

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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Second Sunday of Lent, Year A - 8th March, 2020

Reflection

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses.

Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (see Exodus 24, 34).

But in today's Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today's Epistle calls God's "design . . . from before time began."

With His promises to Abram in today's First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity.

He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be father of a host of nations (see Genesis 17:5). In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham He raised up Moses (see Exodus 2:24; 3:8), and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons (see Jeremiah 33:26).

In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old.

Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David (see Genesis 22:15-18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1).

Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 18) and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well-pleased (see Isaiah 42:1). Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today.

By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham (see Galatians 3:7-9; Acts 3:25). He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death.

So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!"

Today's Scripture: Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

Response to the Psalm: Lord, let your Mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Next Week's Scripture: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

DAY BY DAY

Monday 9th March Lenten Weekday

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

Tuesday 10th March Lenten Weekday

- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am ANOINTING MASS at St Francis
- 1.00pm Funeral Service for Garry Lindfield at St Joseph's

Wednesday 11th March Lenten 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 12th March Lenten Weekday

- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 11.00am ANOINTING MASS at Calare

Friday 13th March Lenten Weekday

- 12.00pm Way of the Cross at Molong
- 5.15pm Way of the Cross and Reconciliation at St Joseph's
- 5.45pm Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 14th March Lenten Weekday

- 9.00am Mass at Cargo
- 10:15am Baptisms at St Joseph's
- 5.15pm Reconciliation at St Joseph's
- 5.40pm Reconciliation at Manildra
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Manildra

Sunday 15th March Third Sunday of Lent

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

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WAY OF THE CROSS

If you would like to participate in the Way of the Cross during Lent, it is being held:

- 12:00pm Fridays at Molong
- 5:15pm Fridays at St Joseph's

LENT ANOINTING MASSES

- 9.15am Wednesday 8 April at Molong
- Every Nursing Home Mass during March

A MESSAGE FROM FR KANE

I have been living in St Joseph's Presbytery since February 2008 and have been on chemotherapy since 12th March 2008 for multiple myeloma. I am grateful to the priests and staff at the Presbytery for their care during this period.

From 5th March 2020 I am moving to Room 111 at Ascott Gardens Orange. Shortly, I will be receiving radiation oncology treatment for stomach cancer and more medical support available at Ascott Gardens. I still expect to attend St Joseph's Church and special events in the parish.

James Kane

CHOIR PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK

For all those interested in singing or playing for Masses during Holy Week, there are a number of practices coming up:

- Monday 9th March 6:30pm (St Joseph's): focus on Palm Sunday and Easter Vigil
- Thursday 26th March 7:30pm (St Joseph's): focus on Holy Thursday and Good Friday

Further practices may be scheduled as needed. This is a great opportunity to be involved in a wonderful variety of worship music, some hymns we only sing at this time of year.

SHORT COURSE IN LITURGY AND SCRIPTURE THROUGH ART

Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst invites teachers in Catholic schools, catechists and parishioners to a workshop exploring symbols of the Church on 13 March. For more information, contact Ronda on 6338 3000.



24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

We are taking part in 24 Hours for the Lord on 20-21 March 2020. At Pope Francis' request, Churches all around the world will be open for 24 hours during which there is continual Eucharistic Exposition and times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). The 24 hour period will begin after the Friday evening Mass and conclude Saturday afternoon and will take place in the Old Convent Chapel, directly behind St Joseph's.

Sign up for an hour as an individual or a group: sign-up sheets are available in the cross-aisle at St Joseph's, or you can sign up online at <https://forms.gle/jVjhCoY5a9m6yE4K7>. We are particularly looking for younger people to sign up for late night/early morning blocks.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Due to the uncertainty regarding the spread of the coronavirus in Australia, Bishop Michael McKenna has requested that parishes in the Bathurst Diocese suspend providing Communion under both kinds for the time being. This means that only hosts will be distributed at all Masses in the Diocese. This request has been implemented with immediate effect.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world.

You can donate through Parish envelopes, phoning 1800 024 413 or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

A FRANK QUOTE

Faith is a path we walk with Jesus and it is a path that lasts all our lives. At the end the definitive encounter will take place. Certainly, in some moments along the path we will feel tired and confused. However, faith gives us the certainty of the constant presence of Jesus in all situations, even the most painful and difficult to understand.

- Pope Francis



OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

OUR PARISH INTENTIONS

That 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.

BAPTISMS

Florence Cottam, Lincoln Salmon, Scarlett West

WEDDINGS

Scott Downey and Treleena Webb

ANNIVERSARIES

Leila Alexander, Florrie Patteson, Ricky Eggins, Karmen Middleton

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Burgess, Ray Dickson, Pat Frecklington, Ralph Harvey, Lawrence Livermore, Ronnie Hazelton, Merle Parrish, Sheila Hegarty (Ireland), Sharron Kassoutas, Joan Knight, Lily Laws, Margaret Millings, Margaret Melinz, Ursula Paul, Amanda Peers (Walker), Doug Punch, Tori Punch, Joanna Scheepers, Den Smith, Sue Selwood, Katherine Twomey, Stephen van Eede, John van Eede, Celestina Vardanega, Norma Wright.

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Adrian Berney, Helen Borys, Frank Carney, Paul Carney, Alfie & Charlie Cristaldi, Noreen Crozier, Daphne Dawson, Des Dawson, Ricky Eggins, Pamela Fabry, Lydia Fazio, Elaine Farrell, Mena Christopherson, William Crayford, William Crayford Snr, Damian d'Arbon, Chris Duff, Donna Evans, David Hanrahan, Adele Hassan, Tom Hannelly, Frank & Joan Hennessy, Charles Hunt, Brian Keegan, Ellen Lord, Clive Lord, Ron Lord, Owen Hart, Mary Johnston, Brian Keegan, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Emily Miller, Teresita Novak, Bernie Ostini, Janette Odleum, Lorna Ostini, Pasquale Pagliaccia, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Anthony & Mary Pereira, Michael Powell, Anna Rosario, Dorothy Ryan, Gwenda Stewart, William Henry Schmich, 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), Varda Vardanega, Tracey Warner, Linda Whitehouse, deceased members of the Alexander, Clancy, DeRooy, Fardell, Iffland, Kos, Lee, Loque, Paul, Torrisi, van Schaik & Walker families.