



PARISH OF ST MARY & ST JOSEPH, ORANGE

Incorporating St Brendan's, Mullion Creek, St Patrick's, Cargo, St Columbanus', Cudal
 We recognise the Wiradjuri, Gamilaraay and Wailwan peoples as the original custodians of the land on which
 our Parish stands.

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Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful;
 Slow to anger and rich in
 compassion.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
 Love one another as I have loved you,
 Alleluia!

This week: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Reflection



A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness.

This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration.

When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

Dianne Bergant CSS

Next week: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24.27; Matthew 20:1-16

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

St Mary's 5.00pm
 St Columbanus Cudal 5.00pm
 (1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays)
 St Patrick's Cargo 5.00pm
 (2nd & 4th Saturdays)
 St Michael's Manildra 6.00pm

Sunday

St Joseph's 8.00am
 Mullion Creek 8.00am
 St Dympna's Cumnock 8.00am
 (2nd & 4th Sundays)
 St Mary's 9.30am
 St Lawrence's Molong 9.30am
 St Canice's Millthorpe 10.00am
 (1st & 3rd Sundays)
 Syro Malabar Mass 5.00pm
 (3rd Sunday of month at St Mary's)
 St Joseph's 5.00pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday 5.00-5.30pm St Joseph's
 Saturday 4.00-4.45pm St Mary's

OFFICE HOURS

Mon: 10.00am - 4.30pm
 Tues-Fri: 8.45am - 4.30pm
Closed - Lunch: 12.30 - 1.30pm

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 7.30am St Joseph's
 Tuesday 8.00am St Mary's
 Wednesday 7.30am St Joseph's
 Thursday 8.00am St Mary's
 Friday 5.45pm St Joseph's

All Public holidays Mass 8.30am

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Burrell, Karen Harris, Patricia Sherlock, Adeline Walker, Darryl Phillips (Raymond Terrace)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Brian Cahill, Kevin Doulman, June Hayes, Bev Hiney, Harry Knight

MASSES REQUESTED:

Austin, Nathan & Mia (family name not disclosed), Adrian Berney, Ken & Marg Bevan, Mona Bourke, Kevin Brown, Ross Caltabiano, Betty, Phylis, Felix, Nora & Gordon Clancy, William Crayford and William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Des & Daphne Dawson, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Brian Keegan, Ian Livermore, Valerie McGee, Aileen Mackie, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Joan Sullivan, Harry Taylor, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, Jean Walker, Hilton & Mary Wass, Reg Weekes, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Dawn Ryan, Santo LoFaro (Italy), Gaetano Torrisi, Salvatore & Venera Torrisi, Mario & Alfio Lizzio, Pietra Faro, Alfina Cosentino, Venera Maccarone, Santo LoFaro - Orange. Deceased members of the Fardell, Lee, Paul, Torrisi, LoFaro families.

Please pray for recently deceased parishioners and others for whom prayers are requested on the list in

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Lord, bring your healing and strength upon all those who are sick and injured especially:

Gary Alexander (Port Macquarie), Cameron Arnett (Canberra), Anne Maree Bailey (Oberon), Win & John Bamber (Ireland), Elizabeth Baron (Campbelltown), Cathy Bourke (Parkes), Eric Bowman (Bathurst), Paul Bright (Bathurst), Kevin Brown (Goulburn), Marie Burrell, Jenny Clark, Peter Coble, Glenn Cook, Peter Corrigan, Beryl Corse (Bathurst), Alfio Cristaldi (Qld), Robert Crossie, Titau Cunanse, Stephen Dane, Gerard Dennis, Anthony Dughan (Parkes), Kathryn Armstong Dughan, Chris Duff, Jenny Dunne (Avoca), Eileen Ford, Justine Ford, Carolyn Gazzard, Geoff Gazzard, Kerryn Gersbach, Michelle Gillies (Yamba), Aileen Grant (Canowindra), Anne Harrington (Marrar), Lila Heffernan, Taio Henry-Taylor, Jenny Hughes, Gerry Huxley (Sydney), Robert (Bob) Jenkins, Robert Johnston, Kelly Jones (Central Coast), May Jones, Nancy Kalevski (Newcastle), Brian Kelly, Terry Kelly, Jan Kitcher, Jovan Knezevic, Ida Langham, Lawrence Livermore, Patricia Lo Faro, Noni McAneney (Tullamore), Vincent McAneney, Sue McCulley (Sydney), Yvonne McDonald, Doug McMurtrie, Bishop Kevin Manning, Jane Mason (Perthville), Ellie Middleton, Leanne Middleton, Janette Moore (Windsor, Ontario), Agnes Nash, Eileen O'Connor, Alice O'Dea, Ken Olsen, Sandy Ostini, Chris Parnaby, Iris Pasquill, John Powell, Maureen Priest, Kellie Purcell (Canberra), Joe Raso, John Reynolds, Adrian Ryan (Bathurst), Mark Ryan (Georges Plains), Tom Ryan (Bathurst), Francine Sammut, Patricia Sams, Sue Selwood, Marie Shea (Forest Reefs), Adrian Short (Woodstock), Jim Sloane (Sydney), Roslyn Smith, Lyn Spencer, Paul Stapleton, Miliana Tierney, Tio Henry Tylor, Katherine Twomey, Elizabeth Turnbull, Nicole Vanderhel, John Van Eede, Kylie Walsh (Sydney), Thelma Walters, Peter Ward (Sanctuary Cove), Jim Wass, Rory White, Kyle Wickham, Anthony Young.

