

# The Parish Overview

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)

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## First Sunday of Lent, Year C - 10th March 2019

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### PARISH CLERGY TEAM

**Fr Greg Bellamy** Parish Priest  
**Fr Pius Khaoya** Assistant Priest

### PARISH MISSION TEAM

**Ms Shannon Cain** Sacramental Coordinator  
**Ms Amy Sullivan** Director of Ministries  
**Ms Carla Ghisla** Director of Mission  
**Sr Frances McAleer rsj** Resident in Molong  
**Mr Will Tracey** Youth Minister  
**Ms Sarah Ziegler** Youth Minister

### PARISH MISSION SUPPORT TEAM

**Mr Michael O'Mara** Business Manager  
**Ms Harriette Williams** Executive Assistant  
**Ms Sandy Livermore** Parish Secretary

### PARISH SCHOOL TEAM

**Mr Peter Meers** James Sheahan Catholic High School  
**Mr Michael Croke** Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School  
**Mrs Kerrie Basha & Mrs Kerry Maher** St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Co-principal)  
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### Today's Scripture

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk4:1-13

### Response to the Psalm

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Reflection

In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel.

We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God's beloved Son (see Luke 3:22; Exodus 4:22). Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights (see Exodus 15:25).

He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food (see Exodus 16:1-13). As Israel quarrelled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care (see Exodus 17:1-6). When the Devil asks for His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf (see Exodus 32).

Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings (see Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16; 6:12-15).

Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty (see Genesis 7:12; Exodus 24:18; 34:28; 1 Kings 19:8; Jonah 3:4), the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification.

Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. "Call upon me, and I will answer," the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Epistle (quoting Deuteronomy 30:14; Isaiah 28:16; Joel 2:32).

This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: "We cried to the LORD . . . and He heard." But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters.

Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and "bow down in His presence," offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

### Next Week's Scripture

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17\*4:1; Lk 9:28-36

*We recognise the Wiradjuri, Gamilaraay and Wailwan peoples as the original custodians of the land on which our Parishes stand.*

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## DAY BY DAY

### Monday 11th March Monday of the 1st week of Lent

- 5.00pm Exposition at St Mary's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Mary's

### Tuesday 12th March Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent

- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 11.00am Mass at St Francis

### Wednesday 13th March Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent

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

### Thursday 14th March Thursday of the 1st week of Lent

- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Mass at Calare Aged Care
- 6.00pm Holy Hour at St Joseph's

### Friday 15th March Friday of the 1st week of Lent

- 11.00am Funeral Service for Ricky Eggins at St Mary's
- 12.00pm Stations of the Cross at Molong
- 5.15pm Reconciliation & Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

### Saturday 16th March Saturday of the 1st week of Lent

- 9.00am Mass at Cargo
- 5.15pm Reconciliation at St Mary's
- 5.40pm Reconciliation at Manildra
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Manildra

### Sunday 17th March Second Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's
- 8.00am Mass at Mullion Creek
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 9.30am Mass at Molong
- 11.15am Baptisms at St Joseph's
- 5.00pm Syro Malabar Mass at St Mary's
- 6.00pm Mass at St Joseph's



## HOW WILL YOU OBSERVE LENT?

Lent is a period of penitential preparation for Easter. In Western churches it begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and provides for a 40-day fast (Sundays are excluded), in imitation of Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry.

There are many ways you can observe Lent. Some things to consider are:

### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

We are taking part in 24 Hours for the Lord on 29-30 March 2019. At Pope Francis' request, Churches all around the world will be open for 24 hours during which there is continual Eucharistic Exposition and times for the sacrament of Penance (confessions). This is a wonderful opportunity to meet God in prayer.

Sign up for an hour as an individual or a group: sign-up sheets are available in the cross-aisle at St Joseph's, the foyer at St Mary's, or you can sign up online at <https://goo.gl/forms/oWvBwsSV1qklQjaf1>. We are particularly looking for younger people to sign up for late night/early morning blocks.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Stations of the Cross occurs each Friday during Lent at 5.15pm in St Joseph's before the evening Mass, commencing Friday 8th March. Stations also occur in St Lawrence's Molong at noon every Friday commencing Friday 15th March.

### FIRST RITE OF RECONCILIATION

The regular times are:

- Wednesdays from 9.45am at Molong
- Fridays 5.00pm-5.40pm at St Joseph's
- Saturdays 5.15pm-5.45pm at St Mary's
- Saturdays 5.40pm-5.55pm at Manildra

There are additional opportunities for Reconciliation during Holy Week:

- Wednesday 17th April 12.30pm-1.30pm at St Joseph's
- Wednesday 17th April 5.00pm-5.40pm at St Joseph's
- Good Friday 19th April 2.00pm-2.45pm at St Mary's and St Joseph's



## PROJECT COMPASSION

During Lent, why not support Caritas Australia through the annual Project Compassion Appeal? This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways Caritas Australia works around the world with local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Caritas is working with communities providing hope for a just and fair world regardless of their ethnicity, political beliefs, gender or religion. Information on supporting Project Compassion is available in each of the Churches.

