

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)

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B - 18th March 2018

PARISH TEAM

Fr Greg Bellamy	Parish Priest
Fr Pius Khaoya	Assistant Priest
Diep Nguyen	Seminarian
Sr Helen Saunders rsj	Pastoral Assistant Orange
Sr Frances McAleer rsj	Resident in Molong
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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 March: Formation in Spiritual Discernment - That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communication levels.

2018 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Orange - Monday 26th March - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, St Mary's Church at 7.00pm
Tuesday 27th March & Wednesday 28th March - 1st Rite of Reconciliation
(Confession), St Joseph's Church at 12.30 - 1.00pm, 5.00pm - 5.30pm
- Molong - Tuesday 27th March - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, St Lawrence's
Church at 7.00pm
- Orange - Good Friday - Confessions at St Joseph's & St Mary's, 2.00pm - 2.45pm

Holy Thursday 29th March - NO Morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper

- Molong - St Lawrence's, 7.00pm followed by Adoration until 9.00pm
Orange - St Joseph's Church, 7.30pm followed by Adoration until 10.00pm

Good Friday 30th March

Walk to Botanical Gardens commencing at 9.30am from St Joseph's Church for the Stations of the Cross at 10.30am
If wet, this will be transferred to St Mary's Church

- Molong & Manildra - Stations of the Cross at 10.30am
Mullion Creek - Stations of the Cross 3.00pm
Orange - Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, St Joseph's & St Mary's Churches at 3.00pm
Molong - Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, St Lawrence's Church, Molong at 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 31st March 2018

Orange - Morning Prayer of Waiting - St Mary's Church 10.00am, including the rites of 'Ephphetha' and 'Anointing with Oil of Catechumens'

Easter Vigil

- Orange - St Mary's Church - 7.00pm **(followed by supper - please bring a plate to share)**
Molong - St Lawrence's Church - 7.00pm

Easter Sunday 1st April 2018

- Orange - St Joseph's Church - 8.00am, 5.00pm
- St Mary's Church - 9.30am
Cudal - St Columbanus - 8.00am
Mullion Creek - St Brendan's Church - 8.00am
Cargo - St Patrick's Church - 10.00am
Manildra - St Michael's Church - 9.30am

Easter Monday 2nd April

8.30am St Mary's Church



Today's Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

Next Week's Scripture: Entrance: Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philipians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

PARISH NOTICES

DAY BY DAY

Monday 19th March

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 9.00am 'Craft with Love'
- 11.00am Funeral Service Katalin Mesterhazy Penhall's Chapel
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Mary's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Mary's

Tuesday 20th March

Fifth 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
- 10.00am Funeral Service Lloyd Forbes Penhall's Chapel

Wednesday 21st March

Fifth Week of Lent

- 9.15am Mass St Joseph's School Molong, all welcome
- 9.45-10.15am Reconciliation at Molong
- 11.00am Mass & Confessions St Joseph's School Manildra. All welcome.
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph

Thursday 22nd March

Fifth Week of Lent

- 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 March

Fifth 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
- 6.15pm Choir Practice St Joseph'

Saturday 24th March

Fifth Week of Lent

- 9.30am Anointing Mass St Mary's
- 11.00am trimming palms St Mary's
- 5.40-5.55pm Reconciliation at Manildra and St Mary's
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Manildra

Sunday 25th March

Palm Sunday

- 8.00am Mass 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

5th Sunday of Lent - 18th March 2018

Ditosa in Mozambique is cared for by her grandmother after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, aged 12, thanks to Caritas Australia's support, Ditosa has now graduated from school with plans for university.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a just future.

A Just Future starts with your support!

You can donate through envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Shalom Long Lunch Aboriginal Spirituality in the Catholic Church

Come along and enjoy an interesting Sunday afternoon talk and a wonderful three course meal. Speaker Aunty Elsie 8th April 12.00noon - 3.00pm Shalom House of Prayer Carcoar Ph: 63673058 or email shalomcarcoar@gmail.com Suggested donation: \$40 p/p

Liturgical Help Needed for Easter Triduum

- Holy Thursday - St Joseph's 7.30pm Mass - Readers, Commentators, Ministers of Communion, People to 'Set the Altar' and for 'Washing of the Feet.'
- Good Friday - Both Churches, The Lord's Passion at 3.00pm - Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers & Commentators.
- Easter Sunday - Normal Roster will apply.

(Roster sheets available in both Churches)

All ministries on Easter Sunday will be as per normal for the 1st weekend of the month. If you will be away, PLEASE advise the Parish Office

Help Needed 24th March

To trim olive branches for Palm Sunday 11.00am at St Mary's Church
Please bring secateurs.

Easter Family Festival

Roberston Park Sunday 25th March
12noon - 3.00pm All welcome.

Orange Anointing Mass at St Mary's
9.30am Saturday 24th March

Multicultural Choir



We will be forming a multicultural choir to provide music at the Sunday evening Mass at St Joseph's every second Sunday of the month. Would you like to be involved? Please register your interest through our facebook page:

www.facebook.com/CatholicOrangeNSW

or here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/mynuQeHHPs1NG51t1>

or email our seminarian
Diep Nguyen:
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Family Group 9

The next luncheon will this Sunday 18th March at Kelly's 'Mary Jane Restaurant' 12 for 12.30pm start
If unable to attend please phone Allan & Gloria 6363 1639

Pilgrim Books

Are pleased to announce that after many issues and problems that

**they WILL be moving
this week into**

The Salvation Army Family Store
at 311 Summer St. The store will be located on the ground floor on the Peisley St wall. Opening date soon.

Stations of the Cross Molong

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

PARISH NOTICES

Chocolate Easter Lambs will be on sale this weekend for \$8 each. There are white chocolate and milk chocolate available this year. If you would like to pre-order please call Catherine Bishenden on 0408622983. All monies raised go to the New Guinea Missions run by the Michaelite Fathers.

Liturgical Help Needed for Easter Triduum Molong

St Lawrence's Church require Altar Servers, Readers, Commentators, Ministers of Communion and people for 'Washing of the Feet.'
Please give your name to Ann, Aileen or Margaret after Mass if you can help.

Molong Sunday 25th March

There will be a cuppa after 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

Monster Garage Sale

Furniture, toys, clothing, bric-a-brac
St Francis Aged Care
85-89 Clinton Street, Orange
Saturday 24th March
9.00am - 2.00pm
Money raised will go towards a 'Music Therapy Program'
All donations greatly appreciated
Enquires: Jacinta 6311 1300

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2018 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence in Melbourne 23rd October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3rd November 2018.

COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,230.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$700.00
For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who participated in '24 Hours for the Lord' last week. It was wonderful to see so many people coming to pray before the Blessed Sacrament at all hours of the day and night.

The value of this intense period of prayer should not be underestimated. We can become very concerned with rushing about doing practical activities all the time, but it is so important for us to stop and spend time with the Lord so that we can hear his voice and receive his grace.

The Windows at St Joseph's

In 2017, I commissioned two reports on St Joseph's Church, one on the condition of the structure and one on the condition of our beautiful Hardman windows. The first report revealed some significant challenges which we need to address in coming years. These include rising damp in the walls, rot in the wooden supports in the bell tower (which is why we cannot ring the bell at present) and the weakened condition of the Hill St retaining wall.

The second report revealed that the windows in the nave of the Church have deteriorated to such an extent that we risk permanent damage if they are not removed urgently and re-lead before re-installation. I am very concerned to preserve this precious part of our heritage and ensure it is not unnecessarily damaged.

