

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)

Good Shepherd Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter - 22nd April 2018

PARISH TEAM

Fr Greg Bellamy	Parish Priest
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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 April: Universal: For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters.

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Response to the Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Reflection

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel.

He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see [Ezekiel 34:10-13, 23-31](#)).

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see [Isaiah 56:8; John 11:52](#)). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father. In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see [John 21:15-17](#)). Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple, that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see [Mark 12:10-13; 1 Peter 2:4-7](#)).

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see [Luke 10:16](#)), and forgives sins (see [John 20:23](#)), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see [Luke 24:35](#)). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see [Exodus 4:22-23; Revelation 21:7](#)).

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.



Today's Scripture: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18
Next Week's Scripture: Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

PARISH NOTICES

DAY BY DAY

Monday 23rd April 4th Week of Easter

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

Tuesday 24th April 4th Week of Easter

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 9.30am Word & Faith Group meet in Molong
- 9.10am Rosary at St Mary's
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 11.00am Mass Gosling Creek Nursing Home. All welcome
- 6.00pm Word & Faith Group meet in Molong

Wednesday 25th April

ANZAC DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

- 8.30am Mass + Cuppa and Anzac Biscuits
- 9.15am Mass St Lawrence Molong, all welcome
- **NO EVENING MASS**

Thursday 26th April 4th Week of Easter

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

Friday 27th April

4th Week of Easter

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 10.30am Requiem Mass Margaret Cooper Molong
- 1.30pm Requiem Mass Zac Rossi St Joseph's
- 5.00-5.40pm Reconciliation at St Joseph's
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 28th April

4th Week of Easter

- 9.00am Mass Cargo
- 4.15-4.45pm Reconciliation at St Mary's
- 4.40-4.55pm Reconciliation at Manildra
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass at Manildra

Sunday 29th April

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Mass Mullion
- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 9.30am Mass Molong
- 11.15am Baptisms St Joseph's
- 5.00pm Mass at St Joseph's

Anzac Day Mass Orange

Will be held at St Joseph's Church 8.30am with a cuppa and Anzac biscuits afterwards

Anzac Day Mass Molong

Will be held at St Lawrence's Church at 9.15am



OZ Rosary - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima 13th May 2018

In recent months countries including Poland and Ireland have held nationwide rosaries across their countries for faith and protection of their nation. A nation-wide Rosary in Australia will take place on Sunday 13th May, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. St Joseph's Church will be one of the locations of this nation-wide rosary, especially giving thanks for the incredible witness to our faith at the installation of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima on 13th October. **13th May at 3.30pm there will be Holy Hour, including Rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Confessions, and Benediction.**

A prayer request on Good Shepherd Sunday

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Orange Days for Girls

Invites you to a regular sewing bee on the first & third Wednesday each month 2.00pm - 6.00pm in The Sewing Room, on the stage at Kenna Hall, Hill Street, Orange making DFG menstrual pads, shields and colourful bags for Sudan
Ph: Neimat 0401 769004
Helen 0420 298 639 or
Anni 0409 458 156



The Centenary of the Dedication of the Molong Church

You are invited to join with

Bishop Michael McKenna, Bishop of Bathurst, and the Catholic Community of Molong

to celebrate the centenary of **The Church of the Sacred Heart & St Lawrence O'Toole, Molong**

Commencing with **5:00pm Mass on Saturday 19th May**, followed by supper in the school hall. The celebration will include the sacrament of Confirmation.

Please note: on this weekend there will be **no Mass** in Manildra.

Kairos Outside for Women Weekend at Shalom, Carcoar on 25th - 27th May.

K.O.W. provides support for any woman who is a relative or friend of a current or former prisoner. It begins with a live-in weekend designed to create a safe and understanding environment in which participants can share with other women who've been through similar experiences. The weekend is free of charge. Fuller details are at <http://kairos.org.au/what-we-do/kairos-outside/> or please contact Berenice on 0429 068 777.

PARISH NOTICES

Did you miss the First Holy Communion meetings?



If you have a child who wishes to receive First Holy Communion and you missed the information meetings held last week please urgently contact our Sacramental Coordinator Shannon Cain: sacraments.orange@cdob.org.au

Gaudete Et Exsultate: On the call to Holiness in Today's World

Pope Francis' has released an Apostolic Exhortation entitled "Gaudete Et Exsultate" (Rejoice and be Glad), and subtitled "On the call to holiness in the contemporary world".

You can read the Exhortation on the Vatican Website: www.vatican.va

Our Parish is doing Alpha for Youth!

Next term our Parish Youth Ministers will be running the [Alpha Youth program!](#)

What: A great way for young people to get together, share a meal and learn more about faith

Who: Young adults aged 16-20



Where: Kenna Hall Meeting Room

When: 3:30-6pm (including Sunday Evening Mass)

For more info please contact Liz at e.bowmer1@bth.catholic.edu.au or Jemarnie at j.orge3@bth.catholic.edu.au

Molong Parish News

Word & Faith Group meet next Tuesday 24th April at 9.30am & 6.00pm
Centenary meeting 2nd May 9.45am & **Parish Council** Meeting 7.00pm

Heavenly Mother Music - Stasia Very

A sacred Music Retreat
Saturday 28th April
8.30am to 4.00pm
Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd
Mulgoa, Orange Contact: 0400 224 230
RSVP 23rd April 2018



St Mary's Catholic Primary School
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Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 close on Friday 1st June

Heart Women's Conference

7th - 9th June, RSL Fairfield
A time to come together together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Full registration. Cost \$199 Email: heart@ThecatholicGuy.com
Phone: 1300 734 880

Glimpses of the History of Molong Parish

Before the Church was built Masses in Molong were celebrated in private homes, that of John Schuck or John Quinn or in the Court House, Freemasons, Commercial and Club House hotels.

Wanted

Would you be interested in trimming used stamps? Sr Helen is looking for some help -

Phone her at Parish Office on 6362 2378

Tuesday - Friday



Autumn in Orange Fibre Muster

Saturday 5th May: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Kenna Hall, Hill St, Orange
For more information email Clivia Frieden on clivia01@gmail.com or call 6361 7702 or email Katrina Jay at katrina.jay@bigpond.com or call 6365 1386

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Amelia Ostini, Mabel Johnson, Peyton Kelly, Amelia Keen

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Cooper, Vincent (George) Feltham, Peter Molloy, Nancy Rodwell, Zac Rossi, Tracey Thurn, Ellen Tiskins

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Bevan, Nellie Bevan, Dorothy Cameron, John Donohoe, Anne & Jim Forde, Mary Hack, Eric Higgins, Fr Adrian Horgan, Hilary Lysaght, Lorna Miller, Nell O'Keefe, Doug Seale

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES:

Adrian Berney, Ken Bevan, Keith Bourke, Maria & Charlie Brouwers, Ernesto Capanas, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford and William Crayford Snr, Edilberto Cuenca, Damian d'Arbon, Des & Daphne Dawson, Chris Duff, Marieta Duma-up, Ray Fitzgerald, Tom Goldsack, David Hanrahan, Frank & Joan Hennessy, Brian Keegan, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Aileen Mackie, Jane Olac Magluyan, Edward Madziala, Barry Morris, Hernani Olac Sr, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Les Quick, William Murphy, William Ryan, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, Rebecca O Vallejera, Jean & John Walker, Jack 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, Hogan, Stenson, Judd, Paul, families.



THE SICK AND INFIRM:

Anthony Young, Celestina Vardanega, Patricia Crich, Dr Steve Peterson, Michael Higgins, Beth Moxham, Den Smith, Norm Wright, Doug Punch, Tori Punch, Ray Dickson, Eileen Stollery, Patrick Hanrahan, Kyle Wickham, David Ward, Katherine Twomey, Sandy Ostini, Paul Stapleton, Irene McCaffery,

Good Shepherd Sunday 2018



Dear Friends in Christ,

“The Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for the sheep.”

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we thank God for the gift of our priests and seminarians. This is a gift to us from both God and them. God calls, but the one called must answer. In gratitude for their generosity, we should be generous too. We can do this with our willingness to work together in true Christian service as members of the Church. We can do this by supporting our priests and seminarians spiritually and materially.

The Sacrament of Holy Orders, through which God gives us priests, is a marvellous gift to the Church. Like any gift, it is sometimes not appreciated and lies unused. Sometimes, it is used badly. The world does not understand this gift. Even for people of faith, including priests themselves, it is a mystery that we only begin to grasp.

The first letter I wrote to the priests of our Diocese was about St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. It concluded with these words:

Vianney was not thought to have great human gifts, an evaluation he probably shared. He was as aware as anyone of the “dirty clothes” of the Church. But he knew that the Church was more than she appeared to be. He acted out of faith that the power of God’s love in word and sacrament, by which and for which he was a priest, was the source of any good he might do. Connected to that source, he did great things and so can we.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst
4th Sunday of Easter 2018



On this World Day of Vocations Pope Francis tells us:

We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things... We could lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us.

God calls young people from our local communities to serve as priests and consecrated religious. We all have a role to play in helping young people to ‘dream big’ and hear this call. What can I do to foster vocations from this community?

The Collection

This week please support our annual collection to finance the formation of our seminarians. All 8 of our seminarians are studying for the Diocese of Bathurst. Currently, three are in parish placements and the other five are at Good Shepherd Seminary, Homebush. All eight are committing their whole lives to stay here and serve our local communities.

There are special envelopes for the collection. You can either support **the leaving collection today** or bring the envelope back next week and drop it in one of the regular collections. Thank you for your generous support of our future priests.

The Talk

This week our seminarian Diep Nguyen will speak at each of the Masses in Orange, sharing his own vocation story. Thank you to Diep for being willing to share with us this weekend.

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