### ANOINTING MASS

The Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament of the Church for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. The Sacrament enables the sick or aged person to be anointed with the oil of the sick, to experience the healing and strength of Jesus Christ and to be supported by a praying community. Anointing Masses will be held at:

- Molong: Wed 20 March, 9:15am
- St Mary's: Saturday 23 March, 9:30am

### ENCOUNTER EVENING

What is an Encounter Evening? This is an opportunity to meet God through prayer, adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist, music, Reconciliation and Scripture. There will be two Encounter Evenings held during Lent:

- Molong: Friday 12 April, 7.00pm
- St Mary's: Tuesday 16 April, 7.30pm

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION 2019

First Holy Communion may be requested when a child is a baptised Catholic who is at least in Year 3. The children will celebrate the sacrament of First Reconciliation (if they have not already done so) as part of their preparation for First Holy Communion.

Wednesday 8th May - Parent Meeting in Kenna Hall at either 9.30am or 7.00pm

Weekend 22/23 June - First Holy Communion celebrated in both Orange and Molong Parishes.

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## LENTEN MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin our Lenten observance this year, the words of Jesus from last Sunday's Gospel may be ringing in our ears:

*How can you say to your neighbour, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye. (Luke 6:42)*

Lent is a time for each one of us to enter that private room of prayer and conscience where God will meet us and speak to our hearts. We cannot see into other people's hearts, but with God's mercy we can begin to see our own. Only by opening ourselves to the Holy Spirit can we begin to recognise those things in our own lives that cloud our vision of reality and truth. And only the forgiveness of Christ can remove the blindness that belongs to sin.

Last year, we began Lent with four days of prayer and fasting for all who have suffered sexual abuse as children, especially in our own church family. Those prayers must continue as long as their suffering endures; so must our work as genuine followers of Christ to build communities that are safe for children and the vulnerable.

Last week, we were stunned by the news of Cardinal Pell's conviction, which he is appealing. I have said that I would refrain from public comment on that case until the appeal process is concluded. Whatever the outcome, these are testing times for all of us who belong to the Church, but Jesus has taught us that authentic faith tested grows clearer and stronger.

Mary, Mother of our Redeemer, Untier of Knots, Our Lady of the Central West, accompany us on this Lenten journey and show us the face of your Son, that in his merciful gaze our eyes may be opened and our faith purified and deepened.

+Michael McKenna

Ash Wednesday 2019



## ELEVATE IS BACK!

Students in Yr 7 - 11 are invited to attend Elevate for food, fun, worship and music. Elevate is held in Kenna Hall from 4pm - 6pm on Sundays during the school term. Elevate Launch for 2019 will be Sunday 31st March. See you there!

## BBQ VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

We are looking for volunteers to help with the BBQ on election day, 23 March. This BBQ is a fundraiser for the Restoration of St Joseph's Church. There will be 3 x 3 hour shifts: \* 7am-10am, \* 10am-1pm, \* 1pm-5pm. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

## PUBLISHING NAMES IN THE OVERVIEW

Due to privacy concerns, the parish can only publish the names of the sick or deceased in the Parish Overview with the written permission of the person, a close family member, or next-of-kin. Forms requesting publication of names are available in the Churches or the parish office. Unfortunately, we cannot publish names without this form being completed. People on the sick list remain for 4 weekends, after which you are more than welcome to submit the name again, with the permission of the person concerned or family member.

## 2020 YEAR 7 - ENROLMENT JAMES SHEAHAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2020 open on Tuesday 19 March and are due by Wednesday 10 April 2019. Orientation mornings will be held for Year 6 students in March 2019. Enrolment interviews will be held on Saturday 11 May, Monday 13 May and Wednesday 15 May. Interview bookings can be made when submitting enrolment applications.

## FAMILY GROUP 9

The next luncheon will be 12pm Sunday 17th March at Duntryleague. If unable to attend please ph. 6363 1639.

## A FRANK QUOTE

God's grace is always greater than the prayer which sought it.

- Pope Francis



## OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

### POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

### OUR PARISH INTENTIONS

For the spiritual and cultural renewal of our parish; that God will guide the Plenary Council 2020; that God will give healing to all those who have been abused in Church institutions.

