

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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - 16th February, 2020

Reflection

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that He has come not to abolish but to "fulfill" the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets.

His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament. But His Gospel also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes and Pharisees.

Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie.

The law of the new covenant is a law that God writes on the heart (see Jer. 31:31-34). The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed (see Matthew 6:21; 15:18-20).

Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts (see Romans 6:17). He calls us to love God with all our hearts, and to do His will from the heart (see Matthew 22:37; Ephesians 6:6).

God never asks more of us than we are capable. That is the message of this week's First Reading. It is up to us to choose life over death, to choose the waters of eternal life over the fires of ungodliness and sin.

By His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has shown us that it is possible to keep His commandments. In baptism, He has given us His Spirit that His Law might be fulfilled in us (Romans 8:4).

The wisdom of the Gospel surpasses all the wisdom of this age that is passing away, St. Paul tells us in the Epistle. The revelation of this wisdom fulfills God's plan from before all ages.

Let us trust in this wisdom, and live by His kingdom law.

As we do in this week's Psalm, let us pray that we grow in being better able to live His Gospel, and to seek the Father with all our heart.

Today's Scripture: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

Response to the Psalm: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Next Week's Scripture: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

DAY BY DAY

Monday 17th February Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

- 11.30am Funeral Mass for John Coulston at St Joseph's
- 5.00pm Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 18th February Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 19th February Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

- 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 20th February Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Mass at Cherrywood

Friday 21st February Weekday, Ordinary Time 6

- **9.30am Mass at St Joseph's**
- 5.00pm **NO** Exposition and Reconciliation at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm **NO** Mass at St Joseph's
- **7.30pm Mass of Ordination to Priesthood of Karl Sinclair and Dong Nguyen at Bathurst Cathedral**

Saturday 22nd February Chair of Peter, Apostle

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

Sunday 23rd February Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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Friday 28th February

3.00-4.30pm Welcome Liturgy, Devotions, and Veneration at St Lawrence's Molong.

5.30pm Arrival of Relics in grounds of Catherine McAuley Primary School and procession to St Joseph's Church; 5.45pm Opening Mass in St Joseph's, followed by veneration, devotions, readings, confessions, and silent prayer, concluding at 9.30pm

Saturday 29th February

9.00am-3.00pm veneration, devotions, readings, confessions, silent prayer at St Joseph's; 6.00pm Final Mass at St Joseph's followed by veneration; 7.30pm Farewell relics from parish with procession from Church.

CARRYING THE RELICS

Would you like to be part of carrying the relics into and out of the Church? There is a sign-up sheet in St Joseph's if you would like the honour of accompanying the relics at a couple of different possible times.

LENTEN PRAYER BOOKS

The beautiful Lenten programme produced by the Diocese of Wollongong for 2020 is entitled 'Grace'. Journey through the Sundays of Lent with a group or individually. If you would like to purchase a book they are available from the Parish Office for \$7 and the group CD for \$15.

26 FEBRUARY: ASH WEDNESDAY

- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Orange
- 9.10am Mass at Mercy Hall, Orange (James Sheahan attending)
- 9.15am Mass at St Lawrence's, Molong (St Joseph's Molong attending)
- 10.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Orange (St Mary's & Catherine McAuley attending)
- 10.30am Mass at Manildra (St Joseph's Manildra attending)
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's, Orange

A FRANK QUOTE

You could say to me, 'But the Church is made up of sinners; we see them every day.' And this is true: we are a Church of sinners. And we sinners are called to let ourselves be transformed, renewed, sanctified by God.

- Pope Francis



RISEN YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Catholic Diocese of Bathurst invites students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to RISEN Youth Conference on 21st - 23rd February at St Joseph's Heritage & Conference Centre, Perthville. This will be an opportunity to gather with other young Catholics and to go deeper in your faith. Contact Deacon Josh for registration or questions: mrd@bathurst.catholic.org.au

ALPHA - ALL PLACES FILLED!

All available places have been filled for Alpha which launches this Tuesday 18th February. For those of you coming along- we can't wait to meet you! Don't worry if you missed out this time, you can come to our next Alpha which launches in September 2020.

MINISTRY TRAINING SESSION - DISTRIBUTING THE CHALICE

All new Communion Ministers, and existing Communion Ministers who would like a refresher, are invited to a training session on distributing the chalice. Thursday 20 February, 7:00pm at St Joseph's Church. Please RSVP to Amy on 6362 2378 or ministries.orange@cdeb.org.au.

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

An ordination to the priesthood is a wonderful blessing. This week we celebrate the ordination of two new priests for our Diocese: Rev. Dong Nguyen who will be appointed to Mudgee, and Rev. Karl Sinclair who will be appointed to Orange / Molong.

I would like to invite everyone in the parish to make the trip to Bathurst on Friday 21st February for the Mass of Ordination which will be celebrated at 7.30pm in the Cathedral, particularly since one of the ordained will be coming to our community. It would be great to support them through our presence. I remember when I was ordained and appointed to Mudgee in 2010 parishioners made the trip from Mudgee to support me. I was touched that they made the effort.

On Friday 21st February, Mass in the parish will be in the morning at 9.30am and no Mass will be celebrated in the evening.

Please consider coming to Bathurst to support our two new priests: 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

- Fr Greg



OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

OUR PARISH INTENTIONS

That 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Coulston, Dan Cullinane (NZ), Cyril O'Keefe

RECENTLY BAPTISED

Lillia Bayliss, William Fergus.

ANNIVERSARIES

Inesa Duffy, Gerard Spicer.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Burgess, Ray Dickson, Ted Doughan, Pat Frecklington, Ralph Harvey, Lawrence Livermore, Ronnie Hazelton, Merle Parrish, Sheila Hegarty (Ireland), Sharron Kassoutas, Joan Knight, Lily Laws, Margaret Millings, Margaret Melinz, Ursula Paul, Amanda Peers (Walker), Doug Punch, Tori Punch, Joanna Scheepers, Den Smith, Sue Selwood, Katherine Twomey, Stephen van Eede, John van Eede, Celestina Vardanega, Norma Wright.

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Adrian Berney, Helen Borys, Frank Carney, Paul Carney, Alfie & Charlie Cristaldi, Noreen Crozier, Daphne Dawson, Des Dawson, Ricky Eggins, Pamela Fabry, Elaine Farrell, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford, William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Chris Duff, Donna Evans, David Hanrahan, Tom Hannelly, Frank & Joan Hennessy, Charles Hunt, Brian Keegan, Ellen Lord, Clive Lord, Ron Lord, Owen Hart, Mary Johnston, Brian Keegan, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Emily Miller, Teresita Novak, Bernie Ostini, Cyril O'Keefe, Janette Odleum, Lorna Ostini, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Anthony & Mary Pereira, Michael Powell, Anna Rosario, Gwenda Stewart, William Henry Schmiech, 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), Mario Vardanega, Tracey Warner, Jack Whitehouse, Mavis Whitehouse, deceased members of the Alexander, Clancy, DeRooy, Fardell, Iffland, Kos, Lee, Loque, Paul, Torrisi, van Schaik & Walker families.