

# 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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## Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A - 26th July, 2020

### Reflection

What is your new life in Christ worth to you?

Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading—asking not for a long life or riches, but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?

The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst, yet many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given that they—and we—might live.

We too must ever discover the kingdom anew, to find it as a treasure—a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see Philippians 3:8). And we must be willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and plans—in order to gain it.

Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul, in today's Epistle, calls the purpose of God's plan (see Ephesians 1:4). That purpose is that Jesus would be the firstborn of many brothers.

His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.

We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son.

If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good—that we whom He has justified will also one day be glorified.

**Today's Scripture:** 1 Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

**Response to the Psalm:** Lord, I love your commands.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

**Next Week's Scripture:** Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

### DAY BY DAY

#### Monday 27th July

##### Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

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

#### Tuesday 28th July

##### Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 5.00pm Mass at Cargo

#### Wednesday 29th July

##### Martha

- 5.00pm Mass at Mullion Creek
- 5.00pm Exposition at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

#### Thursday 30th July

##### Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 5.00pm Mass at Cudal

#### Friday 31st July

##### Ignatius of Loyola, priest

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

#### Saturday 1st August

##### Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor

- 8.30am Mass at Manildra
- 10.00am Mass at Molong
- 10.30am Baptisms at St Joseph's
- 11.30am Baptisms at St Joseph's
- 4.15pm Reconciliation at St Joseph's
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's
- 5.10pm Vigil Mass at Kenna Hall

#### Sunday 2nd August

##### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 8.40am Mass at Kenna Hall
- 10.00am Mass at St Joseph's
- 10.10am Mass at Kenna Hall
- 11.30am Baptisms at St Joseph's

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## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Over the next two weeks you are invited to support the Vinnies Winter Appeal. These funds will provide emergency relief to people at risk and experiencing homelessness.

Envelopes are available at all churches: you can make your donation by placing the envelope in the collection basket. Alternatively, you can give online via <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub>.

## CHANGE TO MASS CAPACITY ST JOSEPH'S

From this Friday, 24 July, capacity at St Joseph's Church will reduce to 100 people. The Mass schedule remains unchanged and the capacity of all other churches remains the same.

## RECOMMENCING MINISTRY SACRISTANS AND READERS

If you would like to be rostered as a sacristan for weekday or weekend Mass, or as a reader for a weekend Mass at St Joseph's, please contact Amy on 6362 2378 or [ministries.orange@cdob.org.au](mailto:ministries.orange@cdob.org.au). Training is available for any new sacristans or readers.

## THIS WEEK IN SYMBOLON

This week in Symbolon our session was "The Journey of Faith". In this session we learned about the mystery of the Trinity, why God made us and how to live our relationship with God.

This week's challenge: what can you do this week to make more time for prayer - talking to God - in your life? Choose a time of day that you will reserve for getting to know God better.

It's not too late to join this season of Symbolon. If you are interested, please contact Amy at the Parish Office.

## A FRANK QUOTE

The Lord is a cheerful giver. May we learn to be generous in giving, free from the love of material possessions.

- Pope Francis



## THANKYOU

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and best wishes on the occasion of my 10th anniversary of ordination this week. The years have flown past. In 2010 I could not have imagined that I would have been celebrating my 10th anniversary during a global pandemic with the restrictions that we are experiencing at the moment.

I would like to invite you to continue to pray for our seminarians who are in formation to be priests of our diocese in the future. And in a special way, I ask you to continue to pray that many young men will open their hearts to the possibility that Christ may be calling them to the priesthood.

## REMAINING ATTENTIVE

I want to thank parishioners for their cooperation in keeping our churches COVID-safe. Victoria is having a very difficult time at the moment controlling the transmission of the virus. This is a good moment to remind everyone to not grow complacent about our procedures.

It is a legal requirement to complete one of the provided registers before entering the church building for either a public liturgy or private prayer. You must also disinfect your hands.

During Mass, you should only sit in the pews indicated and ensure you are 1.5 meters from other parishioners who are not part of your household. The sign of peace is by a nod of the head, there should only be one communion line (in which social distancing is observed), and the Bishop has asked all Catholics to please receive Communion on the hand. There are no objects passed around from person to person, so the collections are via a central table and no bells will be rung during Mass.

When leaving the church please disinfect your seat with the wipes provided. This is an act of care and concern for the next person who will sit in your place. At weekend Masses in St Joseph's you may enter the Church only through one door, but to alleviate congestion, you can leave the building by whichever door is closest to where you are sitting.

Could I ask everyone to please remain attentive to these requirements? Thank you.

- Fr Greg



## OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

### POPE'S INTENTION FOR JULY

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

### OUR PARISH INTENTIONS

That God will protect the human family from all sickness, especially the Coronavirus; that God will strengthen the faith of Christian communities throughout the world who are unable to engage in communal worship.

### RECENTLY BAPTISED

Heidi Perrottet, Sherene Gould.

### RECEIVED INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Trevor Baker, Ashlee Maguire.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Jill Cahill (Forbes), Pat Frecklington.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Ronald Cable, Sr Lucia Carroll, Fr Kevin Penny SJ, Joan Sullivan, Layton Sullivan.

### WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sr Jeanette Bubb, Ray Dickson, John van Eede, Ralph Harvey, Lawrence Livermore, Ronnie Hazelton, Merle Parrish, Sharron Kassoutas, Lily Laws, Margaret Millings, Margaret Melinz, Ursula Paul, Amanda Peers (Walker), Doug Punch, Tori Punch, Johanna Scheepers, Den Smith, Sue Selwood, Jeanette Simpson, Katherine Twomey, Celestina Vardanega, Norma Wright, Catherine Zappala.

### OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Adrian Berney, Helen Borys, Marie Cain, Frank Carney, Paul Carney, John Coulston, Alfie & Charlie Cristaldi, Noreen Crozier, Daphne Dawson, Des Dawson, Sr Kathleen Ewin (RSM), Pamela Fabry, Lydia Fazio, Elaine Farrell, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford, William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Chris Duff, Donna Evans, Ray Fitzgerald, David Hanrahan, Adele Hassan, Tom Hannelly, Sheila Hegarty, Frank & Joan Hennessy, Charles Hunt, Brian Keegan, Ellen Lord, Clive Lord, Ron Lord, Owen Hart, Mary Johnston, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Emily Miller, Carmine Monaco, Teresita Novak, Bernie Ostini, Janette Odleum, Lorna Ostini, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Anthony & Mary Pereira, Michael Powell, Anna Rosario, Dorothy Ryan, Gwenda Stewart, Kathleen Sullivan, 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 & Alfa LoFaro (Orange), Mario Vardanega, Linda Whitehouse, Pat Whitley, deceased members of the Alexander, Clancy, DeRooy, Fardell, Iffland, Kos, Lee, Loque, Paul, Torrisi, van Schaik & Walker Families.