

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)

Second Sunday of Lent - Year B - 25th February 2018

PARISH TEAM

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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 February: Say "No" to Corruption.

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Response to the Psalm: I will walk in the presence
the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ! From shining cloud, the Father's voice
is heard: this is my beloved son, hear him. Glory and
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Reflection

The Lenten season continues with another story
of testing. Last Sunday, we heard the trial of Jesus in the
desert. In this week's First Reading, we hear of how
Abraham was put to the test.

The Church has always read this story as a sign of
God's love for the world in giving His only begotten son.
In today's Epistle, Paul uses exact words drawn from this
story to describe how God, like Abraham, did not
withhold His only Son, but handed Him over for us on the
Cross (see Romans 8:32; Genesis 22:12,16).

In the Gospel today, too, we hear another echo.
Jesus is called God's "beloved Son"—as Isaac is
described as Abraham's beloved firstborn son.

These readings are given to us in Lent to reveal
Christ's identity and to strengthen us in the face of our
afflictions. Jesus is shown to be the true son that
Abraham rejoiced to see (see Matthew 1:1; John 8:56). In
His transfiguration, He is revealed to be the "prophet like
Moses" foretold by God—raised from among their own
kinsmen, speaking with God's own authority (see
Deuteronomy 18:15, 19).

Like Moses, He climbs the mountain with three
named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see
Exodus 24:1, 9, 15). He is the one prophesied to come
after Elijah's return (see Sirach 48:9-10; Malachi 3:1,
23-24).
And, as He discloses to the apostles, He is the Son of
Man sent to suffer and die for our sins (see Isaiah
53:3).

As we sing in today's Psalm, Jesus believed in
the face of His afflictions, and God loosed Him from
the bonds of death (see Psalm 116:3).
His rising should give us the courage to face our trials,
to offer ourselves totally to the Father—as He did, as
Abraham and Isaac did.

Freed from death by His death, we come to
this Mass to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and to
renew our vows—as His servants and faithful ones.



Today's Scripture: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

Next Week's Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

PARISH NOTICES

DAY BY DAY

Monday 26th February

Second week of Lent

- 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 27th February

Second Week of Lent

- 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
- 12.30pm Requiem Mass - Colin Crowe St Lawrence Church, Molong

Wednesday 28th February

Second Week of Lent

- 9.15am Mass Molong
- 9.45-10.15am Reconciliation at Molong
- 5.00-5.40pm Eucharistic Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph

Thursday 1st March

Second Week of Lent

- 9.10am Rosary at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Mass Benjamin Short Grove Nursing Home - All welcome
- 6.00-7.00pm Holy Hour at St Joseph's

Friday 2nd March

Second Week of Lent

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 2.00pm Mass Ascott Gardens Nursing Home - all welcome
- 5.15-5.40pm Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's
- 5.00-5.40pm Reconciliation at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's Church

Saturday 3rd March

Second Week of Lent

- 9.00am Mass at 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 4th March

Third Sunday of Lent

- 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

Project Compassion

Janak Prasad Sharma, Regional Program Manager of Caritas Nepal, will be speaking to us this weekend at 9.30am Mass. As a Project Compassion speaker for 2018, Janak will highlight the work of Caritas with passion and conviction. Janak works with the most vulnerable communities of the earthquake prone country to develop new opportunities and more stable futures.

Information about the Caritas Nepal story can be found on the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/?i=2599&week-1-doneys-story>

A Just Future

In 2018 Project Compassion, through the stories of six young people, demonstrates how young people are transforming their own lives, those of their families and even entire societies, through Caritas Australia's empowerment and support programs.

A Just Future starts with you.



Stations of the Cross Molong

During Lent 'Stations of the Cross' will be held every Friday at 6.00pm at St Lawrence Church, Molong

Walking with Confidence program

make a big difference to how you feel every day. Join Catholic Healthcare's Walking with Confidence program (exercise and fall prevention education) for over 65s commencing February 27th, 12.30pm, every Tuesday for 8 weeks at St Catherine's, 51 Gormans Hill Road, Bathurst. Cost: \$15/person/session. For more information, call our friendly staff on 1300 319 011.

International Women's Day - 8th March

This year, International Women's Day comes on the heels of unprecedented global movement for women's rights, equality and justice. Sexual harassment, violence and discrimination against women has captured headlines and public discourse, propelled by a rising determination for change.



Congratulations

to

Patricia Dane

celebrating her

90th Birthday

on 25th February 2018

ARE YOU THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING? WE'RE RECRUITING!

Are you passionate about giving back to your local community? Do you like helping out to give others a hand-up?

Can you spare a few hours each week? Volunteering opportunities are available in the Vinnies shop, donation centre, and truck driver teams

To find out more please call 6361 0378 or email orange.warehouse@vinnies.org.au

Please don't park on St Mary's School Lawn

We ask parishioners to please stop parking not the lawn at St Mary's School car park. Already three sprinkler heads have been destroyed in the brand new sprinkler system and there is concern that the underground pipes will also be seriously damaged. This would be very expensive to fix. Thank you for your consideration.

Santa Maria College Orange HSC of 1977, Santa Maria & De La Salle Colleges SC of 1975.

40+ year reunion - 17 March 7pm at the Parkview Hotel, Orange. Please contact Cathryn Newcombe on 0410 448 284 or cathryn.newcombe@gmail.com

PARISH NOTICES

Scripture teacher vacancies:

Huge and Most Urgent need is at Bletchington. Bletchington has all Stage 2 (yrs 3 & 4), and all Year 5 uncovered. Bletchington scripture is at 2:25pm on Tuesdays and allows back to back lessons.

Calare has 2X Infants (yrs 1 & 2) uncovered as well as a Yr 3 and a Yr 4 uncovered for Term 1.

Contact your church's SRE coordinator (or Bev Rankin (0487 116 203), if you can help out. There will be some training sessions for SRE teachers on Monday night, 19th Feb, 7-9 pm at Fusion for anyone interested in starting out as an SRE teacher or helper. You will also need a Working with children check number.

Please, please pray that we will be able to fill these vacancies quickly.

And please also give thanks for several new people who've joined the ranks of SRE teachers...we just need a few more: pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out more workers!

Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst

invites you to attend
Understanding and teaching the Word of God

presented by Dr Laurie Woods.

The formation day is aimed at SRE coordinators and teachers, catechists, sacramental coordinators and parishioners. It will be repeated in three locations across the Diocese:

13th March - St Pius X Primary School, East Street, Dubbo

14th March - Kenna Hall, Hill Street, Orange

15th March - St Philomena's Primary School, Lloyds Road, Bathurst

Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm

Cost: FREE

For more information visit
www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

Register by contacting Dr Angelo Belmonte:
a.belmonte@bth.catholic.edu.au or phone Ronda at Catholic Education on: 6338 3000

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Harry Clark, Samuel Ryan

RECENTLY MARRIED:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Daphne Conroy (Bathurst), Colin Crowe (Molong), Lionel Fitzgerald, Trevor Jaeger, Maud Peters

ANNIVERSARIES: Robert Barclay, Mick Crombie, Luke Kennedy, Jack Griffiths, Rosina Hogan, Darcy Lewis, John McMahon, Cyril O'Keefe, Anna & John Pagliaccio, Phil Ross, Frank Williamson

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES: Adrian Berney, Anna, Maria, Joseph, & Joseph, Garry Britt, Maria Brouwers, Jim Cleary, Mena Christopherson, Ernesto Covelli, William Crayford and William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Ann, Robert & Ray Darley, Des & Daphne Dawson, Jessie Davidson, Chris Duff, Alison Dutton, Michael Dunne, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Ted Haydon, Frank & Joan Hennessy, Jean & Lary Hutchinson, Brian Keegan, Ian Livermore, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Karman Middleton, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Pasquale Pagliaccio, Dennis Rapley, Norman Ross, Dawn Ryan, Peter Showell, Harry Taylor, 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:

Anthony Young, Patricia Crich, Patricia Thurtell, Alfio Cristaldi, Joan Breen, Lena Darling, Michael Higgins, Celestina Vardanega, Sandy Ostini, Katherine Twomey, Sue Selwood, David Ward, Brian Kelly,

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Aila Bond

'Craft with Love' will commence again on the 5th March in Kenna Hall. All welcome.



World Day of Prayer Orange

The World Day of Prayer in Orange will be on Friday 2nd March 2018 at the Orange Baptist Church, Molong Road.

Commencing at 10.00am

All Welcome.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

World Day of Prayer Cudal

This year the World Day of Prayer in Cudal will be hosted by St Columbanus. The theme is 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' You are invited to join this time of prayer with the other churches in Cudal at 11.00am 2nd March at St Columbanus, Cudal.

School Tours for New Enrolments

School Tours will be held at Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School during the week 26th February - Friday 2nd March for any new enrolments. If you know of any relatives/friends who have children starting 2019/2020 that may be interested in a tour of the School, please let them know they can call the office on 6361 3344 to organise

Claim the Date

Molong Anointing Mass 9.15am

Wednesday 7th March

Orange Anointing Mass at St Mary's

9.30am Saturday 24th March

Thank you for those who have given feedback about the sacramental wine we are using. In the next order we will change from 'dry' to 'sweet'.

Reflections on the Primacy of Faith: Prayer and Christian Decision-Making

Last week we began our Lenten reflections on an often misunderstood and neglected but essential cornerstone of Christian Faith: the primacy of grace. At the beginning of this millennium Pope Saint John Paul II called the Church to refocus squarely on evangelisation as the primary work of the Church. The Church exists not to serve itself but to be outward-looking. This is a theme much developed by Pope Francis. Complementary to the fact that evangelisation is the primary work of the Church is the fact that the 'primary foundation' of this 'primary work' is not our efforts but God's help: his grace. This central Christian belief is summed-up by St Paul: we are "God's co-workers" (1 Cor 3:9), so he is the 'primary worker'.

In practice, the realisation that all our efforts to evangelise and serve the poor rely primarily on God's grace should have an observable effect on how we live the Christian life. It's no good just saying we believe in the primacy of grace if our actual behaviour proclaims that we really believe in the primacy of our own efforts. Good fruit comes from our efforts if our efforts are built upon God's work and are an expression of his will: we are 'co-workers' and -cooperators' with God, but he is the primary planner and executor. Our job is active discernment of his will and active cooperation in the realisation of his will. Certainly, God does not need us but he freely calls us to be a part of how his plan unfolds through history.

If we take this seriously, what does this mean for how we live the Christian life in practice? One important consequence is that no important decision-making should be made without serious prayer both before and after the decision, either as an individual, family, or Church group. I'm not speaking about a perfunctory prayer before we get down to the real business of our meeting. I am speaking about stopping and sincerely asking God to send his Holy Spirit to guide the deliberations of this meeting so that we may discover his will and do it. It often helps if one or ideally more than one member of the group expresses this prayer informally, to emphasise that this is a real prayer of the group rather than an obligatory formality: we truly believe that we need God's guidance and help for what we are about to do. Likewise, it is good to stop at the end of the meeting or decision-making process and pray once more, asking God to confirm the decision we have made and to help us in the work that we must do.

If we truly believe in the primacy of grace, then explicitly centering the conduct of our decision-making and meetings on God and his will for us will make a difference. It will produce better fruit than what we could produce on our own. Particularly when we face crises, difficult decisions and conundrums, our first reaction should not be to panic or to simply grit our teeth and get into it: our first reaction should be prayer. Praying as individuals, families and Church groups fundamentally and consciously opens-up every level of our Christian life to God's grace. This does make a difference.

This Lent I invite you and your family to make this important type of prayer part of your life. I also invite every group in our parish to make this heart-felt informal prayer a part of all your meetings and decision-making. There is no work or decision-making that Christians do individually or in groups that should not be preceded and followed by real prayer. If we are just co-workers, then we need the direction and help of the primary worker.

Fr Greg

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