

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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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C - 15th September, 2019

Reflection

The episode in today's First Reading has been called "Israel's original sin." Freed from bondage, born as a people of God in the covenant at Sinai, Israel turned aside from His ways and fell to worshipping a golden calf.

Moses implores God's mercy, just as Jesus will later intercede for the whole human race. Just as He still pleads for sinners at God's right hand and through the ministry of the Church.

Israel's sin is the sin of the world. It is your sin and mine. Ransomed from death and made His children in Baptism, we fall prey to the idols of this world. We remain a "stiff-necked people," resisting His will for us like an ox refuses the plowman's yoke (see Jeremiah 7:26).

Like Israel, in our sin we push God away and reject our divine sonship. Once He called us "my people" (see Exodus 3:10; 6:7). But our sin makes us "no people," people He should, in justice, disown (see Deuteronomy 32:21; 1 Peter 2:10).

Yet in His mercy, He is faithful to the covenant He swore by His own self in Jesus. In Jesus, God comes to Israel and to each of us—as a shepherd to seek the lost (see Ezekiel 34:11-16), to carry us back to the heavenly feast, the perpetual heritage promised long ago to Abraham's children.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," Paul cries in today's Epistle. These are the happiest words the world has ever known. Because of Jesus, as Paul himself can testify, even the blasphemer and persecutor can seek His mercy.

As the sinners do in today's Gospel, we draw near to listen to Him. In this Eucharist, we bring Him the acceptable sacrifice we sing of in today's Psalm—our hearts, humbled and contrite.

In the company of His angels and saints, we rejoice that He has wiped out our offense. We celebrate with Him that we have turned from the evil way that we might live (see Ezekiel 18:23).

Today's Scripture Ex32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

Response to the Psalm I will rise and go to my Father

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
And the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted
to us.
Alleluia!

Next Week's Scripture Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

DAY BY DAY

Monday 16th September Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr

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

Tuesday 17th September Weekday, Ordinary Time 24

- 9.30am Mass at St Mary's

Wednesday 18th September Weekday, Ordinary Time 24

- 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 129th September Weekday, Ordinary Time 24

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

Friday 20th September Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, Martyr, Paul Chong Hasang, Catechist, Martyr & Companions, martyrs

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

Saturday 21st September Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

- 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 22nd September Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 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 (final Mass at St Mary's before closure)**
- 9.30am Mass at Molong
- 11.15am Baptisms at St Joseph's
- 5.00pm Mass at St Joseph's

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ST MARY'S CHURCH RENEWAL FINAL MASS 9.30AM SUNDAY 22/9

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the process of developing a project for the renewal of St Mary's Church. In particular, thank you to the Parish Finance Council, the St Mary's Renewal Committee, and the parishioners who participated in the two phases of community suggestions and feedback. The fruit of our months-long process are published in our Parish Magazine this month. If you have not read this plan yet, I invite you to take a copy of 'The Joyful Commission' home with you.

From 2020 onwards Orange Parish will focus on preparation for a multi-year project for the restoration of St Joseph's Church, as well as some work on Kenna Hall. This will be a major focus for several years. During a significant part of that time St Joseph's may have to be closed and all worship take place at St Mary's. The St Mary's project is taking place first so this building and precinct is in top condition as the single place of worship in Orange for an extended period while St Joseph's is being restored, work commencing, hopefully, early 2021.

Over the next few weeks the project will be finalised. This includes finalising tenders and seeking the necessary permissions from the Diocese to proceed. The parish will also need this period to begin practical preparations in the building itself. Some weeks will be needed to remove many items in the Church into storage and to give tradespeople exclusive access to the site. To help ensure that there are no delays to the project when it is cleared to proceed, the final Mass at St Mary's will be the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 22nd September. After this celebration, all Masses will take place at the same times and days, but at St Joseph's. There will be signs displayed at the churches reminding people of this change. No doubt there will be a couple of weekends where people turn up to the wrong church for Mass. If you know people who are not here at the moment, please pass this news on to them.

Thank you for your support. Please pray for our community and the success of this project.

Fr Greg



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bianca Livermore who is being Confirmed this weekend in Cargo and welcome to Bishop Michael McKenna.

MOLONG FETE

Molong Parish is preparing for a Fete on October 18th. We would be grateful for volunteers to help on the day and donations of bric-a-brac for the stall. We are also seeking willing cooks to prepare food to bring on the day. All proceeds will go towards restoration of St Lawrence Church in Molong. If you are able to help, contact Aileen on 6366 8824.

MOLONG PRAYER GROUP

You are warmly invited to 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.

DID YOU MISS OUT ON TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION?

For those who were not able to attend this training, an additional session will be held at Kenna Hall on Monday 23rd September at 7:00pm. We will cover theology of the Eucharist and procedures for a three month trial.

Both **NEW and CURRENT** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Amy by email to ministries.orange@cdo.org.au or by calling 6362 2378.

INTERNATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN

On the 18th of October *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more information and resources visit, www.millionkidspraying.org.

A FRANK QUOTE

The Church does not need apologists of its causes, nor crusaders of its battles, but sowers humble and confident of the truth, who trust of its power.

- Pope Francis



OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

OUR PARISH INTENTIONS

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 BAPTISED

May Elliott

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Burgess, Patricia Crich, Lorrea Deas, Ray Dickson, Pat Frecklington, Ralph Harvey, Lawrence Livermore, Ronnie Hazelton, Merle Parrish, Bev Mon, Sheila Hegarty (Ireland), Sharron Kassoutas, Lily Laws, Margaret Millings, Margaret Melinz, Beth Moxham, Philomena Parker, Doug Punch, Tori Punch, Sue Selwood, Den Smith, Katherine Twomey, Stephen van Eede, John van Eede, Celestina Vardanega, Norma Wright

RECENTLY DECEASED

Harold (Matey) Molloy

ANNIVERSARIES

Tracey Ann Warner, Harry Knight, Brian Stoyles, Eileen & Alf Rae, Bev Hiney, Martin Geddes.

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Adrian Berney, Helen Borys, Phillip Cain, Frank Carney, Noreen Crozier, Ann, Robert & Ray Darley, Jessie Davidson, Daphne Dawson, Des Dawson, Reg & Lyn Harris, Marjorie Hogan, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford, William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Chris Duff, Nell & Jack Fitzgerald, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Tom Hannelly, Jean & Larry Hutchinson, Ellen Lord, Clive Lord, Ron Lord, Owen Hart, Mary Johnston, Brian Keegan, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Teresita Navak, Cyril O'Keefe, Janette Odleum, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Anthony Pereira, Mary Pereira, 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), Butch Seale, Tracey Ann Warner, Jack Whitehouse, Mavis Whitehouse, Jack & Nancy Wright, deceased members of the Clancy, Fardell, Lee, Paul & Torrisi families, deceased members of the Alexander & Walker Families.