



*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.



**Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B**

**Sunday, 18th March 2018**

**Parish Priest**

Fr Owen Gibbons

**Seminarian**

Mr Nam Le

**Deacon** Charles Applin (Kandos)

**Parish Secretaries**

Mrs Patti Kiddle

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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



**First Reading:**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

**Responsorial Psalm - Ps 50**

**R: Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **Res.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **Res.**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **Res.**

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**Second Reading:**

**Hebrews 5:7-9**

*He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

If you serve me, follow me says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel Reading: John 12: 20-30**

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

**Memorial Acclamation**

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free.

**Commitment and Enrolment for First Holy Communion response:**

**All:** I promise to support these children in preparing to receive the Lord for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist and we will keep you in our prayers.

**Palm Sunday & Easter Liturgies -**

Please place your name on the white board at the back of the church if you are available for any of these ministries.

**Please wear RED on Palm Sunday.**



The Parishioners of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos/Rylstone wish to express their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Patti Kiddle and family at the sad loss of David. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

**Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th March 2018**

**DAY BY DAY**

**Monday, 19th March**

NO SERVICE

4.00pm Rosary (63721115)

5.45pm Mass of the Holy Oils - Cathedral Bathurst

**Tuesday, 20th March**

9:00am: Liturgy of the Word with Communion

9.30am Mudgee Lenten Group Parish Centre

**Wednesday, 21st March**

10.00am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

11.00am Lenten Group in the Kandos Hall

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass - Mudgee

**Thursday, 22nd March**

9.10am Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr 1&2

10.30am St Mary's Playgroup - Contact Office

**Friday, 23rd March**

11.45am Rosary in the Church

12.30pm Mass Mudgee - Anointing of the sick and elderly. SMCS Yr 3 attending

**Saturday, 24th March**

Baptism Mudgee

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee (Blessing of the Palms),  
Enrolment for First Holy Communion

**Sunday, 25th March**

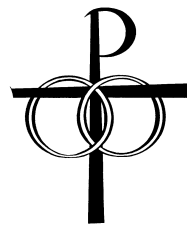
**PALM SUNDAY**

9.00am Ecumenical Service for the blessing of Palms followed by Mass, Enrolment for First Holy Communion - Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Kandos - Communion Service in the Absence of a Priest.

11.30am Baptism - Gulgong



Congratulations to **Brendon Patrick Foran** and **Gillian Elisabeth Bennett** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend in St Mary's.

**The Pope's Prayer intention for March -  
Formation in Spiritual Discernment**

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

<b>Commentator</b>	M. Melinz	Susie Bennett
<b>Readers</b>	P. Robinson S. Walker	
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	E. Biddle J. Vros *	M. Dunnachie S. Bennett P. O'Brien
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	D. Bennett C. Carberry	Disher Family
<b>Organist</b>	E. Cooper	R.Newman
<b>Welcomers</b>	C. Carberry K. Isbester	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	D. Day S. Hawes C. Wilson	A. Disher B. Hanrahan O. Portelli H. Portelli
<b>Counters</b>	L. Nicholson 19/3	G&S Robinson 26/3

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>25th March 2018</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>25th March 2018</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	P. Leotta	<b>Leader</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	P. Hudson	<b>Readers</b>	L. McPherson M. Chadwick
<b>Offertory</b>	R. Ellery Family	<b>Intercessions</b>	K. Gade
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	M.Carney E. Holland	<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	Sr Kath
<b>Sacristan</b>	R. Saliba H. Seymour	<b>Sacristan</b>	Sr kath T. Doorey



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

***We pray for the recently deceased especially***

David Kiddle, James Ryan, Patricia Cross (UK),

**We remember the anniversaries of** Patrick Born (Rockhampton), Jose Gomez, Balcina Alsua Alsieva, Emilio Anson, Michele Dolan, Brian Power, Pat Milton.

**We also pray for** Nancy Caughey, Ray Power and Aniela Peterek (Poland)

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Darren Tuxford, Rosemary Mitchell (QLD), Ursula Smiezek, Jasmine Prada, Jan Kirkman, Gwen Ausburn, Tony Gillham, Melinda Drew, Andrew McPhee, Tom Sheridan, Carissa Gleeson, Jason Seis, Dorothy Davidson, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins, Rosa Maria Santos and the residents of all the nursing homes and all souls.

## First Holy Communion - Mudgee will be celebrated



### First Communion

on Saturday 2nd June/Sunday 3rd June 2018.

**Commitment/Enrolment** will be this weekend 17th & 18th March and next weekend 24th & 25th March.

## Kandos News

**Lenten discussion group** meets for the final session this coming Wednesday at 11.00am in the Small Hall at Kandos.

**Anointing Mass** Wednesday, 28th March at 11.00am in St Dominic's, Kandos followed by lunch. To assist with catering please give names to Carol Morrissey or Sr Kath if you are attending. Cost will be \$5.00 per person. All welcome.

## Mudgee News

**Conversations About Catholics** - 4 sessions of conversations about many aspects of the Catholic faith, tradition and rituals. **Next meeting 22nd March 2018 at 9.15am in St Mary's Parish Centre.**

### From the Liturgy Group:

\* Our Liturgy Ministry Roster has gaps because of people's changed circumstances. If you have participated in a ministry in the past, or you would like to take on a ministry, please let us know. Training and commissioning will be available so that you can be included on the roster.

\* For those who are Special Ministers of the Eucharist and have not had the opportunity to participate in the training and the commissioning at the last part of 2017, it will be important that you are able to complete this before Holy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact the Parish Office to acknowledge your commitment to this ministry.

### LENTEN GROUP - Mudgee

A Lenten group is held each Tuesday morning in the Parish Centre after 9.00am Mass/Service.

