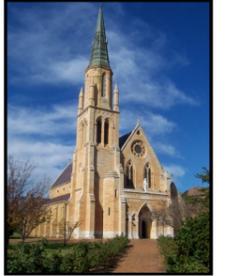


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



# Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong, Kandos / Rylstone. Diocese of Bathurst



**We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on Wiradjuri country. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.**



## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. - Year A 2nd July 2017

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 4.00pm

Staff Lunch Break

1.00pm - 2.00pm

## MASS TIMEABLE FROM SEPTEMBER

After much discussion, input and suggestions from our various parishes I have decided the best way forward for me at this point is **Option 1 (printed on last week's bulletin) - beginning Sunday 3rd September.**

It seems the suggestion of a Saturday morning Mass in either Gulgong or Kandos/Rylstone is not suitable for the majority of the people. With most parishioners in these places being senior citizens the evening Mass doesn't work with night driving and the cold in the winter. There has been some discussion about changing weekend Mass times in Mudgee, this is just not possible at this time. Mudgee requires both the Saturday and Sunday Masses as the size of the parish is much bigger than Gulgong and Kandos/Rylstone. However there will be at some point a need to have a Service in the Absence of the Priest in Mudgee on some weekends and Liturgy of the Word with Communion on weekdays.

At the moment Saturday's in Mudgee are very busy with over eighty baptisms each year occurring mainly on a Saturday and 20 marriages and every so often a funeral as well.

There are so few active priests in the diocese at this time, with no replacements for holidays etc. Other Parish changes could occur in order to facilitate the excess work load of one priest with three Parishes.

By having Mass on alternate Sunday's this will enable the priest to do a Baptism at either Kandos/Rylstone or Gulgong on that Sunday when required, and Mudgee at 1.00pm if necessary.

These times have been discussed with the Bishop and met with his approval.

We now need to train people who are able to lead the Service in the Absence of the Priest in readiness for the new Mass Roster from September.

### Timetable

**Mudgee:** Saturday Vigil 6.00pm; Sunday 9.00am

Weekday to stay the same for now.

### GULGONG and KANDOS/RYLSTONE

**This will work on alternate weeks -**

#### Week 1 - Sunday 3rd September

**Mass Kandos 11.00am Mass**

Service in the Absence of the Priest in Gulgong at 10.30am.

#### Week 2 - Sunday 10th September

**Mass Gulgong at 10.30am**

Service in the Absence of the Priest Rylstone 11.00am

#### Week 3 - Sunday 18th September

**Mass Rylstone 11.00am**

Service in the Absence of the Priest in Gulgong 10.30am

#### Week 4: Sunday 25th September

**Mass Gulgong at 10.30am**

Service in the Absence of the Priest Kandos 11.00am

When there are 5 Sunday's in the month - Mass will be at Kandos.

**Day by Day**

**Monday, 3rd July**

**Feast of St Thomas**

11.00am Funeral prayers for Suzanne Sutton Mudgee.

**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE**

**DUE TO THE WORK ON THE CHURCH.**

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

**Tuesday, 4th July**

**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE**

**DUE TO THE WORK ON THE CHURCH.**

2.00pm Gulgong Catholic Women's Group meeting, Convent. All welcome.

5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting Mudgee

**Wednesday, 5th July**

9.00am Mass - Parish Centre

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

**Thursday, 6th July**

9.10 am Mass Parish Centre

10:30am: St Mary's & St Matthews Playgroup

**Friday, 7th July**

10.30am Mass Opal Nursing Home

11:45pm: Rosary in the Parish Centre Mudgee

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

**12:30pm Mass - Parish Centre**

**Saturday, 8th July**

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Sunday, 9th July - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Baptism Mudgee

9:00am Mass Mudgee

9.30am Rosary Rylstone

10:00am: Mass Rylstone

**Next Weekend Readings:**  
Zechariah 9:9-10  
Romans 8:9,11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY**

**Lapsed Christians.**

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

'BE NOT AFRAID OF GOING SLOWLY, BE AFRAID ONLY OF STANDING STILL'.

**Liturgy Roster: 8th/9th July**

<b>Commentator</b>	G.Robinson	A.Flynn
<b>Readers</b>	K.Fitzsimmons C.Bourke	M.Maddalena A.Littler
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	P.Dick E.Day M.Melinz	S. & S. Bennett Kevin Scott
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	C.Page B.Krzysik	J.Potts HELP NEEDED
<b>Organist</b>	E.Cooper	R.Newman
<b>Welcomers</b>	C.Page B.Krzysik	J.POTTS HELP NEEDED
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jack, Jade & Jessica Newman D.Day	A.Littler H.Briggs M.Halpin K.Hauville
<b>Counters</b>	M.Walker 3/7	D.Bennett 10/7

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>9th July 2017</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>9th July 2017</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	P.Hudson		
<b>Reader</b>	P.Leotta	<b>Readers</b>	M.Chadwick H.Roberts
<b>Offertory</b>	R.Ellery Family	<b>Intercessions</b>	A.Krusvar
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	R.Saliba M.Carney	<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	Sr Kath
<b>Sacristan</b>	M & E Ellery	<b>Sacristan</b>	T.Ryan K.Morrissey

**Masses and prayers requested for the following:**

**We pray for the recently deceased especially**

Neville Box, Suzanne Sutton, Noel (Max) Stapleton (Kandos), Stuart Ogg (Syd), Paul Weatherly, Br Brendan Tanner cm (Bathurst) and Doreen Beath.

A prayer service was held in Mudgee on Friday for the late Neville Box. Please pray for his family. Requiem Mass was celebrated for Brother Brendan Tanner, CM at St Stanislaus College Bathurst last week.

**We remember the anniversaries of** Bev Lawson, Gerard Begley, Giuseppina Spina and Mary Gillham.

**We also pray for** Patricia McGregor, Olive and James Milton, Ivy Sproule, Bradley Quinn,

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Gwen Ausburn, Carmel Van Straalen,, Melinda Drew, Andrew McPhee, Tom Sheridan, Carissa Gleeson, Jason Seis, Dorothy Davidson, Annie Weiss, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins, Rosa Maria Santos and the residents of all the nursing homes. Special Intentions.



The support of people who attended the Youth Mass and post Confirmation celebration.

**Gulgong News**

**Goolma Mass** - Saturday 29th July at 9.30am Mass will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier, Goolma.

**Goolma parishioner meeting after Mass to discuss the future of Goolma Church.**

**Gulgong Convent and Presbytery:**

Fr Antony will be departing the parish in September, leaving the presbytery vacant. The empty presbytery could be used for Parish meetings and functions. Any suggestions for the future use of the Convent would be considered even selling it. The convent is a large costly building to maintain on the Parish income.

**St Vincent de Paul** thank you for your generous cash donations to the Winter Appeal and also for donations of blankets and warm clothing.

Donations of blankets and serviceable warm clothes you no longer need are always appreciated to during the cold winter months.



**THE WORLD**  
TELLS US TO SEEK  
SUCCESS, POWER  
AND MONEY  
**GOD**  
TELLS US TO SEEK  
**HUMILITY**  
**SERVICE**  
AND **LOVE.**

**PLANNED GIVING**

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR NEW SETS OF ENVELOPES THIS WEEKEND.**

A financial statement for each of the parishes will be printed and distributed in the next two weeks, once the end of year accounts and contributions are cleared.

**We will not be printing Planned Giving Statements this year** as they are not able to be claimed as a tax deduction. However, should you wish to have a copy we are most willing to print this for you. Please contact the parish office and it will be attended to and sent out the following week.

If you have not filled out a new card for the 2017-18 financial year we would be grateful if you would attend to this at your earliest convenience. This allows us to have some idea of a budget for the year.



**Catholic Observer**

is available this weekend. Please take home a **FREE** copy for your family. It has lots of interesting diocesan articles. \* The front page artwork is by Steve Todd a former

teacher at St Matthews School. Read his story.

**Men ALIVE**

**MEN'S WEEKEND**

5TH-6TH AUGUST

ST LAURENCE'S SCHOOL HALL  
DUBBO

**WHEN WAS THE  
LAST TIME YOU FELT REALLY ALIVE?  
REDISCOVER GOD'S PRESENCE AND  
PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE.**

RSVP: by Friday 21st July, 2017

Online registration:

[www.menalivedubbo.org](http://www.menalivedubbo.org) or collect a copy from the Parish Office.

**Mudgee News**

**PLEASE NOTE: MASS DURING WEEK WILL CONTINUE TO BE CELEBRATED IN THE PARISH CENTRE FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS.** We ask for your patience while the repairs are taking place on the church.

**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.** An initiative of the Pastoral Council is to reintroduce the RCIA Program in the parish. Currently we are seeking interested parishioners to be part of the RCIA team (leaders). The commitment is for a twelve month period - if there are people seeking to become Catholic the sessions/instruction will be each week until Easter 2018. It is also a great opportunity for anyone wishing to enhance their own faith journey. If you are interested in being part of the team please contact the Parish Office 63722122.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**18th July, 7pm** - Parish Finance Meeting.

**25th July** First Holy Communion parent session 1 Mudgee at 1.30pm and 7.00pm in the parishcentre

29th July at 6.00pm /30th July at 9.00am First Holy Communion Commitment Mass Mudgee

**29th July** - 9.30am Goolma Mass.



**Advance Notice: Australian Catholic Youth Festival 7 - 9 December 2017.**

For further information contact Daniel Salamoni via email

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or checkout the website

[www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au)

**REPORTING CONCERNS/ISSUES IN THE PARISH:** If you have concerns/issues that need to be addressed please contact the Pastoral Council President, Mrs Julie Keipert via email: [centaur3@bigpond.com](mailto:centaur3@bigpond.com) or phone the parish office and the staff will relay your message to the Council.

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**FIRST READING: Kings 4:8-11, 14-16**

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever. **(R)**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R)**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R)**

**SECOND READING: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10: 37-42**

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes*

**IN FOCUS - REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD**  
**Hospitality**

One of the nicest things in life is to meet an open, friendly, warm, hospitable person. Hospitality is a hallmark of a true follower of Christ.

At long last winter ended and spring came. All along the street the people rejoiced. They drew back their curtains and opened up their windows. Fresh air, sunlight, and warmth poured into their homes. 'Thank God for spring! Thank God for the sunshine!' they exclaimed.

Just then a beggar appeared at the end of the street. He was quickly spotted through the open windows. One by one, down the length of the street, the windows were quickly closed, the curtains silently drawn, and locks put back on the doors. The beggar knocked on every door on the street, but no one opened to him.

Forlornly, he left the street and headed for somewhere else. No sooner had he disappeared than the curtains were pulled back again, and the windows and doors opened up once more. And again the sunshine and fresh air poured in, and all the people rejoiced.

Strange how our homes are always open to receive God's sunshine and fresh air, but not always open to receive a child of God, especially when he comes in poverty.

Christ urges us to be hospitable. Nowadays hospitality is a very different matter from what it was in the old days when nobody locked their doors. Sadly, those days are gone. Today is the day of locks, bolts, chains, peep holes, alarm systems, dogs ... Yet today there is more need than ever for hospitality and friendliness. In the world today there is a lot of loneliness and there are lots of strangers, aliens, and displaced people.

Hospitality to a friend is no big deal. There is no risk involved, and there is every likelihood that the favour will be returned. But hospitality to a stranger is a great thing. You don't owe anything to a stranger, and there is a risk involved.

But Christ calls us to welcome the stranger in our midst. To be hospitable does not mean making them like us. It means accepting them as they are. This enables them to shed their strangeness, and become members of the community.

If Christians get into ghettos where they secure themselves and their property against those they consider as socially inferior to them, what hope is there for the world? Christ calls us to reach out. And the rewards are enormous. He said that even a trivial act of kindness, like giving a cup of cold water, would not go unrewarded. But there are earthly rewards too, and very great ones – the growth of understanding, friendliness, and cooperation, things our neighbourhoods are crying out for.

Hospitality is not so much about open doors as about open hearts. There is a risk in having an open heart. One can get hurt. But to open one's heart is to begin to live. To close it is to begin to die.

*From the PP's desk .....*



Please refer to the Mass timetable printed on the front of the bulletin this week. We all need to contribute to help us manage the three parishes.

There was a personal donation of \$1000 from a parishioner last week. Our thanks to you.

Last weekend we had a visiting priest Fr Youssef Elias and parishioners from the Maronite parish at Mt Druitt who celebrated Mass in our church. We thank them for their donation of \$320.

Gulgong parishioners celebrated Mass last Sunday without lights and heating due to work on the power lines. Thank you for your patience.

We all the staff and students from our schools a happy and safe holiday. I will be away in August, Fr Antony will be here on his own during this time.

*Fr Tony*