After Holy Week we will commence works in the Church to safely remove the windows in the nave in order to securely store them. Plain toughened glass will be installed for the time-being. We will then be working towards a comprehensive plan to address the necessary works to restore St Joseph's. This will no doubt take some years. The restoration and re-installation of the windows will form part of that plan. During the removal process, which will take a couple of weeks, St Joseph's will remain in use.
Fr Greg

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Kye Matheson

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lena Darling, Lloyd Forbes, Sr Ellen Keane, Katalin Mesterhazy

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Dwyer, Barbara Eliot, Sr Joan Dougherty, Ellen Lord, Sr Celestine Murray, Bill Thorne

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES: Adrian Berney, Maria & Charlie Brouwers, Mena Christopherson, Chris Collings, William Crayford and William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Des & Daphne Dawson, Chris Duff, Peggy & Janine Dwyer, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Owen Hart, Frank & Joan Hennessy, Brian Keegan, Mary & Bill Kelly, John Kimber, Ian Livermore, Ellen & Clive Lord, Mary Luka, Karman Middleton, Frank Miller, Emily Miller, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Florrie Patteson, Dawn Ryan, Hilda 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 Paul families & all deceased Sister of Mercy.

THE SICK AND INFIRM:

Philomena Parker, Warwick (Wick) Seale, Margaret Cooper, Michael Higgins, Paul Stapleton, Katherine Twomey, Joan Breen, David Ward, Kyle Wickham, Celestina Vardanega, Sandy Ostini, Beth Moxham, Norma Wright, Ray Dickson, Doug Punch, Tori Punch, Gary Alexander, John & Win Bamber, Eric Bowman, Sue McCulley, Thelma Walters, Anthony Young, Patricia Crich, Patricia Thurtell

Street Stall Molong

Friday 6th April
Supporting Fr Chris Riley's
Youth off the Streets

If you can volunteer your time, or food items it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Aileen on 6366 8824

Reflections on the Primacy of Grace: the Sacraments

It is fairly common for Christians to imagine grace as a 'thing': something that can be measured. Receiving grace is sometimes thought of as something like pouring a liquid into a container. There is some merit to this image. But it's perhaps more helpful to think of grace in terms of a relationship. Grace refers to a supernatural relationship with God that changes me: that makes me a participant in the life of God, a life that is above my natural capacity and so can only be accessed through God's help.

Participation is a key word used to describe the Christian's relationship with God here on earth as well as our eternal destiny in heaven. St Peter writes: "thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). This is also often translated as 'partakers in the divine nature'. There are two parts to what St Peter is saying: grace heals us of the corruption of human nature because of sin and grace raises us to a level that is beyond our natural capacities: to a supernatural level.

A key principle in our understanding of grace is that our supernatural participation in God's life begins, not with death, but with baptism, which is the gateway to all the other sacraments. Through grace we begin now, in this life, to participate in God's own life. In baptism we are filled with the Holy Spirit (divine life in a small human vessel), we are incorporated into Christ (small human beings bound together with an enfleshed divine person) and so we become adopted sons and daughters of God (small creatures given access to the intimate relationship between the divine Father and divine Son). In Confirmation this grace of supernatural participation is deepened as a person is 'sealed' by the Holy Spirit.

The Eucharist represents full incorporation into Christ. By participating in the Eucharist - particularly through full attention and good spiritual and moral preparation - we participate in Jesus' offering of himself on the Cross through the offering at the altar and we accept the Risen Christ into our hearts through Holy Communion. The Eucharist - by participation in the offering and then in Holy Communion - makes us Christ's Body: the Church.

The sacraments of healing restore the purity of baptismal grace (our supernatural relationship with God) that has been tarnished or broken through personal sins (sacrament of Penance) and they unite us to Jesus Crucified and Risen and so give new meaning to human illness or suffering (sacrament of Anointing). The sacraments of commitment (also called sacraments in service of the Church's communion) show forth in a particular way Christ's intimate union with the Church (sacrament of Matrimony) and Christ's headship and service of the Church (sacrament of Holy Orders).

If Grace has primacy in our lives, then regular and worthy participation in the sacraments - particularly the two sacraments that are constantly repeated (Eucharist and Penance) - should be the life-blood of our efforts to live the Christian life through personal and devotional prayer, study, service of the poor, efforts to evangelise, efforts to bring social justice, and in fact all our daily responsibilities. Sacraments are the powerhouse from which we are given the strength to undertake all the rest of the Christian life because sacraments are precious sources of grace through which we participate in the divine life.

Fr Greg

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