### RECENTLY BAPTISED

Kai Purvis, Henry Hobbs, Ny Ny Nguyen, Eliza Harmer, Bailey Firth, Hudson Gosper, Jye Gosper, Sadie Roberts, Mason Colless

### RECENTLY MARRIED

Sophia Braithwaite & Nick Mullen

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Norma Cassan, Ricky (Richard) Egginis

### ANNIVERSARIES

Len Blackwood, Leila Alexander, Eileen Auld, Ellen Lord, Lena Darling, Nicky Turner, John Gill, John Kimber, Clare Eager, Teresa Carlesso, Reginald Commins

### OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Adrian Berney, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Harry Taylor, Santo Lafaro & Torrisi family, Frank & Joan Hennessey, Ian Livermore, Damian d'Arbon, Mary Johnston, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, William Crayford, William Crayford Snr, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, Mena Christopherson, 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 family, Karman Middleton, Chris Duff, Florrie Patteson, Brian Keegan, David Hanrahan, Ray Fitzgerald, Nell & Jack Fitzgerald, Nancy & Jack Wright, Owen Hart, Ellen & Clive Lord, Hilda Ryan, Geoff & Trish May

### WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pat Frecklington, Sheila Hegarty (Ireland), Celestina Vardanega, Noni McAneney, Mary Cain, Sr Merylin, Ron Parker, Den Smith, Beth Moxham, Ray Dickson, Doug & Tori Punch, Norma Wright, Ralph Harvey, Costa Doumbos, James Burgess, Deidre Powell, Patricia Crich, Catherine Kelly

### OTHER INTENTIONS

A special intention

# Construction of a New Confessional at St Mary's

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As we have all been reminded over the past two weeks of media coverage, the safety of minors continues to be a major concern for the Church as well as for other institutions and will continue to be so for a long time to come. We constantly need to strive to provide the best standards of care and protection for children and for the vulnerable.

On more than one occasion, visiting priests have shared their concerns with me regarding the Confessional in St Mary's Church. I share these concerns. In particular, it is dark and enclosed, affording the possibility of unobserved physical contact between priest and penitent. The design protects neither minors and vulnerable adults from inappropriate behaviour, nor the priest from false accusation.

## **AN URGENT PRIORITY**

This year the Orange Finance Council advised me that rectifying situation at St Mary's should be an urgent priority for the parish and so should be undertaken as soon as possible. It is for this reason that the Confessional will be addressed independent of a wider project of repair and refurbishment at St Mary's. Accordingly, the Parish has undertaken a due process of consultation, seeking the advice of the Finance Council, other priests and parishioners, an architect, and other Church bodies.

The parish will undertake the construction of a new confessional in St Mary's, to be completed before Holy Week. The confessional design will address the above issues as well as create a safe working environment for priests who are bound by the confidentiality which is proper to the sacrament. The specifications for the preferred design went to tender after which the Parish Finance Council advised me in the selection and engagement of the successful tenderer.

## **THE PROJECT**

The project will proceed under the direction of an architect who has worked with the Parish to realise an appropriate design. After investigation and discussion, it has been determined that the infrastructure of St Mary's will not allow adequate modification of the existing Confessional. Several alternate locations and designs have been proposed and considered. The best alternative is to construct a new confessional in the side chapel area of the Church (against the exterior wall between the side-entrance on the school side and the statue of Our Lady).

The architectural drawings of the new Confessional are displayed on the walls of St Mary's Church for everyone to have a look (sorry, some of the text is very small and difficult to read, but the pictures are clear). In the plans, you will notice that the priest and penitent will enter the Confessional through separate doors and that inside the confessional there is no possibility of physical contact between priest and penitent. The design assumes the penitent will be anonymous during the confession, but there is the possibility of limited face-to-face confession on request and at the discretion of the priest.

The Confessional design will allow the interior to be bright and give the impression of being spacious and welcoming. The quality construction materials have been chosen to complement the existing finishes within St Mary's Church. On the penitent side there is the possibility of kneeling or sitting. Motion sensors will detect when the Confessional is occupied and automatically turn on the 'occupied' light on both the priest and penitent sides. Modern soundproofing materials will be used in the walls, ceiling and window treatments to provide privacy.

The location of the Confessional at the side of the Church rather than near the front entrance means penitents waiting in line will have a more tranquil experience, undisturbed by people arriving for Mass. The pews removed from the side chapel will be stored and returned to the Church in an appropriate place when more extensive repair work takes place at a later date. The pews will not be lost or allowed to deteriorate. This change will mean a small inconvenience for those parishioners accustomed to sitting in the side chapel area for Mass.

The unoccupied space from the existing Confessional will be repurposed in future repair work. The current proposal is to make the door and window in this space transparent and move our Altar Server vesting area into this more open space which opens directly into the body of the Church, and out of the more enclosed space in the kitchenette area.

## **THE WORKS**

The work period for the project on site will be Monday 11th March till Friday 5th April. During that period, Tuesday morning Masses will be transferred to St Joseph's and St Mary's School liturgies will take place in the school hall. Monday evening and weekend Masses will be unaffected.

Thank you for your support of this important project. We apologise for any inconvenience during the works.

- Fr Greg