

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)

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 18th November 2018

PARISH CLERGY TEAM

Fr Greg Bellamy Parish Priest
Fr Pius Khaoya Assistant Priest
Mr Diep Nguyen Seminarian

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Sr Helen Saunders rsj Pastoral Assistant Orange
Sr Frances McAleer rsj Resident in Molong
Ms Shannon Cain Sacramental Coordinator
Ms Elizabeth Bowmer Youth Minister
Ms Jemarnie Orge Youth Minister

PARISH ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Mr Michael O'Mara Business Manager
Ms Harriette Williams Executive Assistant

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
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Today's Scripture

Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrew 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

Response to the Psalm

Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Reflection

In this, the second-to-the-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem.

Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation" (see Mark 13:9). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see Mark 13:7–8). Then the earth will stop

yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9–13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also Isaiah 13:10; 34:4). Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see Mark 8:31). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels (see Daniel 7:13). He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant (see Isaiah 43:6; Jeremiah 32:37).

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust. We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

Next Week's Scripture

Daniel 7:13-14; Apoc 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

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 19th November Week 33 in Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 5.00pm Exposition at St Mary's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Mary's

Tuesday 20th November Week 33 in Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 9.10am Rosary at St Mary's
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 1.00pm Requiem Mass, Alison Byrne, St Joseph's

Wednesday 21st November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9.15am Mass at Molong
- 11.00am Mass at Manildra
- 1.30pm Requiem Mass, Patrick Knight, St Mary's
- 5.00pm Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Thursday 22nd November St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

- 9.10am Rosary at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Mass at Wontama Nursing Home.
- **NO** Holy Hour at St Joseph's

Friday 23rd November Week 33 in Ordinary Time

- 9.00am Liturgy of the Word at Molong
- 5.00pm Reconciliation & Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's
- 6.00pm Cargo Cemetery Mass

Saturday 24th November Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs

- 9.30am Anointing Mass at St Mary's
- 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 25th November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's
- 8.00am Mass at Cudal
- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- **Farewell Morning Tea for Seminarian Diep Nguyen after Mass at St Mary's**
- 9.30am Mass at Molong
- 11.15am Baptisms at St Joseph's
- 6.00pm Mass at St Joseph's



ANOINTING MASS

The Anointing of the Sick is a wonderful sacrament of healing for those who are seriously ill or frail because of age or injury.

As the year draws to a close, we will celebrate the sacrament of anointing at each of our nursing home Masses. We will also celebrate the sacrament during a special Mass at St Mary's on Saturday 24th November at 9.30am. There will be a cup of tea after the Mass. If you are able to, you are invited to bring a plate to share for morning tea.

The sacrament of anointing will also take place in Molong during Mass on Wednesday 19th December at 9.15am.

NOVEMBER CEMETERY MASSES

- 6.00pm Friday 23/11 Cargo
- 6.00pm Wednesday 28/11 Cudal

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

5.45pm Friday 30/11 at St Joseph's, includes lighting of candles and blessing of Columbarium. There is no Exposition 30/11, but there will still be Confessions.

FAREWELL TO DIEP NGUYEN

Our seminarian Diep Nguyen has been with us in 2018 for his 12 month pastoral placement. Diep has made a wonderful contribution to our parish life. Sadly, the end of his placement is fast approaching. Diep will finish in the parish on Sunday 25th November. On that Sunday we will have a farewell for Diep after the 9.30am Mass. Please come along and bring a plate to share.

MASS AT MANILDRA THIS WEEK

Mass will be celebrated in Manildra this Wednesday 21st November at 11.00am with the students from St Joseph's. All welcome.

ELEVATE YOUTH MINISTRY

'Elevate' is a youth group that meets every Sunday afternoon in school terms at Kenna Hall. It begins at 4.00pm. It is open to young people at least in year 5. Once a month 'Elevate' will lead the singing at the Sunday evening Mass in St Joseph's. You are invited to come along!



JOIN OUR TEAM

We are now looking for a full-time staff member in the Parish Office. This is a clerical and administrative role. The role provides clerical support to the Priests, sacramental and pastoral staff, volunteers and parishioners.

For a copy of job description please email office.orange@cdob.org.au

Applications close Monday 19th November, 2018. Please include resume and covering letter which address the major accountabilities.

PARISH MUSICIAN(S) REQUIRED

The 9.30am Sunday Mass is in need of a Musician to accompany the singers and congregation for one or two Sundays per month. Mentoring and support will be offered.

If you think you might be able to help, but don't feel confident, please contact anyway - we will work with you, or pair you up with other musicians to make this a comfortable transition from being a lounge room musician to church musician! Solo instruments and more singers always welcome. Please contact Jen 0425203999 to discuss.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

St Francis Aged Care (Clinton Street) need volunteers to visit residents. Even an hour or two every fortnight or joining us to assist on an outing would be helpful. Please contact Chris Geraghty on cgeraghty@chcs.com.au or phone 0423 755 001

DIVINE RENOVATION

There is just a handful of copies of the book *Divine Renovation* still available in the Parish Office for \$30. Come get your copy before they completely run out.

To go deeper, you can also subscribe to the 'Divine Renovation' Podcast to hear lively and relevant discussion on the major themes of mission and parish renewal. Or you can download the 'Divine Renovation' App for Iphone or Android to watch video, read articles, and keep up-to-date. Searching 'Youtube' for 'Divine Renovation' will also yield many talks.

THE PARISH OVERVIEW



A SINCERE THANK YOU

The 2018 James Sheahan Sri Lanka Mission team would like to sincerely thank the parish for their generous donations to our cause in Mannar, Sri Lanka. Your many contributions offered in August allowed us to take much-needed English language teaching resources, as well as other high quality teaching and learning materials for use in Mathematics, Science and Physical and Emotional Health lessons.

The Lassallian brothers and sisters, as well as the teachers and students of this still-recovering province were very moved and grateful to the Orange parishioners for thinking of their needs, and supporting them in their mission to educate the next generation of children out of poverty and old conflicts, hopefully towards a brighter, more peaceful future. We were also able to donate a large sum of money for the brothers to allocate to their other educational causes throughout the northern province, such as the building of new pre-schools and employing additional English teachers.

Once again, thank you all for generously contributing to this mission, which has helped the people of Mannar, as well as allowing 15 young people from Orange, and their teachers, to distribute monies and resources that we could all clearly see, will change young lives for the better. Here are some student reflections:

Student Reflections

"The resilience, energy, and attitude of these kids inspires me. Despite coming from very little, they continually have a smile on their face and are ready to learn; quite the opposite to what often occurs back in Australia"

"Each class surprised me with their outstanding English skills and levels of academia. I would've liked to have greater contact with the teachers of the school as I grew to admire their hard tasks. I also truly admire the brother's ambitions for the school and I can see these children now being able to change their future, and the future of Sri Lanka for the better through education."

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the James Sheahan class of 2019 who will graduate on Saturday 24th November.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Children from Orange and Molong parishes are currently receiving the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers this weekend.

Heavenly Father, help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we seek to follow your Will in our lives. May they encounter your forgiveness and healing in the Sacrament of Penance. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

SACRAMENTS 2019

From next year we will be moving the First Reconciliation closer to First Holy Communion, so the children will engage in a more extended period of preparation for First Holy Communion. This preparation period will include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time as a part of the journey to First Holy Communion.

In practice, this means First Reconciliation will occur term 1 in year 3 rather than in term 4 of year 2. This has the advantage that the children will be just that little bit more mature for the sacrament. This change means in 2019 there will be no First Reconciliation, except for those students asking for First Holy Communion who have not already celebrated Reconciliation. First Reconciliation for most children will be in term 1 of 2020. If you have any questions please contact our sacramental coordinator.

- Fr Greg

CATHOLIC WEEKLIES

The Catholic Weeklies are on sale for \$2. They are now located in the cross aisle at St Joseph's and at the main door of St Mary's Church. From this week, please place your payment in the marked container and not in the poor boxes.

MOLONG FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

25th November 2018 Luncheon at the Molong Bowling Club as fundraiser for the St Lawrence O'Toole Church Bell Tower Restoration.



OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

In Service of Peace: that the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

OUR PARISH INTENTIONS

For the spiritual and cultural renewal of our parish so we may be a community of intentional missionary disciples; that the Holy Spirit will guide the Plenary Council 2020 process.

RECENTLY BAPTISED

Penelope Charge, Lily Rossetto, Hugo West

RECENTLY DECEASED

Alison, Byrne, Patrick Knight, Sr Patricia Nugent, Doris Ryan, Joan Skelton

ANNIVERSARIES

Dede Coyne, Alfia LoFaro, Monica Kessey, John Seale, Isobel Sharkey, Beryl Wood

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Romeo Anacleto, Adrian Berney, Ken & Margaret Bevan, Mena Christopherson, Pat & Emelda Coyne, William Crayford & William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Chris Duff, Karl & Margaret Firth, Ray Fitzgerald, Robert Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Keith Hillier, Mary Johnston, Monica Kessey, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Brad Shiels, Terry & Iris Smith, Harry Taylor, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, John & Jean Walker, Jack & 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

Doug & Tori Punch, David Ward, Kyle Wickham, Celestina Vardanega, Patricia Crich, Katherine Twomey, Pat Frecklington, Thelma Walters, Dr Steve Peterson, Michael Gersbach, James Burgess, Ruth Pope, Christine Burke, Beth Moxham, Den Smith, Ray Dickson, Norma Wright, Ralph Harvey

EVANGELISATION: KERYGMA AND THEN CATECHESIS

Fr Greg reflects on how parishes can be centres of the new evangelisation and why more parishes aren't becoming these centres. These reflections are drawn from and inspired by 'Divine Renovation' by Fr James Mallon.



For Fr James Mallon, author of *Divine Renovation*, evangelisation should not be a task simply delegated to overseas missionaries, or special festivals and new communities (though of course all these are authentic centres of evangelisation). He asks: why shouldn't evangelisation be at the core of the regular parish, the place where most people come into contact with the Church? Why should people have to go elsewhere to be radically changed by a transformative encounter with Jesus Christ?

Evangelisation is one of those realities that Catholic parishes often attempt to honour by simply attaching the word to something else. The 'Director of Faith Formation' is now the 'Director of Faith Formation AND the New Evangelisation.' Somehow, attaching the word to other things is supposed to make it happen, even if we don't really understand what it is supposed to mean in practice.

One reason we find it a difficult reality to grasp is the fact we have not had to do much of it in recent history, at least not in those countries where the Church has been buoyed-up by Irish migration and then post-war Italian migration. When most Catholics go to Mass, put money on the plate, and teach their children to receive the sacraments with reverence, there is little need for a parish to evangelise. We use all our time just to meet the demands of the people battering-down our doors.

Much has changed. Whereas once we invested all our energy into receiving and caring for the people pouring through the Church doors, now the people inside have to go out the doors and call those who are not here to "come and see" (Jn 1:39). Now we have to move outward to take Jesus to people who are not already explicitly searching for him. We must be clear: this change is not the elegant pivot of a ballerina, but a tectonic cultural shift. Parishes have been trying to grapple with the magnitude of this shift for decades with mixed results.

To say a parish is truly a centre of evangelisation is to say that its time and resources are primarily dedicated to people who are not yet attending Mass. It's really easy to type these words on the back of the Parish Overview. It's probably easy to read them. But once we actually start to enact them, to really make the parish about people who are not yet here (because that's what disciples are meant to do: make other disciples), then we will be uncomfortable, inconvenienced, and perhaps resentful.

Traditionally, Catholics have been really good at catechesis: teaching the basics of the Catholic Faith, the Creed, the Sacraments, the Moral Law, etc. Many people no doubt remember learning their catechism, perhaps by rote. Of course, teaching students who want to learn is not a difficult task. If someone wants to be taught something, they will absorb it. The problem is when we try to teach people who don't want to learn; people who don't believe this is valuable. Catechesis is essential to discipleship - to being a committed well-formed Catholic - but it is a fairly blunt tool for initial evangelisation (it sometimes works, but not in the vast majority of cases). Yet, that is something we still try to do: catechise people who don't believe in the Catholic Faith, in the hope something might penetrate the mind, if the person hasn't already grown too resentful.

I am reminded of times I have watched parents attempting to trick their infants into eating vegetables. We have all seen the spoon full of broccoli coming in to land in the hanger. Yet, so many infants are too smart for their parents: *no matter how good your airplane sounds are, this hanger door is remaining shut!* Catechising people who don't want to know about Jesus or His Church is like trying to force-feed a child who just does not want to eat broccoli.

The early Church, beginning with the Apostles, went out to a world that did not know Jesus and simply started by proclaiming Jesus directly and movingly as the Saviour who has died and Risen again and who brings us the gift of forgiveness and deliverance from death. They spoke passionately about their personal experience of being transformed by Jesus. They called on the Holy Spirit and created spaces in people's lives where they too could be moved by the Holy Spirit and become passionately desirous of likewise encountering the Risen Jesus.

This initial proclamation that opens the heart to the possibility of a personal transformative experience of Jesus is called the *Kerygma*. It is the beginning of conversion. A person who has been moved by the *kerygma* wakes up to the fact he/she is hungry and has never realised it before. That person is now searching for Jesus and is now ready to open their mouth and be fed. We don't have to force-feed them: they want to receive catechesis, to find out about Jesus, his teachings, his Church. *Kerygma* moves the heart, catechesis feeds the mind. The first one makes the second possible, and the second one completes the first.

If we want to be a parish that is growing, we have to make evangelisation a priority: no excuses! We have got to work out how to do *kerygma* well and how to follow-up with good catechesis. Together, let's make new Christian disciples.