



PARISH OF ST MARY & ST JOSEPH, ORANGE

Incorporating St Brendan's, Mullion Creek, St Patrick's, Cargo, St Columbanus', Cudal
 We recognise the Wiradjuri, Gamilaraay and Wailwan peoples as the original custodians of the land on which our Parish stands.

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Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and, we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Today's Scripture: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Reflection



Today's readings contain several images: the faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait; the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord. As trustees of the One who is coming, we live in the 'in between' time of ambiguity and hope. The placement of these readings at the beginning of Advent shapes the context for understanding the entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of human pain and then moves beyond it to the hope of a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find fulfilment in the Day of the Lord.

Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some people wait to be released from suffering, others await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.

Dianne Bergant

Next week: Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

St Mary's 6.00pm
 St Columbanus Cudal 6.00pm
 (1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays)
 St Patrick's Cargo 6.00pm
 (2nd & 4th Saturdays)
 St Michael's Manildra 6.00pm

Sunday

St Joseph's 8.00am
 Mullion Creek 8.00am
 St Dympna's Cumnock 8.00am
 (2nd & 4th Sundays)
 St Mary's 9.30am
 St Lawrence's Molong 9.30am
 St Canice's Millthorpe 10.00am
 (1st & 3rd Sundays)
 Syro Malabar Mass 6.00pm
 (3rd Sunday of month at St Mary's)
 St Joseph's 6.00pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday 5.00-5.30pm St Joseph's
 Saturday 4.00-4.45pm St Mary's

OFFICE HOURS

Mon: 10.00am - 4.30pm
 Tues-Fri: 8.45am - 4.30pm
Closed - Lunch: 12.30 - 1.30pm

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 7.30am St Joseph's
 Tuesday 8.00am St Mary's
 Wednesday 7.30am St Joseph's
 Thursday 8.00am St Mary's
 Friday 5.45pm St Joseph's

All Public holidays Mass 8.30am

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth Carden, Claire Norris, John Williams,

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Anne Penelope (Penny) Burfitt, Karl & Margaret Firth

MASSES REQUESTED:

Anna, Maria, Joseph & Joseph, Adrian Berney, Ken & Marg Bevan, Mona Bourke, Mena Christopherson, John Cooney, Betty, Phylis, Felix, Nora & Gordon Clancy, William Crayford and William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Brian Keegan, Ian Livermore, Aileen Mackie, Geoffrey Middleton, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Harry Taylor, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, John & Jean Walker, Hilton & Mary Wass, Mavis & Jack Whitehouse, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Dawn Ryan, 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 Paul families.

Please pray for recently deceased parishioners and others for whom prayers are requested on the list in the church porches.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Lord, bring your healing and strength upon all those who are sick and injured especially:

Gary Alexander (Port Macquarie), Cameron Arnett (Canberra), Anne Maree Bailey (Oberon), Win & John Bamber (Ireland), Elizabeth Baron (Campbelltown), Cathy Bourke (Parkes), Eric Bowman (Bathurst), Paul Bright (Bathurst), Kevin Brown (Goulburn), Jan Clark, Peter Coble, Glenn Cook, Peter Corrigan, Beryl Corse (Bathurst), Alfio Cristaldi (Qld), Robert Crossie, Titau Cunansse, Stephen Dane, Gerard Dennis, Anthony Doughan (Parkes), Kathryn Armstong Doughan, Jenny Dunne (Avoca), Carmel Eposito, Eileen Ford, Justine Ford, Carolyn Gazzard, Geoff Gazzard, Kerry Gersbach, Michelle Gillies (Yamba), Aileen Grant (Canowindra), Patrick Hanrahan, Anne Harrington (Marrar), Taio Henry-Taylor, Lila Heffernan, Michael Higgins, Jenny Hughes, Gerry Huxley (Sydney), Robert (Bob) Jenkins, Robert Johnston, Kelly Jones (Central Coast), May Jones, Nancy Kalevski (Newcastle), Brian Kelly, Terry Kelly, Margaret Keen, Jan Kitcher, Jovan Knezevic, Ida Langham, Lawrence Livermore, Patricia Lo Faro, Noni McAneney (Tullamore), Vincent McAneney, Sue McCulley (Sydney), Yvonne McDonald, Doug McMurtrie, Bishop Kevin Manning, Jane Mason (Perthville), Ellie Middleton, Leanne Middleton, Janette Moore (Windsor, Ontario), Agnes Nash, Eileen O'Connor, Alice O'Dea, Ken Olsen, Sandy Ostini, Chris Parnaby, Iris Pasquill, John Powell, Maureen Priest, Kellie Purcell (Canberra), Joe Raso, John Reynolds, Adrian Ryan (Bathurst), Mark Ryan (Georges Plains), Tom Ryan (Bathurst), Francine Sammut, Patricia Sams, Sue Selwood, Marie Shea (Forest Reefs), Adrian Short (Woodstock), Jim Sloane (Sydney), Roslyn Smith, Lyn Spencer, Paul Stapleton, Miliana Tierney, Tio Henry Tylor, Katherine Twomey, Elizabeth Turnbull, Nicole Vanderhel, John Van Eede, Kylie Walsh (Sydney), Thelma Walters, Peter Ward (Sanctuary Cove), Jim Wass, Rory White, Kyle Wickham, Anthony Young. *These names will remain on the list for your Prayers. Please contact Parish Office if individual circumstances change.*

Make sure you let the Parish Office know if anyone from your family is in hospital - ring 6362 2378.

Advent - Christmas Giving Board

Please take an envelope from the Advent Board this weekend and purchase a gift for the needy of our community.

When you take the envelope, enter your name and contact details into the book provided. Please attach the label to the Gift.

We are also providing gifts for the residents of St Francis Aged Care & Benjamin Short Lodge. If your gift is coded 'SF' or 'BS', please follow instructions on the front of the envelope.

Please return all gifts to the Parish office by 3.00pm on Wednesday 13th December.

Fr Ephrem's Farewell

Parishioners will be putting together some funds to give Fr Ephrem a farewell gift. Anyone who would like to contribute can give some money after the masses on the weekend of 9/10 December.

Fr Ephrem's farewell Mass followed by morning tea will be at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 7th January.

Rosie Frecklington would like to **THANK** everyone who helped at Fr Carl's 40th Anniversary celebrations, James Sheahan Catholic High School for their kindness in providing transport with their bus. Bernard Duffy & David Frecklington for driving the choir back to the airport. John Hannan for his help with the music last Sunday and Fr Greg who allowed the Fijian choir to participate at last week's Vigil Mass.



Google the Wellington Times Newspaper to see an article titled 'Four decades of Fr Carl'

PLEASE NOTE

Under the Privacy Act hospital staff are unable to give out lists of patients to parish visitors. If you, or someone from your family or circle of friends, is in hospital and would like to be visited and/or receive Holy Communion, PLEASE ring the Presbytery on 6362 2378 and let us know and we will arrange a visit.

RCIA Candidates

Please pray for

**Brittany Browning
Joel Granger
Maggie Moon
Wanda Moore**

As they are welcomed into our Church community this weekend. They have been meeting weekly since the end of July and are now ready to take this step towards Baptism and / or Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Caritas Global Gifts - We are One Human Family

Send a Christmas message to those you love, and support those in need. When you choose a *Global Gift* this Christmas, you are bringing a moment of joy and helping create a lifetime of change for some of the world's most vulnerable people. This year you can help bring the gift of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love to our one human family around the world. Each *Global Gift* will go towards supporting our most important work; from responding to emergency situations to supporting education programs and training farmers with new sustainable livelihood techniques. Share a message of compassion this Christmas - Simply select one of our *Global Gift* cards. When you send a *Global Gift* card to your friends or family, you also share a gift with the world and help support our one human family. Order *Global Gift* Cards online at: www.globalgifts.org.au or call on 1800 024 413



Advent Books

On sale in all Churches \$5.00 each
Christmas Cards
 For Sale Large \$3.00 Small \$2.00 at both Churches

Sr Ann Morrison's Farewell

There will be Mass at 5.00pm in Molong on Friday 15th December to farewell Sr Ann followed by a social function in the school hall including dinner.

It is not only Sr Ann leaving, it's the end of 163 years of Sisters of St Joseph in Molong Parish.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community

**Henry Goodridge
 Ellis Bassmann
 Spencer Dukes**



who were baptised this weekend.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for the month of December



The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christians communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading and forming the new generations.

FEED YOUR FAITH

and your fears will starve to death!

weddings



Congratulations to

**Shaun Riley &
 Rebecca Fogarty**

who were married this weekend
 Blessings to them for their future.

PARISH ROSTERS

2nd Week of Month starting 10th December 2017

St Joseph's

Altar Servers

8.00am Suzann Benny, Jorja Scott-Robertson
 6.00pm BreeAnne Petty

Ministers of Communion

8.00am Margaret Munk, Ann Kelly, Elwyn & Hanny Hurst, Margaret Bastick

6.00pm Mick Downey, Julie Egea, Joanne Doulman, Deb Scoins, Elizabeth Bowmer

Readers & Commentator

8.00am Kieran Forde, Virginia Forde; Elizabeth Sergeant
 6.00pm Dianne Parsons, Philomena Parker; Tony Aumuller

Cleaners - (during week following the 1st Sunday) **Group 1** - Paul & Chris Derrig, Ruth Lee, Peter Moore, Mel Gillman

St Mary's

Childrens Liturgy at 9.30am

Monique Dunn

Drivers' Roster for 9.30am

Group A - Allan Johnston
 Group B - David Kennedy

Altar Servers

Vigil Ailish & Alanah Seedsman
 9.30am Max Tracey, Aaron Cox, Roshan Praveen

Ministers of Communion

Vigil Guil Beath, Judy Kilby, Sr Helen, Margaret Wendelin, Vacancy
 9.30am Cathy Clarke, Judith Clarke, Helen Cracknell, Christine Derrig, Helen Hughes