## Gulgong News

On Sunday, 25th March Vinnies will be providing a basket at the back of the Church for donations of **non** perishable goods. This will go to help people in the local community.

Monday, 26th March **Anointing Mass** for the sick & elderly at 12 noon.

*Lent comes providentially to reawaken us,  
to shake us from our lethargy.*

**Pope Francis**

### ADVANCE NOTICE - GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Franciscan Friars have been caring for the churches and shrines of the Holy Land as part of their everyday pastoral ministry for centuries. The Eastern Churches share this concern and stand in solidarity with Christians of the Holy Land and those through the Middle East.

But it is not just churches and holy places that make up the Holy Land. The presence of Jesus can be strongly felt in the local Christian community who make up less than two per cent of the population. For them, survival as a minority in the midst of people of other faiths is not easy, especially because of ongoing political and religious conflict. The situation impresses on us all that there is an absolute and urgent need to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Despite their countless difficulties, these Christians offer day by day, and in silence, an authentic witness to the Gospel.

They need the support of their fellow Christians in other parts of the world. Please pray for them on Good Friday and, where possible, assist them by giving generously to the Good Friday Collection. Your support of the Good Friday Collection can be a meaningful sign of the spiritual link which unites all Christians to Jerusalem and to the Land of Jesus.

## Shalom Long Lunch

*Aboriginal Spirituality in the Catholic Church*

*On Sunday 8 April at 12:00pm - 3:00pm*

at Shalom House of Prayer 7 Collins St, CARCOAR

*Speaker Auntie Elsie*

A WOMAN of ACTION... DEEP FAITH... STRONG IDENTITY

Elsie Heiss was born into the Wiradjuri Nation and spent most of her early days in Cowra and Griffith in NSW. Her talk will focus on, Aboriginal Spirituality in the Catholic Church - giving an overview of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and exploring culture, healing and reconciliation.

To Book for the Lunch please phone: 02 63673058  
or email: [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com)

**Suggested Donation: Lunch \$40 per person (3 courses)**



*The Catholic agency for international aid and development.*

Please collect a pack or box from the back of the Church today. The funds raised will support communities throughout the world.

#### **Week 5 Mozambique**

Ditosha in Mozambique is cared for by her grandmother, after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, aged 12, thanks to Caritas Australia's support, Ditosha has now graduated from school, with plans for university.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosha to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a just future.**

**LENTEN REFLECTION** The hour is near. The climax of Jesus' work is fast approaching. The price to be paid is such that Jesus will pray "aloud and in silent tears to the one who had the power to save him out of death". In the end it becomes clear - the grain of wheat must be buried in the ground and die before it can yield a harvest of life. The way ahead is the way of the cross. It is the way Jesus has trod before us, so we know it to be the path of life. The time has come for us to make our choice. Are we so in love with the life we know that we run the risk of losing it, or dare we let go of who we are and what we have in order to find life to the full?

### **EASTER MASS SERVICES**

#### **MUDGEE**

##### **FRIDAY, 23rd March**

**12:30pm:** Mass - Anointing of the sick & elderly

##### **SATURDAY, 24th March**

**6:00pm:** Vigil Mass

(Blessing of the Palms)

##### **PALM SUNDAY, 25th March**

**9:00am:** Ecumenical Service at St Mary's

##### **MONDAY, 26th March**

**9:00am:** Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**7:00pm:** Second Rite of Reconciliation

##### **HOLY THURSDAY, 29th March**

**6:00pm:** Mass of the Last Supper

##### **GOOD FRIDAY, 30th March**

**11:00am:** Stations of the Cross

**3:00pm:** Liturgy of the Passion

##### **HOLY SATURDAY, 31st March**

**6:00pm:** Easter Vigil Mass

##### **EASTER SUNDAY, 1st April**

**7:30am:** Mass

**9:00am:** Mass

**10:30AM:** MASS

#### **GULGONG**

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**10:30am** Mass

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#### **KANDOS/RYLSTONE**

##### **PALM SUNDAY, 25th March**

**10:00AM:** Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
Kandos

##### **WEDNESDAY, 28th March**

**10.30am** Reconciliation

**11:00am** Mass- Anointing of the sick & elderly  
Kandos followed by lunch.

##### **HOLY THURSDAY, 29th March**

**6:00pm:** Mass of the Last Supper - Rylstone

##### **GOOD FRIDAY, 30th March**

**10:00am:** ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
(COMMENCING AT ST. MALACHY'S, RYLSTONE)

##### **EASTER SUNDAY, 1st April**

**9:30am** Mass Kandos

#### **Readings for Next Weekend:**

**Gospel: John 12:12-16 Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 21 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14: 1-15:47**



**Rural School of Faith**

The Rural School of Faith Leadership seeks to provide rural women with the chance, to develop their leadership skills for ministry in their local communities. The rural School will focus on:

... Finding  
God's  
presence  
in

**Results of National Church Life Survey** are now available. Details available on website, [www.2017ncls.org.au](http://www.2017ncls.org.au)  
Mudgee Parish profile no: NG8EV7.

**NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE  
DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL  
1 REPRESENTATIVE MUDGE  
2 REPRESENTATIVES KANDOS/RYLSTONE**

Parishioners are invited to propose suitable people who would be interested in representing the parish on the Diocesan Council to the parish priest, Fr Owen Gibbons.



**MUDGE PARISH: 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.

***DATES FOR THE DIARY***  
**10th September 10.30am** Gulgong  
First Holy Communion.  
**9th Sept.6pm Vigil Mass /10th Sept.**  
**9.00am Mass** Mudgee First Holy  
Communion.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE HEATERS IN THE CENTRE ISLES AS THEY ARE VERY HOT.  
PLEASE BE PARTICULARLY AWARE IF YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN.