

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)

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C - 7th April 2019

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
Ms Jacky Parmeter St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Manildra

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Closed - Lunch: 12.30 - 1.30pm

Holy Week Schedule

ORANGE CITY

Monday 15th April

9.30am Mass at St Joseph's (no evening Mass)

Tuesday 16th April

7.30pm Encounter Evening at St Mary's

Thursday 18th April - Holy Thursday

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper St Joseph's with adoration until midnight

Friday 19th April - Good Friday

9.30am Walk from St Joseph's to Botanical Gardens
10.30am Way of the Cross Orange at Botanical Gardens
3.00pm The Passion of the Lord at St Mary's
3.00pm The Passion of the Lord at St Joseph's

Saturday 20th April - Holy Saturday

10.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
6.00pm Easter Vigil at St Mary's

Sunday 21st April - Easter Sunday

8.00am Mass at St Joseph's
9.30am Mass at St Mary's with baptisms during Mass
5.00pm Mass at St Joseph's

ORANGE DISTRICT

Thursday 18th April - Holy Thursday

7.00 Mass of the Lord's Supper Molong with adoration until 9.00pm

Friday 19th April - Good Friday

10.30am Way of the Cross Molong
10.30am Way of the Cross Manildra
3.00pm The Passion of the Lord at Molong

Saturday 20th April - Holy Saturday

6.00pm Easter Vigil at Molong

Sunday 21st April - Easter Sunday

8.00am Mass at Mullion Creek
8.00am Mass at Cudal
9.30am Mass at Manildra
10.00am Mass at Cargo

TIMES FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

7.00pm Friday 12th April Encounter Evening at Molong
7.30pm Tuesday 16th April Encounter Evening at St Mary's
12.30-1.30pm Wednesday 17th April at St Joseph's
5.00-5.40pm Wednesday 17th April at St Joseph's
2.00-2.45pm Good Friday 19th April at St Mary's and St Joseph's

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 April Monday of the 5th week of Lent

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

Tuesday 9th April Tuesday of the 5th week of Lent

- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Anointing Mass at St Francis

Wednesday 10th April Wednesday of the 5th week of Lent

- 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 11th April Thursday of the 5th week of Lent

- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am Anointing Mass at Calare
- 6.00pm Holy Hour at St Joseph's

Friday 12th April Friday of the 5th week of Lent

- 12:00pm Stations of the Cross at Molong
- 5.15pm Reconciliation & Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's
- 7.00pm Encounter Evening at Molong

Saturday 13th April Saturday of the 5th week of Lent

- 10.15am Baptisms at St Mary's
- 10.30am Baptism at St Joseph's
- 5.15pm Reconciliation at St Mary's
- 5.40pm Reconciliation at Manildra
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass at Manildra

Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday

- 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
- 5.00pm Mass at St Joseph's



PRAY FOR OUR RCIA CANDIDATES

Our RCIA candidates and their sponsors are in a period of intense preparation ahead of celebrating the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass. Please pray for Kaila-Maree Tilston, Nicole Bray, Jennie Corben, Wanda Moore and Rachel D'Souza, their sponsors and families at this time.

INVITE A FRIEND TO PALM SUNDAY MASS

Palm Sunday on April 14th marks the start of Holy Week. We re-enact Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem by processing with palms into the church. This is the first in a series of processions that make up the distinctive celebrations of Holy Week.

Palm Sunday Masses in Orange will commence from the driveway between the presbytery and Kenna Hall for St Joseph's and from the carpark at St Mary's. Words for the songs sung during the procession will be printed in The Parish Overview - please pick up a copy from the church before heading to the start point.

GOOD FRIDAY - WAY OF THE CROSS

You are invited to walk in the final steps of Jesus at the Orange Botanic Gardens on Good Friday (19 April). The walk will commence from 9:30am at St Joseph's, and the stations commence in the gardens from 10:30am.

CHURCH DECORATIONS

If you are able to help decorate the churches for Palm Sunday, Good Friday or Easter, please call the parish office or email ministries.orange@cdob.org.au.

EASTER FAMILY FESTIVAL

The 30th annual Easter Family Festival will be hosted by the Churches of Orange on Sunday 14th April at Robertson Park from 12 noon to 3pm.

This free event will have great food and entertainment on offer including:

- Barbeque & Hot Cross Buns
- Jumping Castle & Giant Slide
- Bands & Great Local Artists
- Art, Craft & Puppets

and much more...



ENCOUNTER EVENING

Encounter Evening is an opportunity to meet God through prayer, Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist, Scripture, music and Reconciliation. This is our communal celebration of Reconciliation. 2 Evenings will be held:

- Molong: Friday 12 April, 7.00pm
- St Mary's: Tuesday 16 April, 7.30pm

RECONCILIATION DURING HOLY WEEK

There are additional times for individual confession during Holy Week:

- Wednesday 17th April
12.30pm-1.30pm at St Joseph's
- Wednesday 17th April 5.00pm-5.40pm
at St Joseph's
- Good Friday 19th April
2.00pm-2.45pm at St Mary's and St Joseph's

LAST CHANCE! ROLES FOR MASSES IN ORANGE DURING HOLY WEEK

We invite your participation in Masses and services during Holy Week. In particular, we are looking for:

- Readers
 - Procession participants
 - Ministers of Communion
- Sign up sheets are available in the cross aisle of St Joseph's Church and the foyer of St Mary's Church. You can also sign up online at:
<https://goo.gl/forms/xeQN7eyWX2Ndj0DF2> Rosters will be finalised this week.

The Multicultural Choir will be singing for Palm Sunday and Good Friday Masses at St Joseph's Church. Our normal practice is scheduled for 4:00pm Sunday 14 April at St Joseph's.

If you would like to sing for Holy Thursday, Good Friday at St Mary's and/or Easter Vigil, a practice is scheduled for: Monday 8 April, 7:00pm at St Joseph's (focus on Holy Thursday)

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

The annual collection for support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. Your contribution to this collection will help the Church care for Christian people in this region and maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parents are invited to attend an Information Session in Kenna Hall on Wednesday 8th May at 9.30am or 7pm. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in Orange and Molong on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd June.

FAMILY FAITH MEETINGS

We invite all families requesting a sacrament for their child in 2019 to attend a 10 minute Family Faith Meeting with a parish representative. If your child attends St Mary's or Catherine McAuley primary schools, please book an appointment by logging onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au and typing in the password provided to you by the school. If your child attends another school, please call the Parish Office to book an appointment.

FR MATHEW APPOINTED TO ORANGE

We are happy to let you know that Bishop McKenna has appointed Fr Mathew Humtsoe assistant priest at Orange from 7th May 2019. We look forward to welcoming Fr Mathew back to the parish.

BISHOP IAN PALMER RETIRES

On Thursday 11 April, Bishop Michael McKenna will preside over Solemn Vespers in thanksgiving and prayer for the ministry of Bishop Ian Palmer, Anglican Bishop of Bathurst.

This will take place at the Cathedral of St Michael and St John at 6.30pm. The music ministry for this time of prayer will be provided by members of the Anglican and Cathedral Parishes of Bathurst.

All are invited to be part of this Liturgy, acknowledging the continuing relationship between the Anglican and Catholic Dioceses of Bathurst.

A FRANK QUOTE

The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.

- 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 to 5pm.

THANK YOU TO OUR BBQ VOLUNTEERS

The parish thanks everyone who contributed to the success of the Election Day barbeque. Over \$1,200 was raised towards the restoration of St Joseph's Church.

SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS

The Parish will be holding a Safe Church Awareness Workshop to equip individuals in safeguarding best practice. The Workshop will be held at Kenna Hall on Saturday 27 April, 9.30am to 3.30pm.

This training is open to individuals of all denominations from across the Diocese. Those who are involved in child-related activities or ministering to vulnerable people are encouraged to attend. More information about the Safe Church training can be found on the diocesan website: www.bathurst.catholic.org.au.

To register for the Safe Church Awareness Training, please complete the registration form which is available on the front page of the website. The cost for this Workshop is \$35, but for members of our parishes this cost has been covered by the Parish and Diocese. For members of other churches, the \$35 can be paid via the registration form.

Workbooks, morning tea and afternoon tea will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch.

For further information contact the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst via email: admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au or phone: 02 6334 6400.

THANK YOU

The parish thanks everyone who attended 24 Hours for the Lord. Over 100 hours were pre-registered, with even more people attending on the day.



OUR PRAYERS & MASSES POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

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, Pat Frecklington, Sheila Hegarty (Ireland), Sr Merylin, Costa Doumbos, James Burgess, Catherine Kelly, Noni McAneney, Celestina Vardanega, Den Smith, Beth Moxham, Norma Wright, Ralph Harvey, Doug & Tori Punch, Lily Laws

RECENTLY BAPTISED

Phoenix Baker, Nate Bouffler, Kai Williams

RECENTLY MARRIED

Elide Newton & Hugh Le Lievre

RECENTLY DECEASED

Tom (Tomislav) Papic, Rodger Brown

ANNIVERSARIES

Niko & Ruzucia Raso, Arthur Power, Marija & Gaspar Jug

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Adrian Berney, David Hanrahan, Emily Miller, Frank Miller, Ray Fitzgerald, Chris Duff, Geoff & Trish May, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Harry Taylor, Santo Lafaro & Torrisi family, Ian Livermore, Damian d'Arbon, Mary Johnston, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, William Crayford, William Crayford Snr, Anton, Erich, Erika & Michael Twomey, Mena Christopherson, 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 Paul and Bastick families

Introducing the Parish Mission-Support Team



*Michael O'Mara is the
Business Manager
of the Parish*

As the Business Manager, it has been a privilege to work with and support our Parish Priest Fr Greg Bellamy who has a vision to see our Catholic community healthy and growing. He is a priest who is taking our Catholic faith community on mission. In the Catholic Church of my youth, it was a given that everyone would attend Mass and the sacraments each weekend. We all know this has changed and our Parish is recognising this and responding.

It has also been a joy to work with Fr Pius. As an athletics enthusiast I have been fortunate to assist many athletes in the past, including two Kenyan athletes. Having this Kenyan connection, I was delighted to be able to greet Fr Pius in his native language. Fr Pius is compassionate and extremely generous with his time. He demonstrates a great commitment our parishioners, rushing out day or night to anyone who is sick or in their final hours to provide a blessing and the Eucharist.

Coming from the large single-church parish of John the Baptist in Bonnyrigg, Sydney, it was a shock to see how many churches were in our vast area of Orange and Molong. We are blessed to have so many dedicated parishioners who have supported and continue to support the parish with their financial offerings. This financial support is appreciated as the maintenance of the eight churches in our Parish is no mean feat. As you would appreciate, running this parish requires weekly, monthly and annual servicing and maintenance. I am fortunate to have two parish office staff, Sandy Livermore and Harriette Williams, who assist in the organisation of this maintenance and provide day to day contact to the parish and wider community. I thank them for their friendly, welcoming and committed service.

A key aspect of my role is to provide administrative and operational support to the priests of the Parish and the Mission Team and to support them with the resources to make more disciples.

Another of my key roles is to advise Fr Greg and manage parish finances together with the advice from the Parish Finance Councils, Orange and Molong. The members of these councils contribute their professional expertise and advice for the good management of our financial resources. We have introduced monthly budgeting and cash flow management as good governance and policies to ensure the future financial security of our parish. The Finance Councils will be providing a financial update in the lead-up to Giving Sunday.

One of the major parish projects over the next three years will be the restoration of our beautiful heritage church of St Joseph. We have now formed two committees for the restoration: the Steering Committee and the Fundraising Committee. I have been very impressed with the professionalism and enthusiasm of the parishioners on these committees. They have made a great commitment of their time and talents to provide advice to Fr Greg. I look forward to the advice, guidance and support of the whole parish community as we proceed.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise all the volunteers who I have met over my time here at the parish. You are the quiet achievers of our parish. There have been so many, I cannot name you or thank you enough for all you have given and continue to give to our parish community.

As I look back over the past 12 months, I recall the three pillars of Surrender, Discipleship and Mission. I thank God that I have had the opportunity to surrender to God my talents and time. I thank Him that I have experienced a discipleship that has encouraged me in my walk with Jesus and I thank Him that I have been able to support our mission by providing our parish with the resources needed to make disciples.