

# 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)

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12 August 2018 - Year B

## PARISH TEAM

<b>Fr Greg Bellamy</b>	Parish Priest
<b>Fr Pius Khaoya</b>	Assistant Priest
<b>Fr Mathew Humtsoe</b>	Assistant Priest
<b>Diep Nguyen</b>	Seminarian
<b>Sr Helen Saunders rsj</b>	Pastoral Assistant Orange
<b>Sr Frances McAleer rsj</b>	Resident in Molong
<b>Michael O'Mara</b>	Business Manager
<b>Joanne Doulman, Deb Cantrill &amp; Di McKie</b>	Parish Secretaries
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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 August: Universal: The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

## Reflection



Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures—that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us.

We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to "murmur" against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert (see **Exodus 16:2, 7, 8; 1 Corinthians 10:10**).

The Gospel today uses the same word, "murmur," to describe the crowds, who reenact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert.

Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the "son" of Joseph and Mary. Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today's Psalm.

At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord himself (see **Exodus 3:1-2**), touches us. He commands us to take and eat His Flesh given for the life of the world (see **Matthew 26:26**).

This taste of the heavenly gift (see **Hebrews 6:4-5**) comes to us with a renewed command—to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism, to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven. He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need—as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert.

So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today's Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert (see **Isaiah 63:10**).

Let us say to God as Elijah did, "Take my life." Not in the sense of wanting to die. But in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving Him as He has loved us, on the cross and in the Eucharist.

**Response to the Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Today's Scripture:** 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2; John 6:41-51  
**Next Week's Scripture:** Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

# PARISH NOTICES

## DAY BY DAY

### Monday 13 August

#### **Week 19 in Ordinary Time**

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

### Tuesday 14 August

#### **St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr**

- 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 at St Francis Nursing Home. All welcome.

### Wednesday 15 August

#### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- **No 9.15am Mass at Molong**
- 9.30am School Mass at St Mary's
- 10.00am Combined School Mass at Mercy Hall (JSCHS & CMCPs)
- 11.30am Combined School Mass at Manildra (SJCPS Molong & Manildra)
- 2.30pm Adoration & Novena - MC Convent, 67 Bletchington St.
- 5.00 - 5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at Molong
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

### Thursday 16 August

#### **Week 19 in Ordinary Time**

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

### Friday 17 August

#### **Week 19 in Ordinary Time**

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 5.00-5.40pm Reconciliation & Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

### Saturday 18 August

#### **Week 19 in Ordinary Time**

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

### Sunday 19 August

#### **Week 20 in Ordinary Time**

- 8.00am Mass at Mullion Creek
- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 9.30am Mass at Molong
- 11.15am Baptism at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Mass at St Joseph's
- 5.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass at St Mary's

#### **Please note in your diary:**

- 2.00pm Sunday 19th August St Joseph's Restoration Meeting - St Joseph's Church
- 6.00pm Tuesday 21st August St Joseph's Restoration Meeting - St Joseph's Church



## **The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday 15th August**

### **Masses:**

**9.30am St Mary's, Orange** (St Mary's School attending)

**10.00am Mercy Hall** (James Sheahan & Catherine McAuley Schools attending)

**11.30am Manildra** (St Joseph's Schools, Molong & Manildra attending)

**5.45pm Molong**

**5.45pm St Joseph's, Orange**

### **A Frank Quote**

On the journey, which is often difficult, we are not alone, we are so many, we are one people, and the gaze of Our Lady helps us to look around us in a brotherly manner. Let's look at ourselves in a more fraternal way! Mary teaches us to have that look that seeks to welcome, to guide, to protect.

**- Pope Francis**



The combined churches of Orange host a time of

## **PRAYER FOR DROUGHT RELIEF**

**SUNDAY 26 AUGUST  
2PM**

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"He gives rain on the earth and sends water on the fields" Job 5:10

CONTACT: 63625788

## **Daily Prayer for the Renewal of our Parish**

Heavenly Father, through your Son, you have commissioned us to go out to the whole world and make disciples. You have commissioned us to evangelise and serve the poor. You have commissioned us to worship you and pray constantly for our families, for our community, and for the whole world.

Bless and guide the pastor of our parish community and all our priests. Bless and guide the religious, parish staff, school staff, volunteers, young families, and all our community. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern Your Will for the spiritual and cultural renewal of our parish. Transform us into intentional missionary disciples who rely on your grace and so have the courage to leave all behind and follow your Son.

We entrust the renewal of our parish mission and community to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary and ask for her intercession as we strive to do Your Will.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Write to senators to oppose euthanasia**

The Senate will this coming week vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide.

