

# 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 in Ordinary Time, Year B – 25th July, 2021

### REFLECTION

Today's liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah and King, the Lord who comes to feed His people.

Notice the parallels between today's Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few "barley" loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little. And in both the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over.

The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God's people in the wilderness (see Exodus 16). Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him (see Deuteronomy 18:15-19). The crowd in today's Gospel, witnessing His miracle, identifies Jesus as that prophet.

The Gospel today again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the good shepherd, who makes His people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them (see Psalm 23:1, 5).

The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill His promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm—to give His people food in due season and satisfy their desire (see Psalm 81:17).

But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things He does at the Last Supper—He takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "eucharist"), and gives the bread to the people (see Matthew 26:26). Notice, too, that twelve baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the Apostles.

These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist—in which the Church founded on the Apostles continues to feed us with the living bread of His Body.

In this Eucharist, we are made one Body with the Lord, as we hear in today's Epistle. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling.

**Today's Scripture:** 2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

**Response to the Psalm:** The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!

**Next Week's Scripture:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

### DAY BY DAY

#### Monday 26th July

#### Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

- **NO** 5.00pm Exposition at St Mary's
- **NO** 5.45pm Mass at St Mary's
- 7.00pm Live Stream Mass via Facebook

#### Tuesday 27th July

#### Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

- **NO** 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 7.00pm Live Stream Mass via Facebook

#### Wednesday 28th July

#### Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

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

#### Thursday 29th July

#### Martha

- 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's

#### Friday 30th July

#### Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

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

#### Saturday 31st July

#### Ignatius of Loyola, priest

- 8.00am Mass at Cudal
- 9.30am Mass at Cargo
- 11.30am Baptism at St Joseph's
- 4.15pm Reconciliation at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass at Manildra

#### Sunday 1st August

#### 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8.00am Mass at Mullion Creek
- 8.30am Mass at St Joseph's
- 10.00am Mass at St Mary's
- 10.00am Mass at Molong
- 11.30am Baptism at St Mary's

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## A MESSAGE FROM FR GREG

Dear friends, I write this message on the second day of our 7-day lockdown. I pray that COVID-19 will not spread in our community and that we can look forward to a return to reasonably 'normal life' next week, particularly, a return to celebrating the Eucharist together in our churches.

Each day until the end of the lockdown, Mass will be streamed on Facebook at 7.00pm. I would like to also remind you that, in the case of emergency, the priests are here to visit the seriously ill and dying or even just for a chat on the phone if you are feeling anxious. Please ring the parish office and choose the option for the 'emergency on-call priest'.

- Fr Greg

## POSITIONS VACANT

The Catholic Diocese of Bathurst is looking for suitable people for the following roles:

- 1) Diocesan Communications Coordinator, to assist in the delivery of communication strategy, media distribution and content production. [www.seek.com.au/job/52761603](http://www.seek.com.au/job/52761603)
- 2) Prison Chaplains for Oberon (part time) and Wellington (full time). [www.seek.com.au/job/52944307?type=standard#searchRequestToken=92d5c586-3d96-468d-b41e-98fa3a1d324e](http://www.seek.com.au/job/52944307?type=standard#searchRequestToken=92d5c586-3d96-468d-b41e-98fa3a1d324e)

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has designated Sunday 25 July as the inaugural World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme chosen by the Holy Father, "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20), expresses clearly that, during the pandemic and in the better times that will hopefully follow, every ecclesial community wishes to be with the elderly always. If you would like a copy of Pope Francis' message, visit [www.laityfamilylife.va/content/dam/laityfamilylife/Anziani/KitPastorale/EN/EN\\_Messaggio%20A4.pdf](http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/dam/laityfamilylife/Anziani/KitPastorale/EN/EN_Messaggio%20A4.pdf) or we can print one for you at the parish office.



## EUTHANASIA, DYING AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

A bill to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide in NSW has been released and is expected to be tabled in Parliament in September. To learn more about this important issue, you are invited to watch and discuss three talks covering the theological, medical, and legal and political aspects of this debate.

Where: St Mary's Gathering Space  
When: 3rd/10th/17th August, 7:00pm  
Limit: 30 people

Register online using the link or QR code below, or call the parish office.

[www.trybooking.com/BTALR](http://www.trybooking.com/BTALR)



## THIS WEEK IN SYMBOLON

This week in Symbolon our session is "The Bible". In this session we learn about how the Bible is God's loving communication with each of us, the Catholic approach to interpreting Scripture and how to pray with God's word. It's not too late to join Symbolon! Contact Amy at the parish office for more information on how to be involved.

## A FRANK QUOTE

Let us remember well, however, that whenever food is thrown out it is as if food were stolen from the table of the poor, from the hungry! I ask everyone to reflect on the loss and waste of food, to identify ways and approaches which, by seriously dealing with this problem, convey solidarity and sharing with the underprivileged.

- Pope Francis



## OUR PRAYERS & MASSES

### POPE'S INTENTION FOR JULY

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

### OUR PARISH INTENTIONS

That God will protect the human family from COVID-19, particularly our parish and the people of Sydney currently in lockdown; that God will strengthen the faith of Christian communities throughout the world, especially St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs.

### RECENTLY BAPTISED

Isla Firth, Henley Frecklington.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

### ANNIVERSARIES

Sr. Margaret Bubb r.s.m, Reg Kennedy, Brian Roberts, Joan Sullivan.

### WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ruth Fitzgerald, Sharron Kassoutas, Katherine Twomey, Celestina Vardanega, Amanda Walker-Peers.

### OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Adrian Berney, Noel Bacigalupo, John Coulston, Alfina Cosentino, Chris Duff, Charlotte, Logan & Lacey Gallagher, Allan Garretty, Shelia Hegarty, Russell Hayden, Owen Hart, David Hanrahan, Mary Johnston, Santo LoFaro (Italy), Santo & Alfia LoFaro, Joe Leone, Bernie & Josie Livermore, Ian Livermore, Mario & Alfio Lizzio, Ellen, Clive & Ron Lord, Venera Maccarone, Rita and Jack Maroney, Reg, Eric & Gerard Paul, Tony, Les Quick, Vin & Dorothy Quirk, Gaetano Torrisi, Salvatore & Venera Torrisi, Harry Taylor, Mike & Erika Twomey (S.Africa), Anton & Erich Twomey (S.Africa), Mario Vardanega, John & Jean Walker, Pat Walker, Jack & Mavis Whitehouse, Nell Williams, Ian Wilson, members of the Clancy and Paul families.