

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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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C - 8th September, 2019

Reflection

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus.

Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the "great crowds"—to anyone, to whoever wishes to be His disciple.

That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to "hate" our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again He tells us that the things we have—even our family ties and obligations—can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him (see Luke 9:23-26, 57-62).

Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom.

Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world; we could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him.

Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today's Psalm (see Genesis 2:7; 2:19). No more will the work of our hands be an affliction; no more are we destined to turn back to dust.

Like Onesimus in today's Epistle, we have been redeemed. We have been given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the Father, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him—no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright.

Today's Scripture Wis 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Response to the Psalm In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine down on your servant,
And teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Next Week's Scripture Ex32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

DAY BY DAY

Monday 9th September **Peter Claver, Priest, Religious, Missionary**

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

Tuesday 10th September **Weekday, Ordinary Time 23**

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

Wednesday 11th September **Weekday, Ordinary Time 23**

- 9.15am Mass at Molong
- 9.45am Reconciliation at Molong
- 11.00am Mass at Manildra
- 5.00pm Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 12th September **Weekday, Ordinary Time 23**

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

Friday 13th September **John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor**

- 5.00pm Exposition and Reconciliation at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 14th September **Fest of Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

- 9.00am Mass at Cargo
- 10.15am Baptisms at St Joseph's
- 4.15pm Reconciliation at St Mary's
- 4.40pm Reconciliation at Manildra
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass at Manildra

Sunday 15th September **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's
- 8.00am Mass at Cudal
- 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 Mass at St Joseph's
- 5:00pm Syro Malabar Mass at St Mary's

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CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we make our annual observance of Child Protection Sunday, may I say a word of thanks to the people in our Diocese who work on our Safeguarding programs?

Also to those who give freely of their time to work in various aspects of the Church's mission; and who participate in the training we organise to keep our children safe.

Once again, I ask everyone in our Diocese to become sensitive and compassionate to our sisters and brothers among us who have suffered abuse in the past.

We cannot change the past, but we can attend to our attitudes and practices today, for a better tomorrow.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

DID YOU MISS OUT ON TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION?

For those who were not able to attend this training, an additional session will be held at Kenna Hall on Monday 23rd September at 7:00pm. We will cover theology of the Eucharist and procedures for a three month trial.

Both **NEW and CURRENT** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Amy by email to ministries.orange@cdob.org.au or by calling 6362 2378.

A FRANK QUOTE

It is urgently necessary to find new forms and new ways to ensure that God's grace may touch the heart of every man and of every woman and lead them to Him. We are all simple but important instruments of His; we have not received the gift of faith to keep it hidden, but, rather, to spread it so that it can illumine a great many of our brethren on their journey.

- Pope Francis



DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING

The commitment that the Diocese of Bathurst has made to safeguarding, and the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission, has been a priority for 2019.

Bishop McKenna has established a safeguarding committee from all agencies of the Diocese, to assist in the implementation and development of best practice child protection strategies in parishes, schools, Centacare and all other Diocesan entities.

This year a focus has been placed on parish training, with the National Council of Churches' *Safe Church Awareness Workshops* being rolled out across the Diocese. Each parish has had, or will have, a workshop run in their parish. These are timed to allow those in ministry in parishes in to be involved. Workshops have been attended by all priests, deacons and seminarians in active ministry and also by lay people. To date, over 160 people have completed the one-day workshops, totalling over 1,000 hours of training.

This month, a poster will be distributed for display in all parishes, schools and Diocesan buildings. It will give contact details for safeguarding in each agency of the Diocese and will provide information on how to contact others for further assistance in this area.

In our parishes and agencies, there is an ongoing process of training and development. Recently, schools have completed their annual training in this area, and our active clergy have completed a session on *Child Protection and Schools*.

As we maintain our work to protect the young and vulnerable, it is important to continue to live each day the vision of care and responsibility given to us by Jesus, and guided by state and national bodies.

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Deacon Josh Clayton
September 2019



OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

OUR PARISH INTENTIONS

Our parish will embrace Alpha as a means to bring people to Jesus; that God will give healing to all those who have been abused in Church institutions; that God will sustain and comfort farmers and communities that have had their livelihoods impacted by drought.

BAPTISMS

Arlo Frecklington, George Fletcher, Ava Wilson, Charlie Bruton, Gwynith Gleeson.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Burgess, Patricia Crich, Lorrea Deas, Ray Dickson, Pat Frecklington, Lawrence Livermore, Ronnie Hazelton, Merle Parrish, Bev Mon, Sheila Hegarty (Ireland), Sharron Kassoutas, Lily Laws, Margaret Millings, Margaret Melinz, Philomena Parker, Doug Punch, Tori Punch, Sue Selwood, Katherine Twomey, Stephen van Eede, John van Eede, Celestina Vardanega.

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Stewart (Bob), Jean Walker, Nancy Wright, Santo Lo Faro, Addie Crombie, Tracey Ann Warner.

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Adrian Berney, Helen Borys, Phillip Cain, Frank Carney, Reg Commins, Noreen Crozier, Barry Darley, Daphne Dawson, Des Dawson, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford, William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Chris Duff, Nell & Jack Fitzgerald, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Tom Hannelly, Ellen Lord, Clive Lord, Ron Lord, Owen Hart, Mary Johnston, Brian Keegan, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Teresita Navak, Cyril O'Keefe, Janette Odleum, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Anthony Pereira, Mary Pereira, Harry Taylor, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, Santo LoFaro (Italy), Gaetano Torrisi, Salvatore & Venera Torrisi, Mario & Alfio Lizzio, Pietra Faro, Alfina Cosentino, Venera Maccarone, Santo & Alfia LoFaro (Orange), Butch Seale, Tracey Ann Warner, Jack Whitehouse, Mavis Whitehouse, Jack & Nancy Wright, deceased members of the Clancy, Fardell, Lee, Paul & Torrisi families, deceased members of the Alexander & Walker Families.