

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)

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 14th January 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 January: Religious Minorities in Asia.

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

Reflection

In the call of Samuel and the first Apostles, today's Readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ.

Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by.

Samuel is also waiting on the Lord – sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest.

Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see [1 Samuel 3:21](#); [7:2-3](#)). The disciples too, heard and followed – words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives.

God is constantly calling to each of us – personally, by name (see [Isaiah 43:1](#); [John 10:3](#)). He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see [Wisdom 6:11-12](#)). We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see [Psalm 42:2](#)).

For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise – that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see [John 15:14](#); [14:21-23](#)), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah.

As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's

Psalm: "Behold I come . . .
to do your will O God."

Scott Hahn



Today's Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42

Next Week's Scripture: Jonah 3:1-5. 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

PARISH NOTICES

Day-by-day

Monday 15th January, 2018

Second Week of 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 16th January, 2018

Second Week of Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 9.10am Rosary at St Mary's
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's

Wednesday 17th January, 2018

St Anthony, abbot

- 9.15am Mass at Molong
- 9.45-10.15am Reconciliation at Molong
- 1.30pm Requiem Mass - Margaret Bellamy - St Mary's Church
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 18th January, 2018

Second Week of Ordinary Time

- 9.10am Rosary at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am - Funeral Prayers - Joan Williams - Penhalls Chapel
- 6.00-7.00pm Holy Hour at St Joseph's
- NO CHERRYWOOD AGED CARE MASS TODAY

Friday 19th January, 2018

Second Week of Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.10-5.40pm Reconciliation at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 20th January, 2018

Second Week of Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Mass Cargo
- 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 21st January, 2018

Third Week of Ordinary Time

- 8.00am Mass at Mullion
- 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

Position Vacant - Parish Business Manager

The Parish of St Mary & St Joseph, Orange is actively seeking to employ a Parish Business Manager. The objective of this role is to provide accounting and management support to the Parish Priest by efficiently and effectively managing the non-pastoral operations of the parish.

This is a full-time position. The ideal candidate will have finance and business management qualifications and experience in property management.

For further details and full position description, please visit:

www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/?i=167&positions-vacant

Applications close at 5pm this Friday 19th January 2018.

For more information, please contact Fr Greg Bellamy, Parish Priest on 02 6362 2378 or Mr Patrick Cooper, Diocesan Financial Administrator on 02 6334 6402.



Claim the Date

Movie Night Fundraiser

'Breathe'

2nd February 2018 @ 7.00pm
Tickets \$20 each includes supper at Kenna Hall (all proceeds to charity)

'When Robin is struck down by polio at the age of 28, he is confined to a hospital bed and given only a few months to live. With the help of Diana's twin brothers and the groundbreaking ideas of inventor Teddy Hall, Robin and Diana dare to escape the hospital ward and seek out a full and passionate life together - raising their young son, travelling and devoting their lives to helping other polio patients.'

Private rental is being sought for a 3 or 4 bedroom house for a homeless family in urgent need from 25 January 2018, for short or long term lease. Please contact Anni at Migrant Support Service on 0409 458 156

Help Needed.....

8.30am Wednesday 17th January
To pack up chairs at James Sheahan High School after the Mass which was held in the hall on Christmas Eve.

St Francis Aged Care & Benjamin Short Grove Aged Care Facility

Are deeply appreciative and thankful for the time, effort and love that went into providing each resident with a most generous and thoughtful gift bag for Christmas 2017. Christmas can be a hard time for some, and these gifts brought joy to the lives of many.

Picnic in the Park

Orange Migrant Support Service Mentor Connections program wants to invite you to bring a picnic in Cook Park

Wednesday 24th January 2018
12noon to 1.30pm

Bring some food to share

RSVP: by sms to Anni on

0409 458 156 or email

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Bulletin Notices

If you would like to request a notice be published in the bulletin, you are kindly asked to let the parish office know before Thursday lunch time. Requests received after lunch will need to wait for the next weekend to be published. Thankyou.

New Rosters for 2018

New rosters for Sacristans, Altar Servers, Drivers, Ministers of Communion, Commentators and Readers are available in all churches in both parishes this weekend.

Please pick up your envelope before going home.

PARISH NOTICES

Feast of Santo Nino

Next Sunday at 9.30am at St Mary's Church we will celebrate the **Annual Mass for Santo Nino** in Orange, which is a Feast for the Filipino community. The 'Santo Nino de Cebu' is a Roman Catholic title of Jesus associated with a religious vested statue of the infant Child Jesus, venerated by many Filipino Catholics who is believed to be miraculous.

Singers & Musicians

We are in the process of updating our information booklet for couples preparing for their Wedding. If anyone is interested in being added to the Booklet as a Musician, Singer or Group please contact the Parish Office on 6362 2378

Keys

We are updating our **Parish Key Register**. If you have a key to St Mary's, St Joseph's Churches or Kenna Hall could you please let the Parish Office know or if you have no need of these keys anymore could you please return to the office. Thank you.

Orange Days for Girls

Invites you to Regular Sewing Bees on the First and Third Wednesday each month in 2018, Starts 17th Jan 2.00pm - 6.00pm. The sewing Room, on the stage at Kenna Hall, Hill Street, Orange. We make DfG menstrual pads, shields and colourful bags for Sudan. All are welcome - can you bring cotton or flannelette fabrics? Machines, equipment & afternoon tea supplied. RSVP Neimat 0401 769 004, Helen 0420 298 639 or Anni 0409 458 156. Web address: www.daysforgirls.org

'A Frank Quote'

The whole journey of life is a journey of preparation.....to see, to feel, to understand the beauty of what lies ahead, of that homeland toward which we walk.

Our Prayers in the Bulletin

In recent months our sick list has grown considerably. Some people on the list were nominated several years ago and we are unsure of whether they should remain on the list. At the start of the new year we are re-starting the sick-list from scratch.

In order to nominate someone to be published in the sick-list or recently deceased list, the person concerned or the legal guardian or the next-of-kin needs to give permission. To make a nomination please call into the parish office during office hours and sign a nomination form. These nomination forms will be available in the country churches so they can be handed directly to the priest after Mass.

When a person is nominated, they will remain on the list for one month (4 weeks). Feel free to re-nominate those who remain sick as many times as you would like, provided you have their permission.

The Columbarium

We have recently repainted the Columbarium behind St Joseph's. During the work we discovered significant damage to the rendering by flower-holders that have been drilled or screwed into the wall. We had to remove these additions in order to repair the damage. We have these holders and flowers in the parish office for the owners to collect.

To help preserve the columbarium into the future, we kindly ask that families do not make additions to the columbarium. Thank you.



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Florence Buckman, Beau Travis & Hugo Renford

RECENTLY MARRIED:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Bellamy, Frank Cashman, Astrid Ciosmak, Russell Gibbons (Oberon), Joan Williams

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank Carney, Andy & Babe Ferguson, Roy Hillier, Mary Luka, Allan Rogan Snr, Mavis Whitehouse

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES: Adrian Berney, Anna, Maria, Joseph & Joseph, Maria Brouwers, Jim Cleary, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford and William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Des & Daphne Dawson, Chris Duff, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Les Hanrahan, Frank & Joan Hennessy, Brian Keegan, Michael Keogh, Ian Livermore, Geoff Riley, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, Jean & John Walker, Jack Whitehouse. Deceased members of the Fardell, Lee, Lynch & Kilby families.

THE SICK AND INFIRM:

Joan Breen, Lena Darling, Greg Rhynehart, Celestina Vardanega, Michael Higgins, David Ward (Nyngan)



Australia Day Mass

Friday 26th January 2018
8.30am St Joseph's
Cuppa & Damper will be served after Mass.

Reconciliation in Molong and Manildra

In 2018 individual reconciliation (first rite) will be available each week in Molong directly after the 9.15am Wednesday Mass and in Manildra from 5.40-5.55pm before the Saturday evening Mass.

Ordinary Time Pro Tips (excerpts)

by [DILLON DUKE](#)

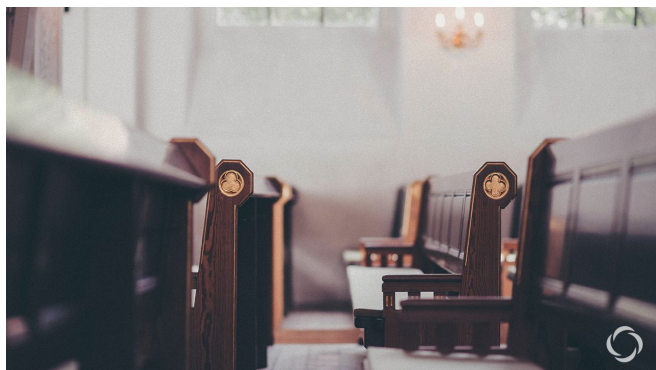
Like most of my fellow college-aged single Catholics, I enjoy asking married couples for advice. One of the most profound things I've ever heard from one of these long-lasting relationships was that everyday that you're with the special person in your life is a day to celebrate and show your appreciation for them.

Think about it — couples universally celebrate their love for each other on days like Valentine's Day or anniversaries. While this is definitely awesome to do, people don't need a special holiday to choose to love their spouses.

This is the same attitude we should have with the Liturgy. We don't need a special occasion like Christmas or Easter to celebrate our relationship with Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist or to connect to it in a special way. Although it may feel like the same Mass every week with just different readings, it doesn't mean that the Mass is "boring."

During Ordinary Time is when we hear the most about Jesus' everyday life. If we are to model our lives after Him, whom we meet in the gospels, we have to examine everything that they tell us. While it may be harder to get pumped up for Mass each week during Ordinary Time, we have to dive into each Mass fully focused if we're to get the same effect that we get for special spiritual seasons.

As you try to enter into every week, challenge yourself to learn something about the Mass. Be careful though. You'll go insane trying to understand transubstantiation like it's an exam you're cramming for. Here are some tips to make ordinary time everything but ordinary (pun slightly intended).



Lectio Divina (for the Mass)

Think of a certain phrase or a certain word said during the liturgy and pray about it. It's not going to be easy to do this during the Mass so save the examination for later. In a quiet time, go through the phrase the same way you would with a scripture verse for Lectio Divina. It's easy to just utter the words during Mass and move along but the Eucharist means so much more when we value every word around it.

Another thing we can do is to read the Sunday Scriptures before the Mass begins. If we take time during the week to prepare and read the readings, we'll be able to enter in more fully when we're at Mass. Instead of hearing them for the first time during Mass, we aren't surprised by what is told during the readings and can better dive into the Mass.

Slow Down

When we're flooded with just so much during holy seasons, it's easy to be overwhelmed with all the different traditions. In Ordinary Time, we are less likely to be surprised by certain aspects of the mass because each Mass is almost identical to each other. This makes it easier for people to focus, feel less "out of it" and really make the Mass an experience and not just something we spectate.

On a similar note, when we walk into mass, we should be ready for the celebration. Take some time before mass to, as my parish puts it, "put your phone on prayer mode." Less distractions allow our mass experience to be more worthwhile.

Pick up a Good Habit and Lose a Bad One

Ordinary Time is a great time to start new prayer habits. Attempt something you haven't before. Daily Scripture reflections, keeping a journal, more frequent trips to confession, reading a spiritual book; the list goes on and on.

On the other hand, you can also try to stop something that doesn't bring you closer to God. For example, try to shorten down the amount of time you spend on social media.

Ordinary Time might seem repetitive but this is a great time to dive deeper into your spiritual life. Keep calm and rock Ordinary Time.

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