These names will remain on the list for your Prayers. Please contact Parish Office if individual circumstances change.

Make sure you let the Parish Office know if anyone from your family is in hospital - ring 6362 2378.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community

**Sonny Evans
Emma Southwell
Phoebe Hutchings
Austin Upton**

who were baptised this weekend.



Praying with the Seasons

Sr Mary Murphy rsj offers a series of four Prayer Days throughout the year based around each of the Seasons. Each day will look at how the season touches into our spiritual and prayer life awakening afresh our sense of God present in nature and our own spirit



Spring: 27th September (not 20th as previously stated) - new life; discovering and celebrating that which may be budding, awakening in my Spiritual life.

You are welcome to attend for reflection, discovery and prayer.

Time: 9.30am-3.00pm

Cost: \$20 BYO lunch.

Tea/Coffee provided

Venue: The Vale Lodge, St Joseph's Heritage & Conference Centre, Tenison Woods Ave, Perthville. Phone 6337 2946 or 6337 2420 **Bookings essential**

CURSILLO - Ladies Reunion Weekend 21st - 22nd October

Where: St Brigid's Hall, Dubbo
Time: 11.00am Saturday until 3.00pm Sunday.

You will need to organise your own accommodation.

RSVP: 11th October -

Email: Anne Worrad

anneworrada@msn.com

or Phone: 0431 425 483.



Suggested donation \$40 / person.

James Sheahan Catholic High School Class Reunion

(1985 Year 10 and 1987 Year 12)

When: 5pm - Saturday 23rd September

Where: 1870 Restaurant and Bar 85 March Street, Orange.

RSVP: Carolyn on 0499933879 or email:

royceandcarolyn@bigpond.com

Cost: \$30 per head - Substantial Finger Food provided. Purchase own drinks.

Patronal Feast Thank You

A huge 'thank you' to all those who helped in making the Patronal Feast of Our Lady happen once again. A great day was had by all who attended.

Daylight Saving STARTS the Weekend of the 30th Sept & 1st Oct

The Vigil Mass on the 30th September - 5.00pm
Sunday night Mass on the 1st October - 6.00pm.

DAY BY DAY

Monday 18th September

- Craft with Love - Meeting room in Kenna Hall 9.30am - 1.30pm. All welcome.
- Holy Family Conf. St V de P - 1st & 3rd weeks of Month, St Mary's Meeting Room 5.00pm

Tuesday 19th September

- Communion Service 11am - St Francis. All welcome

Wednesday 20th September

- Funeral Service - Karen Harris- 11.00am Penhall's Chapel.
- St Joseph's Conf. St V de P - Meet in McNamara Street Centre 4.15pm on 1st & 3rd weeks of the Month.

Thursday 21st September

- St Mary's Conf. St V de P Meeting at McNamara Street Centre 6.00pm
- Mass 11am - Cherrywood. All welcome.
- Communion Service - Wontama Nursing Home. All welcome.
- Holy Hour at St Joseph's 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Friday 22nd September

- Mass St Joseph's - 5.45pm

Dear friends,

As you receive the postal surveys this week pertaining to the proposal to redefine marriage I encourage you to consider your vote very seriously. Despite the often superficial analysis found on mainstream and social media, this issue raises questions pertaining to the nature of human society, the relationship between gender and biological sex, religious freedom, and freedom of speech. The proposition that a redefinition of marriage will have no serious consequences in these areas is naïve.

