

# 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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## Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C - 12th May 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)  
**Mr Matthew French** St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Molong  
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### Today's Scripture

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Apoc 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30

### Response to the Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

### Reflection

Israel's mission—to be God's instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 49:6)—is fulfilled in the Church.

By the "Word of God" that Paul and Barnabas preach in today's First Reading, a new covenant people is being born, a people who glorify the God of Israel as the Father of them all.

The Church for all generations remains faithful to the grace of God given to the Apostles and continues their saving work. Through the Church the peoples of every land hear the Shepherd's voice and follow Him (see Luke 10:16).

The Good Shepherd of today's Gospel is the enthroned Lamb of today's Second Reading. In laying down His life for His flock, the Lamb brought to fulfilment a new Passover (see 1 Corinthians 5:7), by His blood freeing "every nation, race,

people and tongue" from bondage to sin and death.

The Church is the "great multitude" John sees in his vision today. God swore to Abraham his descendants would be too numerous to count. And in the Church, as John sees, this promise is fulfilled (compare Revelation 7:9; Genesis 15:5).

The Lamb rules from the throne of God, sheltering His flock, feeding their hunger with His own Body and Blood, leading them to "springs of life-giving waters" that well up to eternal life (see John 4:14).

The Lamb is the eternal Shepherd-King, the son of David foretold by the prophets. His Church is the kingdom of all Israel that the prophets said would be restored in an everlasting covenant (see Ezekiel 34:23-31; 37:23-28).

It is not a kingdom any tribe or nation can jealously claim as theirs alone. The Shepherd's Word to Israel is addressed now to all lands, calling all to worship and bless His name in the heavenly temple.

This is the delight of the Gentiles—that we can sing the song that once only Israel could sing, today's joyful Psalm: "He made us, His we are—His people, the flock He tends."

### Next Week's Scripture

Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

*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 13th May** **Feast of Our Lady of Fatima**

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

### **Tuesday 14th May** **Feast of St Matthias**

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

### **Wednesday 15th May** **Easter Weekday**

- 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 16th May** **Easter Weekday**

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

### **Friday 17th May** **Easter Weekday**

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

### **Saturday 18th May** **Easter Weekday**

- 9.00am Mass at Cargo
- 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 19th May** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- 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 Marys
- 5.00pm Mass at St Joseph's
- 5:00pm Syro Malabar Mass at St Mary's



## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. We pray for vocations to the priesthood and take up our annual collection for the education of our seminarians.

## WELCOME BACK FR MATHEW

We welcomed Fr Mathew Humtsoe back to the Parish on Tuesday 7th May as assistant priest in Orange and Molong parishes.

## COUNTRY MASSES

From next weekend of May 18th and 19th, every country Mass centre will have Mass on a weekly basis. The Mass times will remain the same as currently scheduled. That means, from 18/19 May, Cargo, Cudal and Mullion Creek will have Mass each week while there are three priests available. The frequency of Masses is increasing without changing the Mass times schedule so that if we do not have three priests for periods of time in the future, we can simply return the frequency of Mass to the current arrangements with minimal disruption.

## TRY ALPHA

We want to be a parish that provides spaces for people to search and question. That's why we are launching Alpha this September.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring life, faith and meaning. It's completely cost free. Everyone is welcome and no question is off limits. Alpha includes a meal and informal discussion. You don't have to worry about whether you will fit in: it's for everyone, including people who are not sure what they believe.

For details about our Alpha program, register at <https://goo.gl/pejFi5>.



## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima will be celebrated on Monday 13th May at St Mary's Church commencing 5.00pm.

There will be adoration and rosary, followed by Mass at 5.45pm with supper after Mass. All are welcome.

## HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

We honour all mothers today and thank them for their love and care. We ask God to give them the strength they need to continue in their sacrificial love.

## RENAISSANCE OF MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The 2019 Renaissance of Marriage Conference will be held on July 26th and 27th at the University of Notre Dame in Sydney. The conference is a national gathering of Catholic leadership in the areas of marriage and relationship formation, including youth, pre-marriage and post-married stages.

To find out more about this unique opportunity to connect with some of the nation's best Catholic thinkers, visit [www.rom.org.au](http://www.rom.org.au).

## JOIN THE MCAULEY FAMILY

2020 Kindergarten enrolments are now open for Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School.

Please pick up an enrolment pack from the school office at 90 Hill St, Orange or contact us for a school tour 6361 3344.

## MOLONG PRAYER GROUP

You are warmly invited to join the Molong Prayer Group which meets on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays at 9am in Molong Church to reflect on the scripture readings of the day.

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## BECOME A CATHOLIC

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? We would love to welcome you! Let us know by contacting the parish office or register your interest at <https://forms.gle/psYuhgcwXzvJSXA37>.

## ONEDAY CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN ORANGE

OneDay19 will be held on Saturday 25th May 2019 at the Orange Function Centre, starting at 9:30 am.

This conference is an opportunity for women from all Christian churches of Orange to gather together to be encouraged through God's word. The theme this year is "Let Hope Take Hold".

Details and registration at [onedaycwc.org.au](http://onedaycwc.org.au).

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED ELECTION DAY BBQ

We require volunteers for the BBQ outside Kenna Hall on election day, May 18. This BBQ is a fundraiser for the Restoration of St Joseph's Church. There will be three shifts of 3 hours each: 7am-10am, 10am-1pm and 1pm-5pm. To register, please call the Parish Office on 6362 2378.

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED MOVING CHAIRS

We require two volunteers and a ute to move chairs from St Mary's Church back to storage at the Parish Office. If you are able to assist, please call the Parish Office on 6362 2378.

## A FRANK QUOTE

Every man, every woman, who has to take up the service of government, must ask themselves two questions: 'Do I love my people in order to serve them better? Am I humble and do I listen to everybody, to diverse opinions, in order to choose the best path?' The man or woman who governs- who loves his people- is a humble man or woman.

- Pope Francis



## ELEVATE YOUTH GROUP

Students in Yr 7 - 11 are invited to attend Elevate for food, fun, worship and music. Elevate is held in Kenna Hall on Sundays during the school term from 3pm until 5pm.

## MASSES AND INTENTIONS

The privacy of sick persons and bereaved families is respected by the Parish. There have been instances of well-meaning people requesting to publish names and intentions in The Parish Overview without the person concerned giving consent and this has caused distress.

Frequently, a parishioner will desire a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention, e.g. the repose of the soul of a deceased person, and also have the intention published in The Parish Overview. These are now separate processes:

### REQUEST A MASS TO BE OFFERED

To request a priest offer Mass for an intention, Mass Intention envelopes are available in the churches and Parish Office. An envelope should be completed and can be returned at the Parish Office or in a collection basket during Mass.

### NAME OR INTENTION IN THE OVERVIEW

To request a name or intention be published in The Parish Overview, you must have appropriate consent and give written instruction to the Parish via the request form. Unfortunately, we cannot publish a name or intention without completion of the form.

Forms are available at the Parish Office, and in each church. A name or intention will be published for a specific duration, as requested on the form.

### PILGRIM BOOKS MOVIE NIGHT

Orange's Christian bookstore, Pilgrim Books, will be hosting a screening of the film "The Least of These" on Thursday May 16th at 6:30pm at the Odeon Cinema. Tickets through Pilgrim Books.



## OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

### POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent.

### 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.

### WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patricia Crich, James Burgess, Lorrea Deas, Ray Dickson, Pat Frecklington, Ralph Harvey, Sheila Hegarty (Ireland), Lily Laws, Noni McAneney, Beth Moxham, Doug Punch, Tori Punch, Den Smith, Norma Wright, Celestina Vardanega

### RECENTLY BAPTISED

Timothy Dulay, Freya McClymont

### ANNIVERSARIES

Betty Clancy, Grace & Jessica Hornby, Denise Mansell, Doris Moore, Bazil Perks, Gordon Smith

### OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Patrick Alderton, Leila Alexander, Adrian Berney, Eileen Bowman, Rodger Brown, Mena Christopherson, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, William Crayford, William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Des & Daphne Dawson, Chris Duff, Ricky Eggins, Ray Fitzgerald, Nell & Jack Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Les Hanrahan, Lillian Hanrahan, Joan & Frank Hennessey, Mary Johnston, Brian Keegan, Bob Lindfield, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Allen Murphy, Alice Perks, Harry Taylor, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, Eileen Tyack, Len Tyack, Tracey Warner, Nancy & Jack Wright, Santo LoFaro (Italy), Gaetano Torrisi, Salvatore & Venera Torrisi, Mario & Alfio Lizzio, Pietra Faro, Alfina Cosentino, Venera Maccarone, Alfia LoFaro (Orange), deceased members of the Clancy, Fardell, Lee, Paul, and Torrisi families

## Vocation of Fr Pius

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*Fr Pius Khaoya is Assistant Priest of the Parish and recently celebrated 28 years in the priesthood.*

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is commonly known as Good Shepherd or Vocation Sunday. This is an important day for the Church in three ways:

- the Church prays for the increase of vocations to priesthood, religious life and to the married life
- the Church prays for our seminarians who are young men currently in formation and education to become Priests
- the Church appeals to faithful Christians to make a special offering which will help in educating our seminarians.

In our Diocese of Bathurst, we have a number of seminarians at the Good Shepherd Seminary in Homebush.

### **My Vocation**

This is the story of how God called me to be a priest. I hope it inspires boys and young men to say 'yes' to God when He calls them.

From the age of about seven, I went to church regularly. At the time I was 15 years old, our parish priest was an Irish man by the name of Fr Frank McNabb. I admired Fr Frank because he was very friendly to all the parishioners. What I did not admire about Fr Frank was his terrible habit of never being on time. The parishioners would wait for him for hours; his 10am Mass would regularly commence at midday. When he arrived late he would never even apologise! That was no good for the congregation and it really upset me.

One day I heard an inner voice say to me, "Pius, I want you to become a priest who keeps time." From that time, I began to think seriously about the priesthood.

After completing high school, I expressed to my parish priest, Fr Frank, my desire to join the seminary and God-willing, become a priest. At the back of my mind I did not want to just be a priest, but a priest who kept good time- punctuality is a virtue!

I joined the seminary and undertook my formation. I was ordained a Deacon in the year 1990 and a year later, on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1991, Bishop Cornelius of the Catholic Diocese of Eldoret in Kenya, ordained me a priest. I am proud to say that since I became a priest I have always kept excellent time. If I have ever been late because of unavoidable circumstances, I have always apologised to the congregation. I am sure you would agree that if, at the time that Mass should commence, the priest is nowhere to be seen, parishioners would know that it can't be Fr Pius who is saying the Mass- it must be another priest.

You, young person reading this article, do not wait for God to come and say "I want you to be a priest!" God calls through the ordinary in life. For example if you find yourself admiring the vestments that the priest wears during the mass, God is already calling you. God called me through something as simple as keeping time.

### **Prayer to Know My Vocation**

Lord, I want to be happy in this life and spend eternity with You in the life to come. From the first moment of my existence, you knew my vocation. Please help me discover Your plan for my life.

Help me to know myself. Help me to overcome my fears. Help me to want what You want. Help me to trust You completely. Send Your Holy Spirit into my mind and heart so I can see the gifts You have given me and hear Your call to serve the Church. Increase my desire to bring others to You and to help them reach heaven.

Mary Most Holy, Mother of God, pray for me, that I can discover my vocation and have the courage to respond in faith. Amen.