

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)

The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th June 2018 - Year B

PARISH TEAM

Fr Greg Bellamy	Parish Priest
Fr Pius Khaoya	Assistant Priest
Diep Nguyen	Seminarian
Sr Helen Saunders rsj	Pastoral Assistant Orange
Sr Frances McAleer rsj	Resident in Molong
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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 June: Universal: Social Works

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Reflection

In the cryptic message of the prophet Ezekiel, long centuries before the Lord's coming, God gave His people reason to hope. Ezekiel glimpsed a day when the Lord God would place a tree on a mountain in Israel, a tree that would "put forth branches and bear fruit." Who could have predicted that the tree would be a cross on the hill of Calvary, and that the fruit would be salvation?

Ezekiel foresees salvation coming to "birds of every kind"—thus, not just to the People of Israel, but also to the Gentiles, who will "take wing" through their new life in Christ. God indeed will "lift high the lowly tree," as He solemnly promises.

Such salvation surpasses humanity's most ambitious dreams. And so we express our gratitude in the Psalm: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." It is indeed good, and better still to give thanks with praise. The Psalmist speaks of those who are just upon the earth, but looks to God as the source and measure of justice, of righteousness. Like Ezekiel, he evokes the image of a flourishing tree to describe the lives of the just. The image, again, suggests the Cross as the measure of righteousness. The Cross is a sign of contradiction to those who would rather "flourish" in worldly terms. As St. Paul emphasizes to the Corinthians, we need courage. Our faith makes us strong, and it is proved in our deeds.

He reminds us that we will be judged by the ways our faith manifests itself in works: "so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." God Himself will empower the works He expects from us, though we freely choose to correspond to His grace. In the prophetic oracles, He scattered the seed that sprang up and became the mustard tree, large enough to

accommodate all the birds of the sky, just as Ezekiel had seen. He gave this doctrine to His disciples in terms they were able to understand, and He provided a full explanation. In the sacraments He provides still more: the grace of faith and the courage we need to live in the world as children of God.

Response to the Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!

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.

Today's Scripture: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

Next Week's Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66.80

PARISH NOTICES

DAY BY DAY

Monday 18th June

Week 11 in Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 10.00am Requiem Mass - Michael Powell - St Joseph's Church
- 1.00pm - Erika Kljucevic graveside - Orange Cemetery
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Mary's
- 5.45pm Mass St Mary's

Tuesday 19th June

Week 11 in 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 20th June

Week 11 in Ordinary Time

- 9.15am Mass St Lawrence Molong, all welcome
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 21st June

St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

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

Friday 22nd June

Sts John Fisher, bishop & Thomas Moore, martyrs

- 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 23rd June

Week 11 in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday 24th June

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

- 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



L-R: Fr Mathew, Fr Pius, Bishop McKenna, Dcn Josh Clayton, Fr Greg at the James Sheahan Family Day Mass last Friday

Welcome Fr Mathew Humtsoe

Fr Matthew Humtsoe is a diocesan priest from Nagaland (NE India) who arrived in our Diocese 1 month ago to serve in our communities for the next few years. It was announced this week that on 18th June Fr Mathew will take up a position in Orange & Molong Parishes, supplying while Fr Greg and Fr Pius take their annual leave.

Fr Matthew was Parish Priest of Sanis, the Parish in Nagaland that we have been assisting to build a school through the annual Christmas Appeal.

Welcome Fr Mathew! It's great to have you here with us!

Vinnies Winter Appeal



The St Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting their 2018 Winter Appeal by way of a **leaving collection at Masses this weekend**. Your help is needed.

Over the past 3 months in the Orange region, Vinnies Care & Support Conference members have assisted people with: -

Food totalling **\$6,671**
 Transport costs totalling **\$2,049**
 Accommodation costs totalling **\$2,725**
 Medical costs of **\$2527.51**
and much more.

Conference members in the Orange area also manage the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance Scheme, known as EAPA, to local community members and in the same period the total was **\$32,621**

'Have you also thought about giving up some of your time each week to be a 'Vinnies' volunteer? Right now there is a shortage of truck drivers to help deliver furniture. There are many other ways you can volunteer.

Contact Denise at the office in Leewood Drive on 6362 2565."



Morning tea will be on again on 24th June from 10.30am - 11.30am In the cottage behind St Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome.



Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Enquiry night 7.30pm 1st August 2018 in Kenna Hall Meeting Room

Have you liked the parish facebook page yet?

www.facebook.com/CatholicOrangeNSW



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:** Sunday's 3:30-6pm (including Evening Mass)

PARISH NOTICES

Giving to the Mission

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Planned Giving Programme this year.

New Pledge Cards for the coming financial year are available in the cross aisle of St Joseph's and the front porch of St Mary's for you to renew your pledge or pledge for the first time.

Please complete and place a card in one of the collection boxes in the cross aisle OR take home, fill it out and **drop off to Parish Office by 18th June**

As the end of the financial year is fast approaching, it is now time to catch up with your 2017-2018 Planned Giving Pledge. Thank you.

Did you know?

Silent Eucharistic Adoration occurs 5.00-5.40pm 3 days per week before the evening Mass: Mondays at St Mary's, Wednesdays at St Joseph's and Fridays at St Joseph's.

Photographic Exhibition Refugee Week

Sun 17th - Sat 23rd June

A World Worth of Stories: stories of refugees and Post WWII Migrants that have made Orange their home.

Special Presentation Wed 20th 6.00pm
Guest Speakers, Light Refreshments
RSVP museum@orange.nsw.gov.au or
Phone 6393 8444

Orange Regional Museum, 151 Byng St
Presented by Orange Social Justice Group

James Sheahan Music Manifesto

FRIDAY 29 JUNE 2018, 7.00 for 7.30pm
and SATURDAY 30 JUNE 2018,
7.00 for 7.30pm
Kenna Hall, Hill Street, Orange
Adults - \$20.00 Students - \$10.00
Family - \$50.00 Tickets available at the
James Sheahan Office
Phone: 6362 1422

Orange Regional Conservatorium together with James Sheahan Catholic High School present Avan Yu

Internationally acclaimed pianist
6pm for 6.30pm Friday 9th July

James Sheahan Catholic High School
Performing Arts Centre
Adults \$30 / Concession \$25
Tickets available through ORC
www.orangecon.org.au

JOIN THE TEAM

**Position Vacant
Parish Secretary
Part-Time 21 hours per week**

Due to changes in staff hours we require an additional staff member.

We are looking for a Parish Secretary to perform a variety of administrative and clerical duties. This also includes providing support to our Priests, Staff, Volunteers and Parishioners.

For a copy of the job description please email

office.orange@cdob.org.au

**Applications close Monday
18th June, 2018**

Please include Resume and Covering Letter which addresses the Major Accountabilities

Orange Parkinson's Support Group together with St Mary & St Joseph's Parish

is compiling a 2019 calendar which will feature local Orange people including 5 or 6 parishioners who have Parkinson's.

The purpose of the calendar is to support Parkinson's NSW (PNSW), raise funds for the employment of a full-time Parkinsons nurse, based in Orange, serving Orange and the Central West of New South Wales. It is hoped this will be a reality by January 2019 or sooner.

On Sale in July for \$20



A Frank Quote

"Holiness means giving ourselves in sacrifice every day
And so married life is a tremendous path to sanctity!"
- Pope Francis



**3minute
RETREAT**

This App, produced by Loyola Press, invites the user to take a short prayer break, spending some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage. Knowing that not everyone prays at the same pace, the user has control over the pace of the retreat. The App is free and can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play Market.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

Alfie McLean, Lucy Ruming & Max Smith

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sr Teresa Keane, rsj, Erika Kljucovic, Michael Powell

ANNIVERSARIES:

Emily Auld, Kathleen & Sid Coulston, Gasper, Marija & David Jug, Vincent McAneney, Bill Moore, Mary O'Donnell, Frank Ryan

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES:

Adrian Berney, Blanche Bourke, Pat Bridges, Maria & Charlie Brouwers, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford and William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Des & Daphne Dawson, Chris Duff, Tammy Fahy, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Frank & Joan Hennessy, Michael Higgins, Reg Hurst, Mary Johnston, Brian Keegan, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Janette Odlum, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, Jean & John Walker, Helen & John Watkins, 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 Paul families.

