

# 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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## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7 October 2018 - Year B

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### 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 Joanne Doulman** Parish Secretary  
**Ms Deb Cantrill** Parish Secretary  
**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** (Co-principal) St Mary's Catholic Primary School  
**Mr Matthew French** St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Molong  
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### Today's Scripture

Numbers Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrew 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

### Response to the Psalm

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

### Reflection

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question. The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see Deuteronomy 24:1-4). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading. Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands.

Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth (see Genesis 1:28).

That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see Romans 5:14; Psalm 8:5-7). The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the cross (see John 19:34; Revelation 12:1-17). Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled (see Ephesians 5:21-32). Eve was "mother of all the living" (see Genesis 3:20). And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning.

The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.

### Next Week's Scripture

Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

*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 8th October

#### **Week 27 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 9th October

#### **Week 27 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
- 11.00am Communion Service at St Francis Nursing Home. All welcome

### Wednesday 10th October

#### **Week 27 in Ordinary Time**

- 9.15am Liturgy of the Word Molong
- 5.00pm Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

### Thursday 11th October

#### **Week 27 in Ordinary Time**

- 9.10am Rosary at St Joseph's
- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Mass at Calare Nursing Home
- 6.00pm Holy Hour

### Friday 12th October

#### **Week 27 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

### Saturday 13th October

#### **Week 27 in Ordinary Time**

- 9.30am Fatima Day, Holy Hour with rosary & confessions followed by Mass at St Joseph's. All welcome
- 10.15am Baptisms 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 14th October

#### **Week 27 in Ordinary Time**

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

## COMING UP

### **Feast of All Saints**

Combined Mass for Catholic Education in Orange District: 10.00am Thursday 1st November at Mercy Hall.



## DIVINE RENOVATION

You are invited to become part of the Divine Renovation journey that we are beginning as a parish.

'Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission' was written by Canadian priest Fr James Mallon. It offers learnings and ideas for the transformation of parish culture. Rooted in Church teaching, it offers both inspiration and practical guidance. The book costs \$30 and is available after each Mass in Orange this weekend and from the Parish Office.

What's better than reading a book? Discussing it in a group! You are invited to join one of five discussion groups that will meet over five weeks commencing the week of Sunday 14th October. Please sign-up after Mass or at the parish office. There are only 50 places, and they are filling-up very quickly. You can choose from one of the following five groups:

### **Tuesday 9.30am-11.00am**

Co-ordinator: Shannon Cain  
Location: Shannon's Home

### **Wednesday 7.00pm-8.30pm**

Co-ordinator: Amy Sullivan  
Location: Amy's Home

### **Thursday 10.30am-12.00pm**

Co-ordinator: Jen Ringbauer  
Location: Jenna Hall Meeting Room

### **Thursday 4.00pm-5.30pm**

Co-ordinator: Camille Tavares  
Location: Catherine McAuley School

### **Thursday 7.00pm-8.30pm**

Co-ordinator: Josh Dunn  
Location: Kelly's Hotel

## PRAY FOR OUR PARISH

Please take one of the cards with the 'daily prayer for the renewal of our parish' home with you and commit to pray for the renewal of our parish mission and culture.

## CALENDAR NOW ON SALE

The Orange Parkinson's Support Group Calendar is now available from the Parish Office for \$20. Volunteers required to help Rosie sell calendars after all Masses on weekend 20th & 21st October. Please contact Parish Office.



## YOUTH MISSION 13-18 OCTOBER

We are very excited to announce that our parish will soon be visited by the Sisters of the Immaculata (based in Tasmania) and their youth mission team. Every year, the Sisters and a team of volunteer young people, who have undergone intensive formation in youth ministry, travel the country to offer a mission experience particularly tailored to the young.

Four sisters, one brother and eleven young people will be in the parish from Saturday 13th October to Thursday 18th October. During their time here, they will be offering the following activities:

### **Thursday/Friday 11-12 October**

Giving testimonies and witness at the Diocesan youth Festival RISE at Perthville.

### **Saturday/Sunday 13-14 October**

Speaking at all Orange masses about their mission, particularly the annual mission school for young people

### **Tuesday 16 October**

Mission with students at Catherine McAuley and St Mary's Primary Schools

### **Wednesday 17 October**

Mission with year 9 students at James Sheahan. Afternoon: BBQ and youth rally at Kenna Hall

### **Thursday 18 October**

Mission with senior students at James Sheahan.