You can make your voice heard by contacting your Senators through the HOPE website:

<http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

### **Family Group 9**

The next luncheon will be on Sunday 19 August at Duntryleague, 12 for 12.30pm. Please phone 6363 1639 if unable to attend.

### **James Sheahan Catholic High School Parish Youth Mass Invitation**

*Led by students in Years 8 and 11*

Sunday 26 August 2018 - 5.00pm  
St Joseph's Church

All welcome.

# PARISH NOTICES

## St Joseph's, Orange Restoration Community Information Sessions

The Parish Community of St Joseph's and St Mary's, Orange is keen to explore options to restore St Joseph's Church, to ensure it continues to be an important place of worship with significant historical significance for many years to come.

Information sessions will be held at St Joseph's Church to learn about its current state, discuss the restoration requirements, including the restoration of the superb Hardman stained glass windows, and the possible ways to move forward.

Fr Greg Bellamy invites you to the information session and would value your input with regard to the way forward.

The information session will be held at **St Joseph's Church, Byng Street, Orange** on:

**Sunday 19 August from 2pm – 4pm & Tuesday 21 August from 6pm – 8pm**

Special guest speakers will include: **Miss Margaret Bastick**, who has a passion for the history of St Joseph's Church; and **Ms Robin Saville**, who will speak on the process of restoring the Hardman windows.

Your attendance would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 6362 2378

## Pilgrim Books

This Saturday 11 August is **Love Your Bookshop Day** Save up to 20% off your purchases. Open from 10.00am - 1.00pm Free Morning Tea provided

## Vale Sr Antonine MC

Last week Sr Antonine MC passed away in Sydney. Sr Antonine was the first superior of the Missionaries of Charity community in Orange. She is also the first Missionary of Charity to die in Australia and the first to be buried in Australian soil. We commend her to God and give thanks for her service.

## Stay & Play Morning Tea This Sunday 12 August 2018

In the cottage behind St Mary's Church. We are looking forward to catching up with everyone again and meeting more friendly faces. Feel free to pop over after 9.30am Mass or simply head straight there at 10.30am for a lovely morning outing. Everyone is welcome.

## Prayer for Rain

God of life, all good gifts come from you: the breath of life that creates us, the fellow creatures that accompany us, the saving waters that renew and refresh us.

We look to you in our time of need.

Give to the earth the water of life, water to bring forth food for your creatures.

Send us rain to heal the earth and to cleanse its face, water to quench your thirsty land.

Let faith be born from our doubts, hope from our despair, compassion from our troubles,

Let rains come, so we may know once more your care for all creatures.

Then we will bless your great name and declare your faithful love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Is Alcohol a Problem?

AA Meetings are held at the rear of Kenna Hall.

Sunday - I.D. 5.00pm

Monday - I.D. 7.00pm

Tuesday - STEPS 7.00pm

Friday - Topic 10.30am

**AA Ph 24hrs 9799 1199 or  
1300 AAHOPE**

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for adults interested in finding out more about the Catholic tradition, with an opportunity for those wishing to become full members of the church. Our meetings will commence on Wednesday 15 August at 7.30pm. Enquiries to Sr Helen on 6362 2378

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

### RECENTLY BAPTISED:

Imogen Denford

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michael Flemming, Rosita Garlick, Nancy (Fay) Morgan, Aileen (Mary) Rapley, Sr Antonine MC

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Phillip Cain, Jack (Chicka) Carney, Mary Cassey, Fr Pat Creed, Frederick (Jack) Langford, Bert Ostini, Mick (Gordon) Ostini, David Power

### OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES:

Adrian Berney, Baby Martin Bersotto, Camilla Bright, Jim Cleary, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford & William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Mary Davis, Des & Daphne Dawson, Roger Dubenec, Chris Duff, Nikola & Cileka Dzikov, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Mary Johnston, Brian Keegan, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Frank Miller, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Harry Taylor, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, 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, Paul families.

### THE SICK AND INFIRM:

Patricia Crich, Pat Frecklington, James Burgess, Luigi & Alfio Cristaldi, Celestina Vardanega, Dr Steve Peterson, Kyle Wickham, David Ward, Katherine Twomey, Sandy Ostini

### Multicultural Choir

The choir sing at St Joseph's Church every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at the 5.00pm Mass. Next 'gig' is Sunday 26 August! We will combine with the musicians from James Sheahan.