Certainly, we must always respect and protect the profound dignity of every human person, whatever their sexual orientation. There is never any excuse for abusive language or violence towards anyone. This behaviour should be repugnant to any Christian. Nonetheless, the issue of marriage redefinition deeply concerns what we believe about God's creative plan for humanity. Do we believe that the complementary union of man and woman fruitfully giving rise to new life is a privileged relationship as Genesis teaches? Is it especially fundamental to human society? Or is it simply one form of human relationship among others?

In the postal survey each person will vote in accordance with his/her own conscience. Human beings, blessed by God with personal dignity, should not abdicate their freedom and choose a particular way because of social pressure. Neither should they settle for ignorance as a basis of their decision. Each of us has a responsibility to ensure that our consciences are *informed*. That means, I do not simply accept the, often shallow, slogans of political movements, but actually do enough reading to come to an informed decision for myself.

I encourage you, before completing the survey, to read the Australian Bishops' Letter *Don't Mess with Marriage* (https://www.sydneycatholic.org/pdf/dmm-booklet_web.pdf) You may also wish to visit the website www.coalitionformarriage.org.au (The site is not run by the Church, but the authors raise important questions. There are a couple of articles from the website available in the church foyers for anyone interested.) On the back of the Bulletin you will find a letter from Bishop McKenna on Christian Marriage which I also encourage you to carefully read.

I will be voting 'no'. That 'no' is not a 'no' to the dignity of homosexual men and women. Rather, it is a 'yes' to the unique importance of the complimentary union of man and woman giving rise to new life as critically fundamental to the flourishing of human society. I pray that God will send his Holy Spirit to guide each of us.

Fr Greg

Family Group 9

The next luncheon will be on this Sunday 17th September at Dundryleague Restaurant 12.00noon for 12.30pm start. If unable to attend please call Allan & Gloria on 6363 1639

Election Day BBQ

A big 'thank you' to all who helped make this day such a success. **\$1,230** was raised and will be forwarded to the Johnson family for research into 'Prader Willy Syndrome'. Also thanks to our donors Aldi, Woolworths, IGA and Scott Munro Butchery - their generosity helped the bottom line.

St Joseph's Perthville Ex-Students Association

Dear Ex-Students, Associates & Friends. You are invited to attend a get-together Luncheon at The Patmos Garden Cafe, Hill Street, Orange beside the **Botanic Gardens** **Saturday 7th October 2017**

12 noon for 12.30pm

Cost: There is no set menu. Simply order & pay for your own meal. RSVP: janlong@optusnet.com.au or phone 0402 123 405 by Tuesday 3rd October 2017.

A Frank Quote - Excerpt from Pope Francis' "Little Book of Wisdom"

'The Key that opens the door to faith is prayer. But it is one thing to pray, and another thing to say prayers.'



will occur from **27th- 28th September 2017** at Ridgecrest Conference Centre, Burrendong.

RISE is a chance for young people in Year 6 to Year 9 to spend time together, have fun and learn more about their faith. Why not consider being part of RISE this year?

Come and be part of an unforgettable experience!

For more information visit www.bathurst.catholic.org.au or contact Deacon Josh on mobile: 0458 261 513 or email: ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au

PARISH ROSTERS

4th Week of Month starting
24th September 2017

St Joseph's

Altar Servers

8.00am VACANCY
5.00pm Grace Tilston, Emily Pell

Ministers of Communion

8.00am Peter Kennedy, Joyce Carman,
Steve Maguire, 2 x VACANCIES
5.00pm Maria Mate, Denise Ryan,
Vidhu OR Tony Varghese,
Janette B. Lata, Jackie Chan

Readers & Commentator

8.00am Maria King, Grant Taylor;
Bill Walsh
5.00pm Jane Dennis, Michelle Whiteley;
VACANCY

Flower Arrangers - (before 4th Sunday)

Cheryl McDonald, Ann Kelly

Cleaners (during week following 3rd Sunday) **Group 3** - Deidre Shore, Patricia Stedman, Cathy Thomson