## YOUTH RALLY AND BBQ INVITATION

BBQ and Youth Rally at Kenna Hall with the Sisters of the Immaculata and the Youth Mission Team

### **5-7pm Wednesday 17th October.**

Open to young people in Year 6 and above. Young adults and parents of participants are welcome. Participants should be dropped-off at 4.45pm for the BBQ to start on time. There is NO COST, but a gold coin donation would be appreciated. Unaccompanied kids need to be signed-in by a parent and signed-out at the end.

**INVITATION CHALLENGE: Mark this in your diary and pass the enclosed invitation on to someone you know!**

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## YOUTH GROUP & CHOIR

Following our successful youth Alpha programme last term, and following the Immaculata Youth Mission, the parish will be launching 'Elevate' this term. Elevate is an encounter for young people in year 5 up to year 11. It involves fun activities, food, worship, sharing, and singing! Elevate is also our new youth choir. Once a month the participants will sing at the Sunday evening Mass. Elevate begins 4.00pm Sunday 21st October at Kenna Hall.

## LOTS HAPPENING

This week our young people will head off to Perthville for RISE: we pray that they will have a transformative encounter with Christ over the two days.

You will see in this newly redesigned bulletin that our Parish Youth Mission is coming up. The parish is providing a small invitation card to everyone at Mass: please use the card to invite a young family or a young person to come to the youth rally.

You will also see our new Youth Group and Choir called Elevate will begin after the Youth Mission. Thanks to Diep, Liz & Marnie for their hard work preparing for this new venture.

Thank you to all those who expressed interest in the two committees who will help me and our Business Manager to progress the St Joseph's restoration project. I will be consulting with the Parish Finance Council before finalising the membership of the two committees. In my recent letter to the parish on the restoration project I advised the parish of the delays in the St Joseph's retaining wall project. I hope to have more news about that project in the next few weeks.

Our main focus in the parish for the rest of the year is Divine Renovation. This week, a parishioner will give a personal witness at each Orange Mass. Our bookstore was sold-out last week. Unfortunately, new supplies won't be here till next week. Put your name down to buy a book, and we will contact you when they arrive. You can sign-up for a discussion group this weekend after each Mass or during the week at the parish office. It's an exciting time full of activity!

- Fr Greg



## FATIMA DAY 2018

Saturday 13th October is the first anniversary of the blessing and installation of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in St Joseph's Church. We had a wonderful celebration one year ago to mark the centenary of the apparitions. This Saturday 13th October at St Joseph's there will be Holy Hour with rosary and confessions at 9.30am followed by Mass. All welcome.

## SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES

Don't forget next weekend the Saturday vigil Masses at St Mary's and Manildra change to 6.00pm. Confessions are likewise an hour later.

## WEDNESDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD AT MOLONG THIS WEEK

Wednesday this week (10/10) there will be no morning Mass at Molong due to the Priests-Secretaries Conference in Bathurst. Instead there will be a Liturgy of the Word. Sorry for any inconvenience.

## PRAYER FOR HSC STUDENTS

Prayer sheets are available in the cross aisle at St Joseph's and the main entrance of St Mary's. Please take one and pray for our year 12 students.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2018

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2018-19 is titled A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land. It confronts the growing challenge of homelessness and housing insecurity in Australia. You can read the full statement here: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Has your family or group held a 'dialogue and listening encounter' yet? The Bishops would like to hear from you. These encounters prayerfully discern a response to the question 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?' Pick-up an instruction sheet in the Church or go to the Plenary Council Website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>



## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

### POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

Evangelisation: the mission of religious. That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have no voice.

### RECENTLY BAPTISED

Daisy Goudie, Grace Pearson, Isaac Walker, Darby Spicer

### RECENTLY DECEASED

John Farrell

### ANNIVERSARIES

Ewen, Ethel, John & Bruce Cameron, Allan Dowler, Jack Fitzgerald, Ray Fitzgerald, Marjorie Hogan, Rose Lynch, Jim Livermore (Cargo), Mons Michael McNamee, Venera Torrisi

### OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Adrian Berney, Mena Christopherson, Daphne Conroy, William Crayford & William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Chris Duff, Ray Fitzgerald, Nell Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Mary Johnston, Brian Keegan, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Robert Spicer, Roy Smith, Harry Taylor, Peter Thompson, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, John & Jean Walker, Irene Whibley, Rita White, Nancy & Jack Wright, 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, and Paul families.

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

For drought breaking rain

### THE SICK AND INFIRM

John McFarlane, David Ward, Kyle Wickham, Celestina Vardanega, Patricia Crich, Katherine Twomey, Pat Frecklington, Thelma Walters, Dr Steve Peterson,

### A FRANK QUOTE

Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith.

- Pope Francis

# THE PAIN OF A MAINTENANCE CHURCH

*Camille Tavares is married to Sergio and has two children, Isaac and Ana. She is Primary Co-ordinator at Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School and will be acting Religious Education Coordinator in term 4. Camille was part of the first Divine Renovation Discussion group.*



When Fr Greg approached me about reading and discussing 'Divine Renovation' my internal monologue, distressed and in two minds, muttered annoyance. Not another "thing"! Can't I just be left alone to care for my husband and children? I bring my family to Mass, isn't that enough?

My priority for the mission has been, at times, vibrant and possibly annoyingly loud, but over the years I have come to wain in my zeal. For the most part I have upheld my end of the bargain. I've been involved in Sacramental preparation, Youth Masses (I even made a banner out of an old tarp and stuck on vinyl letters to encourage participation, it was ghastly I know and 13 years after the event I can now publicly own this), youth groups, parish talks, school events in the parish, parish pastoral councils, I've invited the students to our Church, the parents to our Church, I've even invited my friends and my family to our Church.

While my passion to bring others to Jesus has been embedded at the heart of each of these ventures, I have been unsuccessful in my mission. Each attempt has in essence failed. Of late, with the weight of mediocrity weighing heavily on my shoulders, I have withdrawn. The weight was too heavy and the zeal at an all time low.

After reluctantly joining Fr Greg's reading group I began to understand the basis of my failure. Over the years I have attempted to promise something that I was unable to deliver. Since 1983 I have felt as though I belong here. I was baptised here, attended Mass here, married here, welcomed my husband through RCIA into our parish and had my own children baptised here. I belong. Yet a source of great pain for me is that I have been unable to make others feel that same sense of belonging. I have invited them in, some have come along to worship or to attend a "program" or "event" but none have chosen to stay.

This model in our parish has not compelled any of these, my friends or family, to feel that same sense of belonging that I hold deep in my heart.

The pain for me has been in the unfruitful attempts to urge others to not only "join the club" but to stick around for the match. This all unfolded against the backdrop of the constant condemning of our Church by the media, by my friends and even at times my family. "Our world has changed and your Church has not ... it doesn't speak to me ... I don't enjoy the music ... I don't understand what's happening in the Mass now, the words are all different ... your Church is a patriarchal misogynistic organisation full of pedophiles ... I already know God and I don't need your Church".

Fr James Mallon speaks of discontentment as a "gift". When we are discontent with the status quo we demonstrate the fact that we care. We, or at least, I, debate the downfalls of our Church (you will see this gift at the Bayada family table at Christmas time when the discontentment in the heart of my family comes alive through the robust discussions and sometimes explosive debates about the state of our Church). I am happy to declare that this is a gift that I have received and the pain in my heart is intense enough for me to want more than this maintenance Church. Not for me, I already belong ... but for my children, for my friends and for those still waiting to know the sheer joy of Jesus in their lives.

## GOING DEEPER

1. Purchase the book 'Divine Renovation' after Mass or in the Parish Office for \$30.
2. Join a Discussion Group to unpack the contents of the book.
3. Subscribe to the 'Divine Renovation' Podcast to hear lively and relevant discussion on the major themes of mission and parish renewal.
4. Download the 'Divine Renovation' App for Iphone or Android to watch video, read articles, and keep up-to-date.
5. Visit the 'Divine Renovation' website: <https://www.divinerenovation.net>
6. Search for 'Divine Renovation' on Youtube for live talks.
7. Purchase online the companion book 'Divine Renovation Apprentice'.