## Missing - Jesus' Mum: The Assumption Explained by Mark Hart

About twelve years ago a teen named Billy asked me this question, "Why do you Catholics believe that Mary ascended into heaven, when it's not even in the Bible?" He said "you Catholics" because he went to a local Bible Church ... "Well, first..." I replied, "Mary did not ascend into heaven; the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed into heaven. Jesus ascended by His own power. Mary was taken up into heaven by God." That little difference is a big difference, so I wanted to be sure he understood it. Billy then replied, "Okay, fine... but it's still not in the Bible. The Church made it up." This is where the conversation got really interesting.

**Did Mary die?** Maybe Mary didn't die. Maybe she's living in Brazil... next door to Elvis. Some people point to the fact that only Elijah and Enoch are mentioned as being carried off to heaven in Scripture, and since Mary is not, then "it must not be true." Have you ever noticed that although the Acts of the Apostles is an incredibly detailed accurate account of Sts Peter and Paul, we do not read of their deaths on the pages of Scripture? Everything we know of their deaths comes from early oral tradition. In fact, the Bible doesn't say what happened to most of the disciples. The Bible is silent in this area. Many Evangelicals accept the witness of Church history that Saint Peter was crucified upside-down in Rome, that Paul was beheaded, etc even though Scripture does not record these events. We know, from oral tradition, that Mary was taken into the care of St John (the writer of the fourth gospel and the Book of Revelation) and went to live with him in Ephesus (where he was a Bishop). We know that she was sought out for her counsel and wisdom and that she was exalted and honored throughout the community. Early Church Tradition upholds these facts as true, as do historic and non-canonical writings. What is different, though, is that we know where the bones of Sts Peter and Paul and other disciples like Mary Magdalene are because the early Christians took care of them. There is no record of where the bones of Mary are. It seems a little odd that if there had been a body no one would have given her a proper burial or that her tomb would not have become a landmark, does it not?

**How do we know Mary is in heaven?** Well, if the woman who God specifically chose to bring His Son into the world and raise Him is not in heaven... none of us have a shot. Seriously, though, is there Scriptural backing for this teaching about the Assumption? Absolutely! While it does not explicitly state, "Mary assumed into heaven" in the Bible, stop and take a look at the verses from Revelation, written by John, of visions that were seen: 'Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a violent hailstorm. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child,

destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: 'Now have salvation and power come, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed...' – Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10. This revelation is referring to Mary in heaven. Mary is often referred to as the new "Ark of the Covenant." Indiana Jones went searching for the Ark of the Old Covenant which contained the Ten Commandments (Law), a pot of manna (heavenly bread) and the staff of Aaron (symbol of Priesthood). You can read about the Ark – but not Indiana Jones – in Heb 9:4. The Ark was kept free from all defect and corruption, made from the finest most pure materials to God's exact specifications.

As the Ark of the New Covenant, Mary carried Christ who is the Law, the Bread of Life, and the Royal High Priest. Her Immaculate Conception and her state as ever-Virgin kept her free from defect and sin, preserving her throughout her life, until her death where she was immediately assumed to preserve her from any bodily corruption on earth. Notice, too, in this passage from Revelation that we see the Ark (which is missing on earth) in heaven immediately preceding our vision of this woman crowned in stars and holding a baby. Don't forget ... to whom did God give this vision (Revelation)? He imparted it to St John, the one who was entrusted with caring for Our Mother, Mary (Jn 19:25-27) for the remainder of her days on earth prior to her assumption.

In 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the doctrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the universal Church. The teaching was not new... only now formally clarified. He affirmed that at the end of her time on earth, Mary experienced immediately the resurrection of the body that is promised to all faithful followers of Jesus. Basically, since Mary was preserved from original sin by the unique gift of Christ's grace, she was able to experience the immediate perfect union with her Son in heaven, never knowing, tasting or suffering from bodily corruption or decay (due to death) in any way. Remember, as Christians we believe in the Resurrection of the Body. As the popular Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium* (68) asserts, Mary's assumption and heavenly presence preceded and foreshadows our own future glory (1 Cor 15). You might want to check out how the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it, too (CCC 966).

One of the things that sets us apart as Catholics from other Christian denominations is that we have a rich understanding of Mary and a tradition of giving her the honor she deserves. She can teach us a lot through her example of virtue and her special role within the Church. Pray with Mary and she will lead you into a far deeper relationship with Her Son than you could ever achieve by your own direction. I'm reminded of that conversation with the teen every year around this Feast Day, only I no longer call that teen, Billy, my friend... now I also call him, Father Bill. He went looking for Mary and found her... in the Catholic Church. Hail Mary!

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