THE SICK AND INFIRM:

Patricia Crich, Celestina Vardanega, Dr Steve Peterson, Kyle Wickham, Den Smith, Beth Moxham, Ray Dickson, Doug Punch, Tori Punch, Norma Wright, David Ward, Katherine Twomey, Sandy Ostini,

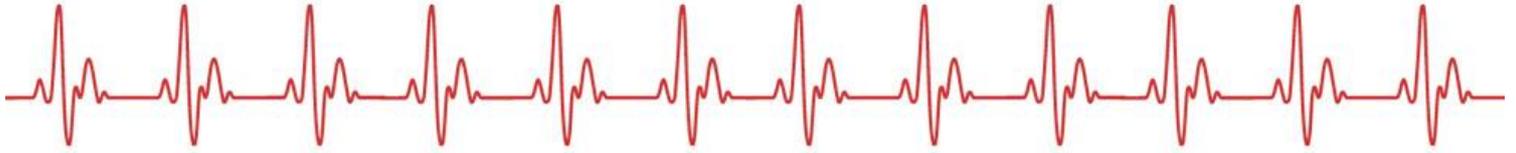
'The Heart of Man' - Movie

will be screening at Odeon Cinemas on 26th & 27th June. It is a cinematic retelling of the parable of the Prodigal Son.
'Shame is not a barrier to God's love, but a bridge to absolute transformation, victory, freedom & hope.'

Coming up ...

Sr Helen Annual Leave:
9 June - 9 July
Fr Greg Annual Leave:
25 June-27 July
Confirmation in Orange 4/5 August

Church-Heartbeat: Growing Warmer through Fellowship



Acts of the Apostles paints a picture of the Church's life and mission in the post-Pentecost years. It shows a Church that is small and persecuted, and yet alive and full of zeal. It's a picture of a Church that is not big in numerical terms, but has a strong healthy heart.

One of the 5 indications that a Church is healthy is evident growth in warmth through fellowship. The community that worships together and goes on mission together is joyful, open, committed, enthusiastic, invitational, welcoming, and personable. A warm Church community is a place where people go because they want to be with these other people, not because they are forced to go and endure their company.

What we are talking about is a real community full of sincere human relationships founded on the most important relationship of all: a warm intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Such a community is not a place of strict homogeneity: authentic diversity is not an indication of division but that the Church is doing its job and inviting all sorts of different people into this communal relationship with God. In a healthy Church community diversity is founded on unity: "Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul." (Acts 4:32).

An authentic community is not simply a collection of unconnected anonymous individuals that happen to find themselves under one roof. That's a description of a cinema, not the Church. A warm, authentic community has one heart and one soul. It is a family in which *I am known and loved and I know and love the people around me*. It's a place in which *I am accountable to the people around me and they are accountable to me, and together we are all accountable to our Lord and Saviour*.

The heart of Christian life is what the New Testament calls *koinonia*: translated in English as communion or fellowship. This has a deep theological sense: we are all baptised into Jesus as our one head. We are therefore one body. This is reflected in our communal

worship, in our common faith and through our union with our bishop and the Pope.

But fellowship is not only spiritual or theological: it should be reflected in actual human relationships. We live *koinonia* when we ensure our "one heart and soul" is expressed through our treatment of other members of the Church, including visitors and strangers, with human warmth. When we are cold instead of warm, we damage that fellowship.

Our parish grows warmer when we choose to be patient with the family whose young children are making some noise during Mass and even offer a word of encouragement to mum and dad. Our parish grows colder when we shoot icy stares at harassed parents who have struggled to get everyone to Church on time and who already feel embarrassed.

Our parish grows warmer when we see someone new and unobtrusively say 'hello' to them and welcome them to our community. Our parish grows colder when we only speak to the 'in-group' and make strangers feel unwelcome or just barely tolerated.

Our parish grows warmer when we stay around a bit after Mass each week and try to speak to someone new. Our parish grows colder when everyone takes off as quickly as possible after 'getting it over with'.

Our parish grows warmer when we expect and understand that new Church-goers will not understand when to stand, sit and kneel or why we say "And with your Spirit" instead of "And also with you" like they remember from childhood. Our parish grows colder when we judge the occasional visitor and confirm their feeling of 'not fitting' in this community of holy people.

Our Church is commissioned to grow and that includes growing in warmth through genuine human fellowship that expresses the theological reality of *koinonia*. Let's make our parish community a place of genuine warmth.

Fr Greg

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