Readers & Commentator

Vigil Kerrie Maher, Margaret Wright; Nanette Fogarty
 9.30am Derek Dolstra, Martin Tonks; Josh Dunn

Flower Arrangers - Carmel Bayada

Cleaners - (during week following the 1st Sunday) **Group 1** - Leonne Langbein, Pat & Ruth Frecklington, Pauline Nonnemacher

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM - AIRS 10 December 2017

Next week on the Journey, Fr Richard Healy shares his reflection from the Gospel of Mark, Sr Hilda shares her 'Wisdom from The Abbey', and encourages us to believe The Good News; Pete Gilmore reminds us of a God of the details in his 'Living the Gospel' segment. Some great music this week too! Put it all together and you have an inspiring show full of faith, hope, love and life. Tune into 1 Way FM 91.9 Canberra or LIFE FM 100.1 Sunday 2pm or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Pro-Life Pregnancy Help?

Do you have a phone?
 Do you want to help those worried by pregnancy issues?
 Can you work from home?

Contact Pregnancy help Sydney **NOW** to find out about their free training course you can do by mail from your own home and 2 inservice weekends in Sydney.

You can make a difference.
 Phone Carmel Jeffreys on 9730 0258 for more information.

MercyWorks
 Gifts of Mercy



By giving a 'Gift of Mercy' card you will be donating to one of Mercy Works' projects on behalf of a loved one. Ph: 02 9564 1911 or email: mercyworks@mercy.org.au or visit www.mercyworks.org.au

PILGRIM BOOKSHOP

Thanks to the good number of people who pledged support in our 'Save Pilgrim Books' fundraiser we are excited to let you know that we re-opened on

Wednesday November 29th at 9am

52 McNamara Street, Orange



The Advent Wreath

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple colour associated with Advent is also the colour of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The colour of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This colour symbolises joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Finally, Sundays during Advent, just as during Lent, should not be given to fasting, but instead to celebration because we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord every Sunday. It is important to remember, however, there are no particular rules for how the laity should observe Advent



Christmas Masses 2017

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Mercy Hall (James Sheahan Catholic High School) Orange
 6.00pm St Columbanus, Cudal
 6.00pm St Michael's, Manildra
 7.00pm St Patrick's, Cargo
 7.30pm St Laurence's Molong
 7.30pm Carols, 8.00pm Mass St Mary's Orange
 10.00pm St Joseph's Orange

Christmas Day

8.00am St Joseph's, Orange
 8.00am St Brendan's Mullion Creek
 9.30am St Mary's, Orange
 9.00am St Canice's, Millthorpe

Sacrament of Penance

6.00pm Tuesday 19th December – Second Rite at St Laurence O'Toole, Molong
 7.30pm Wednesday 20th December – Second Rite at Joseph's, Orange
 12.30 – 1.00pm & 5.30 – 6.00pm Thursday 21st Dec – Individual Confessions at St Joseph's, Orange

St Stephen's Day (26th December)

8.30am St Joseph's
 No Mass at Molong

Please note there will be **NO** nursing home Masses between Christmas and February.

'A FRANK QUOTE - EXCERPT FROM POPE FRANCIS' LITTLE BOOK OF WISDOM'

There is a deep and indissoluble bond between those who are still pilgrims in this world - us - and those who have crossed the threshold of death and entered eternity. All baptised persons here on Earth, and all the blessed who are already in paradise make one great family. There is also an ancient rule of the pilgrims, that St Ignatius includes, and that's why I know it! In one of his rules, he says that anyone accompanying a pilgrim must walk the same pace as the pilgrim, not ahead and not lagging behind. And this is what I mean: a Church that accompanies the journey, that knows how to walk as people walk today. This rule of the pilgrim will help us to inspire things.

DAY BY DAY

Monday 4th December

- Craft with Love - Meeting room in Kenna Hall 9.30am - 1.30pm. All welcome.
- Requiem Mass - Elizabeth Carden - St Mary's Church 10.30am.
- Missionaries of Charity. Holy Hour 2.00pm - 3.00pm at the convent, 67 Bletchington St, Orange - All welcome.
- Holy Family Conf. St V de P - 1st & 3rd weeks of Month St Mary's Meeting Room 5.00pm

Tuesday 5th December

- Communion Service - St Francis Aged Care - 11.00am

Wednesday 6th December

- St Joseph's Conf. St V de P - Meet in McNamara Street Centre 4.15pm - 1st & 3rd weeks of Month.
- Social Justice Working Bee 2.00pm - 6.00pm Oasis Room Kenna Hall.
- Social Justice Meeting - 4.15pm in the eeting Room, Kenna Hall.

Thursday 7th December

- Communion Service 11am - Wontama Nursing Home
- St Mary's Conf. St V de P Meeting at McNamara Street Centre 6.00pm
- Holy Hour at St Joseph's 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Friday 8th December

- Mass St Joseph's - 5.45pm - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary