

# 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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## The Baptism of the Lord - 13th January 2019

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### PARISH CLERGY TEAM

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

### PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

**Sr Helen Saunders rsj** Pastoral Assistant Orange  
**Sr Frances McAleer rsj** Resident in Molong  
**Ms Shannon Cain** Sacramental Coordinator

### PARISH ADMINISTRATION 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)  
**Mr Matthew French** St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Molong  
**Ms Jacky Parmeter** St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Manildra

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### Today's Scripture

Is 40:1-5; 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### Response to the Psalm

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul !

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

### Reflection

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolised by the Magi, have been made “co-heirs” to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new “exodus”—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see **Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7**).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him “a covenant of the people,” the liberator of the captives, the

light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, “anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power.”

The word messiah means “one anointed” with God's Spirit. King David was “the anointed of the God of Jacob” (see **2 Samuel 23:1-17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10, 17**). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see **Isaiah 11:1-2; Daniel 9:25**).

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see **Luke 1:32-33**).

Ps 29:1-4,9-10 In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

### Next Week's Scripture

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

# THE PARISH OVERVIEW



## DAY BY DAY

### Monday 14th January Weekday, Ordinary Time 1

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

### Tuesday 15th January Weekday, Ordinary Time 1

- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's

### Wednesday 16th January Weekday, Ordinary Time 1

- 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 17th January St Anthony, abbot

- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- **NO CHERRYWOOD GROVE MASS**
- **NO 6.00PM HOLY HOUR**

### Friday 18th January Weekday, Ordinary Time 1

- 5.00pm Reconciliation & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

### Saturday 19th January Weekday, Ordinary Time 1

- 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 20th January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's
- 8.00am Mass at Mullion Creek
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's - Santo Nino
- 9.30am Mass at Molong
- 11.15am Baptisms at St Mary's
- 6.00pm Mass at St Joseph's

## PLEASE NOTE:

**NO nursing home Masses or Thursday Holy Hour in January.**

## A FRANK QUOTE

Human dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own.



## SR HELEN'S FAREWELL

Please claim the date: a parish farewell supper for Sr Helen will take place in Kenna Hall 7.30pm Wednesday 6th February 2019. Everyone is invited.

## COMING UP

Australia Day (Saturday 26th January) Mass will be 8.30am at St Joseph's followed by morning tea.

Australia Day Public Holiday (Monday 28th January) Mass will be 8.30am at St Mary's.

Commissioning Mass for staff at our 5 Catholic Schools will be 9.30am Tuesday 29th January at St Mary's.

## ST MARY'S

### URGENT NEED FOR CLEANERS

After many years of service a number of our elderly members have now retired. We are in need of at least 10 new volunteers for St Mary's. Please see the volunteer nomination sheet at the rear of the St Mary's.

## ST MICHAEL'S - MANILDRA

We would be grateful for a volunteer who is able to climb a ladder to clean the fans and the lights in the Church. Please arrange a time with Arnold & Wynn to discuss.

## HELP NEEDED

### Monday 21st January 2019 - 8.30am

To pack up the chairs at James Sheahan High School after the Mass which was held in the hall on Christmas Eve.

## ST FRANCIS

### DONATIONS AT CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

A big "Thank You" to everyone who kindly donated gifts for the St Francis residents at Christmas time. For some that was the only gift they received and all the residents were very grateful. We also are very grateful and very appreciative for the parish support shown at this time.

## TO OUR VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU

A big "Thank You" to our volunteers that have helped throughout 2018. Our parish would not be what it is without all the volunteers who give their time and talent.

**FR JAMES KANE** would be grateful for a volunteer to attend to the garden at the back of the Presbytery in Hill St.



## OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

### POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY Evangelization – Young People

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

## OUR PARISH INTENTIONS

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

## RECENTLY BAPTISED

Elora Evans, Elsie Raso, Finn Ryan, Maeve McEvoy, Amy Thomas

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Colin Philpott, Joyce Toohey

## ANNIVERSARIES

Yvonne & Peter Fanning, Mavis Whitehouse

## OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Adrian Berney, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford & William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Des & Daphne Dawson, Chris Duff, Ray Fitzgerald, Jack Fitzpatrick, David Hanrahan, Frank & Joan Hennessy, Mary Johnston, Brian Keegan, Patrick Knight, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Leonie Lockwood, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Phil Ross, Giuseppe Signor, Harry Taylor, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, John & Jean Walker, Jack 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 and Signor families

## THE SICK AND INFIRM

Doug & Tori Punch, Katherine Twomey, Pat Frecklington, James Burgess, Ruth Pope, Beth Moxham, Den Smith, Ray Dickson, Norma Wright, Ralph Harvey, Sheila Hegarty (Ireland), Patricia Crich, Celestina Vardanega, Noni McAneney, Johanna Scheepers