

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)

First Sunday of Lent - Year B - 18th February 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 February: Say "No" to Corruption.

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Response to the Psalm: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Reflection: Lent bids us to return to the innocence of baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle. And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see Hosea 2:20; Isaiah 11:1-9).

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God (see Mark 1:11; Luke 3:38), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see Genesis 2:19-20), being served by angels (see Ezekiel 28:12-14). Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-20), Jesus is victorious.

This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see Colossians 1:13-14). We were made children of God, new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 4:3-7).

But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 9,13; Deuteronomy 8:2,16).

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Saviour—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm (see John 14:6). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see Psalm 78:25; Wisdom 16:20), and cleanses our consciences in the sacrament of reconciliation. As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel.



Today's Scripture: Genesis 9:8-18; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Next Week's Scripture: Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13.15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

PARISH NOTICES

DAY BY DAY

Monday 19th February

First Week of Lent

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

Tuesday 20th February

First Week of Lent

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 9.10am Rosary at St Mary's
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's

Wednesday 21st February

First Week of Lent

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

Thursday 22nd February

The Chair of St Peter, apostle

- 9.10am Rosary at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Mass Wontama Nursing Home - All welcome
- 6.00-7.00pm Holy Hour at St Joseph's

Friday 23rd February

First Week of Lent

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 5.15-5.40pm Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's
- 5.00-5.40pm Reconciliation at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's Church -

Saturday 24th February

First Week of Lent

- 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 25th February

Second Sunday of Lent

- 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



Project Compassion

Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of twelve, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. With the help of a Caritas Australia supported program she is now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.



Stations of the Cross Molong

During Lent 'Stations of the Cross' will be held every Friday at 6.00pm at St Lawrence Church, Molong

A Frank Quote

'Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation.'
Pope Francis

Walking with Confidence program

Move around with confidence and make a big difference to how you feel every day. Join Catholic Healthcare's Walking with Confidence program (exercise and fall prevention education) for over 65s commencing February 27th, 12.30pm, every Tuesday for 8 weeks at St Catherine's, 51 Gormans Hill Road, Bathurst. Cost: \$15/person/session. For more information, call our friendly staff on 1300 319 011.

Conversations about Catholics

Four sessions aim to help parents understand a little about what children are learning in Religious Education in school and to assist parents to participate in their faith development.

This is especially helpful if one of the parents is not of the Catholic faith.

The sessions run for four consecutive weeks **beginning Wednesday 21st February and conclude on Wednesday 14th March** at 9.15am in the Chapel (rear of St Joseph's Church).

Sessions last approx 60-90 mins. For further details please contact Sr Helen at Parish Office on 6362 2378

WELCOME

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We welcome and give thanks for:

Brittany Browning, Joel Granger, Maggie Moon & Wanda Moore

Who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

School Tours for New Enrolments

School Tours will be held at Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School during the week 26th February - Friday 2nd March for any new enrolments. If you know of any relatives/friends who have children starting 2019/2020 that may be interested in a tour of the School, please let them know they can call the office on 6361 3344 to organise



Congratulations & Best Wishes

to

John & Norma Galvin

celebrating their

60th Wedding Anniversary



PARISH NOTICES

How will you mark Lent spiritually?

Holy Hour 6pm Thursdays at St Joseph's
Stations of the Cross 5.15pm Fridays at
St Joseph's
Join a Lenten Group

The Christian Life Program

This course run by Couples for Christ commences this Sunday, 18th February, at 1.00pm at Kenna Hall, Orange.

You are invited to come along to this first session and see how it goes. There will be snacks and child care provided.

Homemade Raspberry Jam
for sale
Phone: Ruth on 6365 3249

Santa Maria College Orange HSC of 1977, Santa Maria & De La Salle Colleges SC of 1975.

40+ year reunion - 17 March 7pm at the Parkview Hotel, Orange. Please contact Cathryn Newcombe on 0410 448 284 or
cathryn.newcombe@gmail.com

Family Group 9

The first luncheon for the year will be held this Sunday 18th February at Duntryleague Restaurant 12 noon for 12.30pm start.
If unable to attend please phone Allan & Gloria on 6363 1639

Syro - Malabar Mass

Commencing this Sunday the 18th February there will be a Syro- Malabar Mass at St Mary's Church at 5.30pm and then every following Third Sunday of the Month.



World Day of Prayer Orange

The World Day of Prayer in Orange will be on Friday 2nd March 2018 at the Orange Baptist Church, Molong Road.

Commencing at 10.00am
All Welcome.

Please bring a plate of food to share.



World Day of Prayer Cudal

This year the World Day of Prayer in Cudal will be hosted by St Columbanus. The theme is 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' You are invited to join this time of prayer with the other churches in Cudal at 11.00am 2nd March at St Columbanus, Cudal.

Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst

invites you to attend
Understanding and teaching the Word of God
presented by Dr Laurie Woods.

The formation day is aimed at SRE coordinators and teachers, catechists, sacramental coordinators and parishioners. It will be repeated in three locations across the Diocese:

13th March - St Pius X Primary School, East Street, Dubbo
14th March - Kenna Hall, Hill Street, Orange
15th March - St Philomena's Primary School, Lloyds Road, Bathurst

Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm

Cost: FREE

For more information visit
www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

Register by contacting Dr Angelo Belmonte:
a.belmonte@bth.catholic.edu.au or
phone Ronda at Catholic Education
on: 6338 3000

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Oliver Stoker, Ella Hannan, Boston O'Brien, Carter Wykamp

RECENTLY MARRIED:

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Anderson, Rosemary Serisier (Bowral)

ANNIVERSARIES: Salvatore Barbagallo, Daphne Conroy, Robyn Gersbach, Karman Middleton, Joe & Eileen Powell, Tony Quirk

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES:

Adrian Berney, Ken & Marg Bevan, Maria Brouwers, Jim Cleary, Mena Christopherson, Ernesto Covelli, Sandy Cornish, Daisy Cornish, William Crayford and William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Des & Daphne Dawson, Chris Duff, Max French, Nell & Jack Fitzgerald, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Frank & Joan Hennessy, Brian Keegan, Ian Livermore, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Faye & Jack Parker, Neville Parker, Dennis Rapley, Dawn Ryan, Harry Taylor, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, Jean & John 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.

THE SICK AND INFIRM:

Alfio Cristaldi, Joan Breen, Lena Darling, Michael Higgins, Celestina Vardanega, Sandy Ostini, Katherine Twomey, Sue Selwood, David Ward, Brian Kelly, Nell Bourke, Paul Stapleton, Beth Moxham, Norma Wright

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Alfio Cristaldi

Chanel College 60th Anniversary

Reunion for students of
THE MARIST FATHERS ERA
[1958-1970].

For details send your email
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your postal details to PO Box
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'At the Beginning of the Third Millennium'

In the year 2001 Pope Saint John Paul II wrote a letter entitled *At the beginning of the new millennium*. Among other things, this letter contained the Pope's vision for parish renewal. What he wrote was not a programme, but a vision for us to *start afresh from Christ*.

The Pope's vision for this *starting afresh* was expressed in seven key pastoral priorities. These priorities were 1. Holiness, 2. Prayer, 3. The Sunday Eucharist, 4. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, 5. The Primacy of Grace, 6. Listening to the Word, and 7. Proclaiming the Word.

For Pope John Paul II, parish renewal begins not with programmes, meetings and strategies, but with these seven spiritual-pastoral basics.

In the years following the publication of *At the beginning of the new millenium* there was a lot of discussion and unpacking of this document - particularly the seven pastoral priorities - throughout the Church, including in our own Diocese. I remember clearly in meetings that the priority that was most difficult for people to grasp was the *Primacy of Grace*. What does this mean? Although the most difficult to understand, it is in fact key to understanding the rest of the priorities and why they are important. The clue is in the name: 'primacy'. Why does grace have 'primacy'? And what does grace really mean?

During Lent this year I will be writing a series of reflections on the theme of the *Primacy of Grace*, what it means and why it is vitally important. Truly understanding this principle and living it is vital to the life of the Church: both the 'big Church' of the parish and the 'little Church' of the family home.

Pope Saint John Paul II's Reflection

For the Pope, prayer and pastoral planning only truly make sense if we accept and truly believe in the primacy of God's grace. He warns that the belief that results in our spiritual and pastoral work is a result simply of our own efforts is a deceptive temptation. Truly we are to cooperate with God's grace with all our energy and intelligence, but it is "fatal to forget" that "without Christ we can do nothing" (Jn 15:5).

Simply put, grace means God's help. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: "Grace is a *participation in the life of God*. It introduces us into the intimacy of Trinitarian life: by Baptism the Christian participates in the grace of Christ, the Head of his Body. As an "adopted son" he can henceforth call God "Father," in union with the only Son. He receives the life of the Spirit who breathes charity into him and who forms the Church." (para. 1997).

Grace is God's gift that allows us to live the Christian life here and now as a participation in God's own life. Pope John Paul II is saying that without being constantly aware of our need for this participation and without constantly renewing this participation, all our other efforts are in vain. This is wonderfully summed-up in Psalm 127:1: "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain."

The Pope goes on to write: "when this principle [the primacy of grace] is not respected, is it any wonder that pastoral plans come to nothing and leave us with a disheartening sense of frustration?" Our reflection over the next few weeks of Lent will therefore turn to the question: *how can we respect the primacy of grace?*

Fr Greg Bellamy

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