

Regular Activities

Monday to Friday

Morning Prayer

8:30 - 9:00am

Tuesday

Parish Mission Prayer Meeting

10:00 - 10:30am

Parish centre conference room

Parish Council Meeting

7:00 - 9:00pm

(3rd Tuesday of the month)

Orange Pealers (Bellringers)

Practice: Tuesdays 6pm to 8pm
(visitors welcome)

Contact: Joy Fabry 6362 4862

Wednesday

17 Hour Prayer Day

1st Wednesday of the month

Choir Practice

Wednesdays 4:30 to 5:30pm (School Term only)

New members welcome

Contact Pam 63623158

**For further information on regular activities without a contact person
please call the Parish Office on 6362 1623**

Parish Office

Address: Cnr Anson Street & Byng Street, Orange

Postal Address: PO Box 174, Orange NSW 2800

Rector: Fr Mal Dunnett

Phone: 6362 1623 or 0421 684 908

Office Administrator: Mrs Louise Wythes

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Phone: 6362 1623

Email: office@holytrinityorange.org.au



Parish Office Direct Debit Banking Details

Bank: NAB, Orange

BSB: 082 774

Account Number: 391 842 618

Parish office also has EFTPOS available

Thursday

Holy Terrors

10:00am - 12:00pm

(School terms only)

Contact - Jill 0409 621 908

Friday

AWA Meeting

2:00pm

(1st Friday of the month)

Contact - Lyn 6362 4018

AWA Morning Tea

10:00am (2nd Friday of the month)

Friday Night Drinks

5:00 - 7:00 pm

(3rd Friday of the month)

Saturday

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2:00pm (Last Saturday of the month)

ALL WELCOME!



Holy Trinity Anglican Parish, Orange

Welcome to our weekly service of worship.

Sunday 10th December - Saturday 16th December 2017

This week's parish focus is New Beginnings.

Church Service Times

Sunday

Holy Communion

8:00am & 4:00pm*(3rd Sunday

Evensong with communion)

Contemporary Family Service

9:30am - In Parish Centre

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5pm(1st Sunday of the month)

Wednesday

Holy Communion

10:30am

Saturday

Night Service

5:30pm

The Kingdom of God and His Gifts- Sermon Series

Date	Passage	Theme
10th December	Psalm 85:1-2,8-13	Advent 2 Steadfast Love and Faithfulness
17th December	Psalm 126	Advent 3 Restoration
24th December	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	Advent 4 Advent Eve
25th December		Christmas Day!

Social Media

Website: www.holytrinityorange.org.au

Facebook: facebook.com/holytrinityorange

Twitter: @HolyTrinity2800



**We hope that you are refreshed by your worship
here today and invite you to stay for a cup of tea or
coffee after the service.**

Announcements

AGM & Ministry Vision - Electoral AGM Sunday 4th February 2018

Nomination forms for Office Bearers available from 26th November.

AGM - Financial - By the end of March once Audit is finished.

WANTED !!!

1) Singers for the choir

People - Prayer Ministry - Starting a chapter of prayer for the order of St. Luke the Physician in Australia. Interested parties, please contact Fr Mal or Jenny Dedoncker 63613338.

Reminder that Alpha is on this weekend from 12 noon.



Looking for a Christmas Gift?

Louis' carvings - there are 5 carved faces in wood blocks, 1 rolling pin in wood, 1 face in bone and three pendants (an owl & 2 fish) in bone. Price on request

Friday Night Drinks: We will resume on Friday 16th February 2018. Merry Christmas!

FINANCE	Offertory		Target	Last Week
	2017	Weekly	\$3,076	\$2783
		Total Income	YTD \$218,000	YTD \$223.00
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From the Rector's Desk

The Perfect Church – An excerpt from David Murrow's article on men in the church adapted to our circumstances (and the conclusion slightly changed to suit Australian circumstances)

"After years of searching I've finally found the perfect church. Let me tell you about it. Sunday services are superb. They last anywhere from 8 to 10 hours, depending on how the Spirit is moving. At least 100 people are saved at every service. Dozens more are healed of debilitating diseases, and a handful of people are raised from the dead. We add at least 3,000 new members a month. And speaking of members, everyone in our church has emptied their bank accounts and given every cent they have to the poor. Our city does not have any homeless or hungry people thanks to our congregation's on-site food pantry and homeless shelter. (Most of our members became homeless after giving their houses away — they simply bunk at the shelter). We have a prayer team that intercedes 24 hours a day for the church and for one another. They don't eat. They don't sleep. They just pray. Our priest is amazing. His personal life is exemplary. He's never been a hypocrite, prays and reads scripture 8 hours daily and personally disciples every person in our church. He's memorized the entire Bible, not only in English, but also in the original languages. He and his wife have been married for 25 years this coming year. They have 19 children. Sixteen are adopted with special needs. Our youth ministries are outstanding. Youth meetings run anywhere from 4 to 5 hours, most of it praising our blessed savior in song. The youth are raising funds for a mission trip to the Solomon Islands to preach on the streets and distribute Bibles.

Sounds like a great church, right?

As you might have guessed, this church does not exist. It's the Perfect Church we all refer to when we talk about what the Australian church should be.

We're guilty of utopian thinking, thanks largely to one small passage of scripture. It's the description of the early church in Acts 2. This passage chronicles all the good things that were happening during the very first weeks of organized Christianity:

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

We so obviously fail to measure up to the early church (as does every church in Australia). But guess what? So did the early church. Just keep reading the book of Acts – and the letters of Paul. You'll find lying. Deceit. Betrayal. Cold-heartedness. Self-centeredness. Sexual immorality. Debauchery. Pride. Legalism. In other words, the early church was just as broken as our churches are today. It was not perfect – any more than our church is perfect." So, what do we do from here? Because everyone who claims to follow Jesus falls short of the perfection he demands (Matthew 5:48, Romans 3:23)."

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