St Mary's

Childrens Liturgy at 9.30am

Marie Henry

Drivers' Roster for 9.30am

Group A - Dilhan Fernando
Group B - Chris Derwin

Altar Servers

Vigil Aaron Cox
9.30am Adrian Ringbauer, Aidan Price

Ministers of Communion

Vigil Kay Fitzgerald, Tereza Cooney,
Maureen Horth, Denise Prince,
John Wai OR Jackie Chan
9.30am Nora Bridges, Peter Meers,
Justin May, Elizabeth Caulfield,
Matthew French

Readers & Commentator

Vigil Mark Pauschmann, Ros OR
Dudley Brander; Julie Sharp
9.30am Lawrence Sherwin, Bridget May;
Janelle Price

Flower Arrangers - Carmel Bayada

Cleaners - (during week following the 3rd Sunday) **Group 3** - Jack & Margaret Munk, Nora Bridges, Maureen Williams, Rosemary Middleton

Christian Marriage



Dear Friends in Christ,

Now that the postal survey about changing the legal definition of Marriage is underway, I repeat my call for all Catholics to consider their vote and its consequences carefully and conscientiously.

Whatever the outcome, the Church's teaching on Marriage will not change. It is important, in the midst of many voices and opinions, that we remain clear about this teaching. Here is an updated version of what I sent to you more than two years ago:

Christian Marriage is a miracle. It's a miracle because it brings health and happiness to human life. It's a miracle because it shows God at work, making possible what otherwise might look impossible.

We do not thank God for an abstract idea: Christian Marriage is real in the experience of the women and men who live it out. Without their generous and practical witness, my words would be empty rhetoric.

There are two vital elements in this understanding of Marriage. First, it is a commitment for life: "In good times and bad, in sickness and in health...". Second, it is a commitment to receive the blessing of children and nourish them in body and soul. It is "for" life in both senses of the word.

These elements were once generally understood in our society, but are no longer believed in by everyone. However, those who do believe and live that way shine a light on the path of becoming fully human, fully alive.

Within the commitment of belonging to one another for life: the daily acts of love and forgiveness, the cooling and warming of affections, the learning of the intricacies of another person (and yourself): can weave the strongest bonds. In the mystery of human sexual difference, man and woman can become one flesh.

Couples who are truly open to receiving the children God sends them find freedom from the ancient idols of money and instant gratification. Those who listen to the teaching of the Church about natural family planning discover, not irksome rules, but a way to richer relationships.

Of course, it is an enormous undertaking, which needs a man and a woman to make happen. To those who are not yet married, I would say: choose carefully: choose someone who shares your vision of what Marriage can be.

In fact, the miracle of Christian Marriage needs a third person: Jesus Christ. It is true that the blessing of Marriage is God's gift offered to all people: In the words of the Catholic wedding ceremony, "married life has been established as the one blessing that was not forfeited by original sin or washed away in the flood". But when two Christians marry, it becomes a Sacrament.

The ministers of this Sacrament are the couple who exchange their consent. They accept a special vocation in the mission of the Church. The family has been called the "domestic church". In its shared life of love, forgiveness, service and prayer, in parents handing on the Faith to their children, the Church is built up. Pope Francis has said "Children, before living in a house made of bricks, inhabit another house, even more essential: they live in the mutual love of their parents".

This little church cannot do it alone, though. It needs the company of other Christians; it needs the Word of God in the scriptures and the teachings that break them open; it needs the Sacraments. In other words, it needs to belong to the wider Church, giving and receiving.

We cannot forget our sisters and brothers who have suffered the death of a spouse or, for whatever reason, the breakdown of their relationship. Christ is closest to those who suffer. In his name, we offer the friendship and faith of the Church community and our willingness to walk with you on the path of healing and hope.

There are many kinds of human relationships, in which people may find the deep commitment of unselfish love. But Marriage is unique, and it does no honour or service to other partnerships to dress them in the clothes of something they are not.

Customs and laws will come and go, but God's blessing remains. The hearts of some of our sisters and brothers have grown lonely and cold; they need to see the love of Christ made visible in us his Church. I pray that more people will find the courage to say yes to the vocation of Christian Marriage and become this beautiful miracle for the Church and the world.

Mary, Mother of the Church, who asked your Son for the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, pray for more miracles of Christian Marriage to bring life and joy among us all.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst