 1 Corinthians 6:20). We belong to Christ now, as St. Paul says in this week's Epistle. By our baptism, we have been made temples of His Holy Spirit.

And we have been saved to share in His holiness and perfection. So let us glorify Him by our lives lived in His service, loving as He loves.

Today's Scripture: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

Next Week's Scripture: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

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

DAY BY DAY

Monday 24th February Weekday, Ordinary Time 7

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

Tuesday 25th February Weekday, Ordinary Time 7

- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Mass at Gosling Creek

Wednesday 26th February Ash Wednesday

- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's
- 9.10am Mass at James Sheahan Catholic High School Mercy Hall
- 9.15am Mass at Molong (St Joseph's Molong)
- 9.45am **NO** Reconciliation at Molong
- 10.00am Mass at St Joseph's (St Mary's and Catherine McAuley Schools)
- 10.30am Mass at Manildra (St Joseph's Manildra)
- 5.00pm **NO** Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 27th February Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Mass at Wontama

Friday 28th February Friday after Ash Wednesday

- 3.00pm Welcome and veneration of relics at Molong
- 5.00pm **NO** Exposition and Reconciliation at St Joseph's
- 5.30pm Welcome of relics at Catherine McAuley School grounds
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's with veneration of relics

Saturday 29th February Saturday after Ash Wednesday

- 9.00am Mass at Cargo
- 9.00am Veneration of relics at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Healing Service for those touched by cancer
- 12.00am Healing Service for bereaved parents
- 5.15pm Reconciliation at St Joseph's
- 5.40pm Reconciliation at Manildra
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's with veneration of relics
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Manildra

Sunday 1st March First Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Mass at Mullion Creek
- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's
- 8.00am Mass at Cudal
- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at Molong
- 11.15am Baptisms at St Joseph's
- 6.00pm Mass at St Joseph's

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26 FEBRUARY: ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Mass and distribution of ashes will take place at the following times and locations:

- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Orange
- 9.10am Mass at Mercy Hall, Orange (James Sheahan attending)
- 9.15am Mass at St Lawrence's, Molong (St Joseph's Molong attending)
- 10.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Orange (St Mary's & Catherine McAuley attending)
- 10.30am Mass at Manildra (St Joseph's Manildra attending)
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's, Orange

FR PIUS FAREWELL

We thank Fr Pius for his service to our Parish and wish him well in his appointment to Coonamble. We will be hosting a farewell for Fr Pius after Mass on Friday 6th March. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

LASALLIAN LEADERS GATHERING

The Lasallian Leaders Gathering will take place in Orange from March 1st - 3rd. Around 60 delegates will attend from around Australia, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan and New Zealand. We have the privilege of hosting the Opening Mass of the Gathering on March 1st at our 6.00pm Sunday Mass in St. Joseph's. Music at the Mass will be provided by talented young musicians from the Lasallian Gathering.

SHORT COURSE IN LITURGY AND SCRIPTURE THROUGH ART

Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst invites teachers in Catholic schools, catechists and other parishioners to a workshop exploring symbols of the Church.

The workshop will take place on 13 March St Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School, Hill Street, Orange at 9.30am to 3.00pm. Register by contacting Ronda on 6338 3000 or Dr Angelo Belmonte at a.belmonte@bth.catholic.edu.au

A FRANK QUOTE

The love of God is not generic. God looks with love upon every man and woman, calling them by name.

- Pope Francis



THE RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX AND HER PARENTS ST ZELIE AND ST LOUIS

Friday 28th February

3.00-4.30pm Welcome Liturgy, Devotions, and Veneration at St Lawrence's Molong.

5.30pm Arrival of Relics in grounds of Catherine McAuley Primary School and procession to St Joseph's Church; 5.45pm Opening Mass in St Joseph's, followed by veneration, devotions, readings, confessions, and silent prayer, concluding at 9.30pm

Saturday 29th February

9.00am-3.00pm veneration, devotions, readings, confessions, silent prayer at St Joseph's; 11.00am healing service for those touched by cancer; 12.00am healing service for bereaved parents; 6.00pm Final Mass at St Joseph's followed by veneration; 7.30pm Farewell relics from parish with procession from Church.

SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS WORKSHOP

All parishioners, especially those in ministry, are invited to attend a Safe Church Awareness Workshop. The workshop will be held on Thursday 5 March and Thursday 12 March 2020, 6:00pm (BYO dinner) at Kenna Hall. Attendance at both sessions is necessary for completion of the workshop.

Visit www.bathurst.catholic.org.au, scroll down to the "Safe Church Awareness Training" section and click on the link to register. The parish will cover the cost of these workshops. If you don't have internet or an email address, contact Amy at the parish office, and she will assist you to register.

LENTEN PRAYER BOOKS SOLD OUT

The Diocese of Wollongong lenten prayer books and CDs have proved very popular and are no longer available from the Parish Office.

PRAYER DAY FOR PEACE

Come to Shalom House of Prayer in Carcoar on Wednesday the 4th of March for a quiet, reflective Day of Prayer for World Peace. For further information, contact Shalom House of Prayer on 6367 3058.



OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

OUR PARISH INTENTIONS

That our parish will embrace Alpha as a means to bring people to Jesus; that God will give healing to all those who have been abused in Church institutions; that God will sustain and comfort farmers and communities that have had their livelihoods impacted by drought.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pamela Cassidy

RECENTLY MARRIED

Mark Hentzsch and Ashleigh Brown

ANNIVERSARIES

Luke Kennedy, Karmen Middleton, Cyril O'Keefe

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Burgess, Ray Dickson, Ted Doughan, Pat Frecklington, Ralph Harvey, Lawrence Livermore, Ronnie Hazelton, Merle Parrish, Sheila Hegarty (Ireland), Sharron Kassoutas, Joan Knight, Lily Laws, Margaret Millings, Margaret Melinz, Ursula Paul, Amanda Peers (Walker), Doug Punch, Tori Punch, Joanna Scheepers, Den Smith, Sue Selwood, Katherine Twomey, Stephen van Eede, John van Eede, Celestina Vardanega, Norma Wright.

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Adrian Berney, Helen Borys, Frank Carney, Paul Carney, Alfie & Charlie Cristaldi, Noreen Crozier, Daphne Dawson, Des Dawson, Ricky Eggins, Pamela Fabry, Elaine Farrell, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford, William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Chris Duff, Donna Evans, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Adele Hasson, Tom Hannelly, Frank & Joan Hennessy, Charles Hunt, Brian Keegan, Ellen Lord, Clive Lord, Ron Lord, Owen Hart, Mary Johnston, Brian Keegan, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Emily Miller, Frank Miller, Teresita Novak, Bernie Ostini, Janette Odleum, Lorna Ostini, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Anthony & Mary Pereira, Michael Powell, Anna Rosario, Gwenda Stewart, William Henry Schmich, Harry Taylor, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, Santo LoFaro (Italy), Gaetano Torrisi, Salvatore & Venera Torrisi, Mario & Alfio Lizzio, Pietra Faro, Alfina Cosentino, Venera Maccarone, Santo & Alfia LoFaro (Orange), Mario Vardanega, Tracey Warner, Mavis Whitehouse, deceased members of the Alexander, Clancy, DeRooy, Fardell, Iffland, Kos, Lee, Loque, Paul, Torrisi, van Schaik & Walker families.