

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 & St Lawrence O'Toole (Molong), St Michael's (Manildra), St Brendan's (Mullion Creek), St Patrick's (Cargo), St Columbanus' (Cudal)

Pentecost Sunday - 20th May 2018 - The Centenary of the Church of the Sacred Heart & St Lawrence O'Toole, Molong

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 May: Evangelisation - The Mission of the Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Response to the Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Reflection:

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15-21; Deuteronomy 16:9-11).

In today's First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see Jeremiah 31:31-34; 2 Corinthians 3:2-8; Romans 8:2). The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm.

In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37-39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.



Almighty God, thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed on your people over the past 100 years in the Church of the Sacred Heart & St Lawrence O'Toole, Molong. Thank you for all the people of faith who have worked hard for the coming of the Kingdom. Continue to bless the people you call together to worship you in this place consecrated to your glory. Send your Holy Spirit to renew us and make us a community of disciples, a community of missionaries, and a community of saints. Amen.

Today's Scripture: Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Next Week's Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

PARISH NOTICES

DAY BY DAY

Monday 21st May Week 7 Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 9.00am 'Craft with Love'
- 10.00am Funeral Prayer Sian Moore St Mary's
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Mary's
- 5.45pm Mass St Mary's

Tuesday 22nd May Week 7 Ordinary Time

- 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 Gosling Creek Nursing Home. All welcome.
- 6.00pm Word & Faith Group will meet at the Convent in Molong

Wednesday 23rd May Week 7 Ordinary Time

- 9.15am Mass St Lawrence Molong, all welcome
- 9.45am Word & Faith Group meet at the convent Molong
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 24th May Our Lady, Help Of Christians

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

Friday 25th May Week 7 Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 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 26th May St Philip Neri, Priest

- 4.15-4.45pm Reconciliation at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Mass Manildra

Sunday 27th May The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

- 8.00am Mass Cudal
- 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



Stay & Play

Morning tea will be on again on 27th May from 10.30am - 11.30am In the cottage behind St Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome.

Congratulations

to all the young people from Molong and Manildra who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend at the Molong Centenary Mass on Saturday evening.

Thank you very much to all those who worked hard to prepare for the Centenary Mass and dinner.

Family Group 9

Luncheon - TODAY, Sunday 20th May at Kelly's, Mary Jane Restaurant - 12noon for 12.30pm start. If unable to attend please phone Allan And Gloria on 6363 1639.

Taize Pilgrimage of Trust 'Inexhaustible joy'

Taize Retreat at St Joseph's Conference Centre, Tenison Woods Ave, Perthville. 11.00am Friday 25th May To 3.00pm Saturday 26th May

Contact: Carmen Beard - 6334 6407
Email: taizeretreatbathurst@gmail.com

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Enrolling now for 2019.
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(Still limited spaces available for K-6 for 2018)

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 close on Friday 1st June.

Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2019 are NOW open. Enrolment packs are available at the school office
Phone: 6361 3344
Enrolments close on 1st June.

Congratulations

to Sr Henrina MC who celebrated her Silver Jubilee of Religious Profession this weekend with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop McKenna. May God bless the next 25 years!

Molong Word & Faith

The *Word & Faith Group* will meet next Tuesday night 22nd May at 6.00pm and Wednesday 23rd May after the 9.15am Mass at the Convent. All welcome.

Push for Palliative

You are invited to the Orange Palliative Care Forum

TODAY

Sunday 20th May 2018

at

Orange Ex-Services Club

1.00pm - 5.00pm

Topics include:

Proposed hospice model, progress in partnership with Dudley Private Hospital and Orange Health Service for identified palliative care beds.

The forum will be chaired by Member for Orange Philip Donato
Cost of Forum is a \$5 which is a donation to cover the cost of afternoon tea.

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service **WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Broome, Balgo, Kalumburu and Bidyadanga.

For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr
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Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725

PARISH NOTICES

Orange New Parishioner Dinner

6.30pm in Kenna Hall

Thursday 7th June

If you are new to town and have not filled in a census card and would like to join your fellow parishioners, **PLEASE** contact the Parish Office on 6362 2378.

RCIA

We pray for **Maggie, Joel & Brittany** as they complete their RCIA journey with us. May the years ahead be full of love & peace amidst our parish community.

St Joseph's Retaining Wall

Dear friends, last year I let the community know that we could not delay for much longer in addressing the increasingly serious safety concerns relating to the St Joseph's Retaining Wall on Hill Street. A casual glance clearly reveals how much the wall has shifted in the last 18 months.

With the help of our Parish Finance Council and Cook & Roe Structural Engineers we have developed a reconstruction project to ensure the safety of the public and that this important heritage site is preserved into the future.

The existing wall is to be carefully demolished so as to not damage any of the bricks. The wall is then to be reinstated, with a reinforced concrete block wall supported off a peered strip footing. The existing brickwork will be reinstated over the block wall to ensure the appearance of the wall is restored to its current state.

We have sought a heritage grant to help with the expense of this project and are currently awaiting the outcome of our application. A special thanks to those who made donations last year specially for this project. Work should commence before the end of May. When work begins there will be some disruption to the use of the pavement on Hill Street.

May God bless this project and ensure its success. Fr Greg

ALPHA for Youth

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:** Sundays 3:30-6pm (including Evening Mass)

Historical Glimpses: Molong Parish

From Freeman's Journal, 11th May 1916: "The new Sacred Heart Church, Molong, which has been commenced, is being erected on a unique position overlooking the town proper. The main body of the church will be 73ft in length and 32ft6 inches in width. It is so planned that the Sanctuary, which is 30ftx10ft will be relieved by bold columns and arches. Off the sanctuary is the vestry and sacristy and also provision is made for recessed confessionals. The main approach is from a bold flight of steps entering a porch 10ftx9ft with a staircase leading to the gallery. On the right is the font enclosed with iron ornamental railings, including enriched Sanctuary rails. There is also a side porch 8ftx5ft6 inches. The interior of the church will be finished with plaster duff dados and walls above, including Sanctuary arches, all in white relieved with mouldings, ornamental bosses and label moulds and enriched Sanctuary columns. The roof will be relieved with heavily framed principals, dressed roof timbers, diagonally wood lined. All the internal woodwork will be finished and varnished. The exterior will show a fine treatment of decorated Gothic, the main front relieved with ornamental towers and porches." - reprinted in 'A History of the Catholic Parish of Molong' by Aileen Roberson.

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday Preparation Workshops 6th and 14th June

The Diocesan Pastoral Council Working Group for Participation of Indigenous Catholics is co-ordinating a Diocesan celebration of NATSI Sunday.

To assist parish communities to prepare for the Mass and celebration on this important day, the DPC Working Group is hosting workshops in Bathurst (Wednesday 6th June) and Dubbo (Wednesday 13th June), to assist parishes to prepare for the celebrations.

If you are interested in attending one of the workshops and assisting the Parish in preparing for NATSI Sunday, please contact the Parish Office on 6362 2378.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Charlotte Nicholson, Elizabeth Harman

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Johnston, Marie Heffernan, Sian Moore

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ron Alexander, Barbara Bastick, Jayne Carman, Ted Carman, Pilar del Castillo, Fred May, Tim Morrissey, Lois Strike-Bacon, Angel Zaragoza

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES:

Adrian Berney, Ken & Margaret Bevan, Maria & Charlie Brouwers, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford and William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Des & Daphne Dawson, Chris Duff, Ray Fitzgerald, Ted & Ellen Fitzgerald, Anne & Jim Forde, David Hanrahan, Frank & Joan Hennessy, Brian Keegan, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Valerie McGee, Emily Miller, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Michele Ryan, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, Jean & John Walker, Mavis 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, Paul families.

THE SICK AND INFIRM:

Jackie Hanrahan, Michael Higgins, Patricia Crich, Celestina Vardanega, Anthony Young, Dr Steve Peterson, Kyle Wickham, Nell Bourke, Gary Alexander, Win & John Bamber, Eric Bowman, Thelma Walters, David Ward, Jovan Knezevic, Greg Gersbach, Katherine Twomey, Sandy Ostini, Irene McCaffery

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Wedding, Baptism Funerals

Contact Sr Kaye 6360 1012
If no one home
Leave message on 101 service

A Letter to our Fellow Parishioners

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We are an average family in your local community. We have three children, all in the Catholic schooling system; both primary and high school.

Just like you, we work hard to earn a living to give our family and children opportunities. Giving your children these opportunities cost money!

We look back over the last 15 years and this is what we see for our family of 5:

3 baptisms; 2 funerals (one set of parents); more funerals of wider family and friends; weddings of friends and family members; our renewal of vows at the 10 year mark; 3 reconciliations; 3 First Holy Communions; 1 Confirmation; another later this year; sickness and hospitalisation with priests coming to the hospital to provide comfort and prayer; one of us became a member of the Catholic community through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults); we enjoy the seasons celebrated by the Church with Christmas and Easter Masses and school Masses.....there might be events we have missed. There will be more as we continue through life.

...the good times, the celebration of the highs ...the tough, scary and sad times. When we look back we see that we have instinctively turned to our Church community for assistance.

We took it for granted that our wish to have our children go through the sacraments would happen.

We took it for granted that we would be able to have funerals at the church, conducted by the priest.

We took it for granted we could celebrate our 10-year anniversary at the church by having a blessing and renewal of vows.

We took it for granted that the phone-call in the middle of the night for the priest to come to the hospital would be answered.

Did you ever stop to wonder how it was all being paid for? To be honest, we did not!

It was very low on our list of financial priorities. When we turned up to Mass, we would put a few dollars to the collection. We paid the donation amounts suggested for the sacraments, the funerals and so on. **We paid only the minimum. We paid only what we were asked: what we had to pay!**

This didn't change till one day we spoke to evangelical Christian friends of ours about their tithing of 10% to their church. This led to a 'healthy debate' (argument!) about **how much we were prepared to give and what was 'reasonable'?**

We realised that it is too easy to justify our giving less when we contributed on the plate at Mass, not least because we don't always get to Mass. We found out about the **regular planned giving programme** and we **easily** set up a direct debit payment. We have had it set up for the last 6 months or so, and it turns out that we are surprised that **we don't miss it. It has become part of our budget and just happens.**

You can tell what is cared about when you see how much money is thrown its way. This is true in business and it has been true of our financial contributions to the Church. **We are caring more because we are investing in our church community. Also, it feels good to do!**

This is an opportunity for you to pray and decide how much you contribute, **make some decisions and set it up. Invest in your church community, don't take it for granted.** Take action this week, support your Church community.

Kindest Regards,
A Local Catholic Family



**Giving Sunday
will be next weekend
at all Masses.**

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