

# Parish of St Mary & St Joseph

Orange

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)

# Parish of the Sacred Heart & St Lawrence O'Toole

Molong

Laetare Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B - 11th March 2018

## PARISH TEAM

<b>Fr Greg Bellamy</b>	Parish Priest
<b>Fr Pius Khaoya</b>	Assistant Priest
<b>Diep Nguyen</b>	Seminarian
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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.

**Response to the Psalm:** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Reflection

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history—God's covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai. In today's First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God's final Old Testament covenant—the covenant with David (see 2 Samuel 7; [Psalm 89:3](#)).

His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today's Psalm. But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple (see [Isaiah 44:28–45:1,4](#)). God is rich in mercy, as today's Epistle teaches. He promised that David's kingdom would last forever, that David's son would be His Son and rule all nations (see [2 Samuel 7:14–15](#); [Psalm 2:7–9](#)). In Jesus, God keeps that promise (see [Revelation 22:16](#)).

Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation (see [Wisdom 16:6–7](#); [Numbers 21:9](#)). Now Jesus is lifted up on the Cross, to draw all people to himself (see [John 12:32](#)).

Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father's love condemn themselves—as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves. But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God's handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth.

Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One (see [John 19:37](#)), and rededicate ourselves to living the "good works" that God has prepared us for.



**Today's Scripture:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

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

# PARISH NOTICES

## DAY BY DAY

### Monday 12th March

#### Fourth Week of Lent

- 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 at St Mary's

### Tuesday 13th March

#### Fourth 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
- 11.00am Mass St Francis Nursing Home. All welcome

### Wednesday 14th March

#### Fourth Week of Lent

- 9.15am Mass St Joseph's School Molong, all welcome
- 9.45-10.15am Reconciliation at Molong
- 3.00pm Syro-Malabar Retreat St Mary's
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph

### Thursday 15th March

#### Fourth Week of Lent

- 9.10am Rosary at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Mass Cherrywood Nursing Home. All welcome
- 3.00pm Syro-Malabar Retreat St Mary's
- 6.00-7.00pm Holy Hour at St Joseph's

### Friday 16th March

#### Fourth Week of Lent

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 3.00pm Syro-Malabar Retreat St Mary's
- 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's

### Saturday 17th March

#### St Patrick, bishop

- 9.00am Mass Cargo
- 10.00am - 3.30pm Missionaries of Charity Lenten Recollection Day St Joseph's
- 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 18th March

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Mass Mullion
- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's + BBQ
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 9.30am Mass at Molong
- 11.15am Baptisms at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass St Mary's
- 6.00pm Mass at St Joseph's + Scrutiny/RCIA



## Project Compassion

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Evangeline featured in Project Compassion 2016. With the support of Caritas Australia, she has risen to the role of Senior Arts worker at Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, now a multi-level contemporary arts centre and major employer for young people in her remote Northern Territory community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive, essential for a just future.**

You can donate through envelopes, or by visiting

[www.caritas.org.au/  
projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning  
1800 024 413.

## Help Needed 24th March

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

## Liturgical Help Needed for Easter Triduum

- Holy Thursday - St Joseph's 7.30pm Mass - Altar Servers, 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**

## Lenten Recollection Day

### Missionaries of Charity

Saturday 17th March at St Joseph's Church 10.00am-3.30pm  
Includes Mass, Eucharistic Exposition, Confessions, 2 spiritual talks, rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and lunch.

## Stations of the Cross Molong

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

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

## ARE YOU THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING? WE'RE RECRUITING!

Are you passionate about giving back to your local community? Do you like helping out to give others a hand-up? Volunteering opportunities are available in the Vinnies shop, donation centre, and truck driver teams. To find out more please call 6361 0378 or email [orange.warehouse@vinnies.org.au](mailto:orange.warehouse@vinnies.org.au)

**Choir Practice** in preparation for Holy Week and Easter for all singers and musicians. Friday 16th March at St Joseph's at 6.15 pm.

## Family Group 9

The next luncheon will be on 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.

## Easter Family Festival

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

# PARISH NOTICES

## Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst

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

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](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au)

Register by contacting Dr Angelo  
Belmonte:

[a.belmonte@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:a.belmonte@bth.catholic.edu.au) or

phone Ronda at Catholic Education  
on: 6338 3000

**'Stay & Play' Morning Tea** is on this  
**Sunday 11th March** from 10.30am to  
11.30am in cottage behind St Mary's  
Church. Everyone 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

To celebrate the **Feast of St Joseph**  
come along and join us for a FREE  
Breakfast BBQ after 8.00am Mass  
**Sunday 18th March** on the front lawn of  
St Joseph's Presbytery. All parishioners  
welcome.

### Carcoar Organ Concert, on this Sunday 11th March 2018, at 2.00 pm in Immaculate Conception Church, Carcoar

Entitled "JS Bach's Birthday", it will  
showcase a cross-section of the work of  
this greatest composer of the Western  
World, including many of his most  
beautiful melodies.

## The Windows at St Joseph's

Dear friends,

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

**Chocolate Easter Lambs** will be on  
sale during weekend Masses before  
Easter 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.

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Knox  
Betkowski, Lillian Coulston, Lillian  
Venner, Adelaide Perry, Addison  
Assie

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Vivienne  
Camer, Fr Peter McGrath, Ian  
Johnson

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Len Blackwood,  
Teresa Carlesso, Clare Eager, Reg  
Commings, John Gill, Thomas Lynch,  
Alex Jenkins, John Kimber, Cath  
Parish, Florrie Patteson, Henry  
Szczeny

**OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES:**  
Adrian Berney, Ken & Margaret  
Bevan, Mena Christopherson, Chris  
Collings, William Crayford and  
William Crayford Snr, Damian  
d'Arbon, Des & Daphne Dawson,  
Chris Duff, Donna Evans, Ray  
Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Les  
Hanrahan, Frank & Joan Hennessy,  
Brian Keegan, Michael Keogh, Pam  
& Paul Kulcsar, Ian Livermore,  
Karman Middleton, Reg, Eric &  
Gerard Paul, Dennis Rapley, Dawn  
Ryan, Jean Szczeny, 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:

Paul Stapleton, Lena Darling,  
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, Alfio Cristaldi, Michael  
Higgins,

**Concert Fundraiser  
Fresh Hope for the Philippines**  
St James Presbyterian Church,  
Anson St, Orange  
Saturday 17th March 2.00pm  
\$15 Adult or \$30 family

## Reflections on the Primacy of Grace: the Power of Silence & the Dictatorship of Noise

This week we continue our reflections on the Primacy of Grace by considering the role of silence as an aspect of our openness to receiving the grace that God wants to share with us. This was a theme explored by Cardinal Robert Sarah in his recently published book *The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise*. For Cardinal Sarah intentional prayerful silence “leads us towards God and others so as to place ourselves humbly and generously at their service.” The silence he means is not simply an absence of noise: this is a starting-place. What he means is a deep intentional interior silence - a stillness in the heart and mind - that enables a person to become profoundly open to the ‘other’: to God and to our neighbour. We are able to move beyond simply being tossed around in a sea of distracted thoughts and worries and find a place of rest in which we can contemplate the presence of God and become aware of who God is calling me to be here and now and what he is calling me to do.

A key Biblical text associated with this deep listening to God is Elijah’s sojourn in the cave at the top of Mount Horeb (cf. 1 Kings 19). In his retreat Elijah experiences the noise and stimulation of some clearly miraculous phenomena: a violent wind, an earthquake and a fire. Yet, God was not in these noisy realities. Then in verse 12 Elijah encounters “the sound of sheer silence”. This is the moment when Elijah wraps his head in his mantle and enters into a dialogue with the living God. God was in the sound of sheer silence.

For Christians, the fundamental vocation of the human person is to know, worship and love God. Yet so many modern people find it difficult to believe that there even is a God. For Cardinal Sarah the violence noise of modern life deafens the heart to God so that we can no longer hear his voice. How can one hear a small silent voice when daily life is a constant violent cacophony? Constant stimulation and noise - which the Cardinal describes as a ‘dictatorship’ - reduce people to the superficial and exterior. For Cardinal Sarah, the deliberate practice of prayerful silence liberates our hearts from this dictatorship and allows us to once more hear the small voice of God found in sheer silence. For modern people, this is a powerful experience that opens up the possibility of a relationship with God and to receiving his grace.

More and more youth ministry in the Church is reflecting this insight. At the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney last December there were many fun and lively activities. But some people might be surprised of the power of two particularly central experiences. On the first evening Sr Hilda Scott led all the youth in a collective experience of *Lectio divina* (sacred reading) and on the second evening all the youth experienced Eucharistic Adoration. 20,000 young people in a stadium were praying in absolute silence. You could hear a pin drop. Many young people named these experiences as highlights of the festival that will leave a lasting impact.

Finding time for silence ourselves as a Christian community and providing opportunities for people to intentionally enter into prayerful experiences of silence is a part of our identity and mission. Silence allows us to encounter God and so become more open to receiving his grace. Silence opens the heart to the possibility of God and to the possibility that my life has a meaning that gives direction and purpose to the many noisy activities of daily life. Finding time for silence in our personal lives and ensuring our churches are ‘temples of silence’ are two ways we can better realise our identity and mission as a Christian community.

Fr Greg

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