



The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of
St Mary's Mudgee, St John the Baptist Gulgong,
St Dominic's Kandos/ St Malachy's Rylstone.



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.



Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time - Yr B

17th June 2018

Parish Priest

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Monday

10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

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First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91. R.cf. v.2

**Lord, it is good to
give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most
High, to proclaim your love in the
morning and your truth in the
watches of the night. **R.**

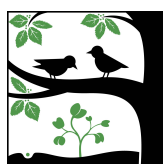
The just will flourish like the palm-
tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
R.

Planted in the house of the Lord they
will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green, to proclaim
that the Lord is just. In him, my rock,
there is no wrong. **R.**

Second Reading:

Corinthians 5:6-10

*Whether we are living in
the body or exiled from it,
we are intent on pleasing the
Lord.*



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the
word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for
ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

*The mustard seed, the smallest of
all the seeds, grows into the
biggest shrub of all.*

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and
drink this Cup, we proclaim
your Death, O Lord, until we
meet again.

**We welcome our
First Holy Communion
candidates for their post
celebration and to our
Youth who are joining us
this Sunday to lead the
Mass. We welcome all to
join us for morning tea
after Mass.**



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of
7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus
pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful
harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another
parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a
future without hunger, without servitude to
rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true
liberation (such as Mary sang of in the
Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know when this
new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of
God, will come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be
patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something
will happen out of all proportion to your part in
the process, just like the disproportion of the
mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he
exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of
stony ground to raise up the Gospel Seed who is
Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown
which, at its best, leads to a fair and just
distribution of the world's resources, as Pope
Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of
our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage
to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an
opportunity presents itself, and the patience to
await the germinating power of the Resurrection
to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples
'can shelter in its shade'.

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**PARENTS: PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE HEATERS IN THE CENTRE ISLES OF
ST MARY'S CHURCH AS THEY ARE VERY HOT.**

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 18th June

NO SERVICE

Tuesday, 19th June

9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

3.30pm Youth Group activity - Parish Centre

Wednesday, 20th June

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

Gulgong First Holy Communion Retreat Day

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass Mudgee

Thursday, 21st June

8.50am Morning Prayer

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Stage 2

Friday, 22nd June

11.45am Rosary - Church

12-12.15 Reconciliation

**12.20pm Mass - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME
(SMCS Secondary Mass Yr 7-10)**

Saturday, 23rd June

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 24th June

The Nativity of Saint John Baptist

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong - First Holy Communion

11.00am Kandos Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest.

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th June 2018

Commentator	D.Cunningham	Susie Bennett
Readers	B.Carrigan J.Unsworth	R.Disher HELP NEEDED
Special Ministers of Communion	I.Byrne HELP NEEDED	Simon Bennett K.Scott *
Offertory Procession	D.Bennett C.Carberry	Disher Family
Welcomers	K.Wall G.Roberts	G.McDermott M.Dunnachie
Altar Servers	J.Wilkinson S.Hawes C.Wilson	A.Disher B.Hanrahan O & H Portelli
Counters	J.Potts 18/6	J.Cavanagh 25/6

Gulgong Liturgy Roster Leader	24th June 2018 J.Thatcher	Kandos Liturgy Roster	24th June 2018
Commentator	P.Lenard		
Reader	E.Donnelly	Readers	P. O'Connor K.Gade
Offertory	M & E Carney	Intercessions	Sr Kath
Special Minister of Communion	C.Holland M.Carney	Special Minister of Communion	K.Morrissey
Sacristan	R.Saliba H.Seymour	Sacristan	H.Roberts

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Robert Reen, Michael Lee (Turramurra), Carmela Megna (Italy) Tom Deasy, Gerard Hundy(Toukley formerly Kandos), Bill Hensley.

We remember the anniversaries of Fr Maurice Goldspink, Agnes Robinson, Tobias McLean and Gerard Begley.

We also pray for Clem Robinson, Fairy & Ervine McDermott, Edna Catherine Power.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Fr Tim Cahill, Sr Monica Sparks, Alma Ristau, Liam Potts, Darren Tuxford, Rosemary Mitchell (QLD), Ursula Smiezek, Jasmine Prada, Jan Kirkman, Dennis Donnelly, 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.

For those seeking SPECIAL INTENTIONS.

Pope's prayer Intention for June

Universal – Social Networks

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.



We welcome in Baptism this weekend
Jordie Keith Flood son of Ian and Julie.

Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith.



PLANNED GIVING:

New sets of envelopes are available for collection this weekend. Please collect them to save the parish the cost of postage.

It is important that you fill out a new card even if you are already contributing which keeps our records updated. Cards can also be filled out at the Parish Office.

GULGONG NEWS:

First Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday. All welcome to join the candidates and their families for morning tea after Mass.

GCWG Results -

Raffle: 1st E.Donnelly

100 Club: **1st:** J.Gudgeon, **2nd:** P.Lenard, **3rd:** A. Wright.

A sincere thank you to everyone who supported the stall last weekend.

GCWG Social Morning Tea Thursday 21st June at 10.30am, Mayne Street Cafe. \$12 pp RSVP by Tuesday 19th June. List at the back of the church or by phone to Phil (M) 0447741256 or Janet 63741508

ROSTER: The current Roster finishes on July 15. Some people have asked to be removed from the Roster. There is a blank sheet on the table at the back of the Church for people to volunteer or re-volunteer for the various ministries for our Sunday worship. Please place your name in the appropriate column or columns if you wish to be included in the new Roster. The sheet will be left in the Church until July 8.

CENSUS: To update Parish records, Parishioners are asked to fill in current contact details on the blank sheet on the table at the back of the Church.



Because of Her, We can!
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 1 July 2018

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday - 1st July 2018

NATSI Sunday will be celebrated throughout the diocese on 1st July. We are encouraging people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait descent to be involved in the Mass on this day with students and parishioners. If you would like to participate please contact the Parish Office.

Mudgee Parish News

MENS BREAKFAST

Thursday 5th July at 7.30am the Pastoral Council will host our first 'Men's Breakfast'. Please see details on the back of the bulletin.

CONFIRMATION

will be celebrated in Mudgee on the weekend of 15th/16th September. If you have children in the Government schools in Yr 6 who have received First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion please call at the Parish office to register your child.

The first of two parent information sessions is Thursday 2nd August. It is important for families to remember when choosing a sponsor for your child they must be a Confirmed Catholic.

St Mary's Pastoral Council next meeting Wednesday 27th June at 5.30pm.



PROCLAIM 2018 *Make your home in me...John 15:4*

Registrations are now open to attend this important Conference focused on parish renewal and transformation. Proclaim 2018 will engage parishes and faith communities in an ongoing conversation about: Leadership and culture change; engaging young people; belonging; parish renewal and evangelisation.

Date: 12-14 July 2018.

Cost: Adult \$275 Student/Pensioner \$220.

Where: Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre, St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

For more information and to register:

www.proclaimconference.com.au

Email: eb@bne.catholic.net.au

Phone: (07) 33243440

World Youth Day 2019 - Panama

Bishop Michael is inviting our young people to join him for WYD in Panama.

The diocese will be leading a group of young people over 18yrs for an 18 day pilgrimage from 14th January - 1st February 2019. The pilgrimage will include an immersion experience in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, followed by World Youth Day week in Panama. The approximate cost is \$5199. For further information see the diocesan website at www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

He who kneels
before God can
stand before
anyone.



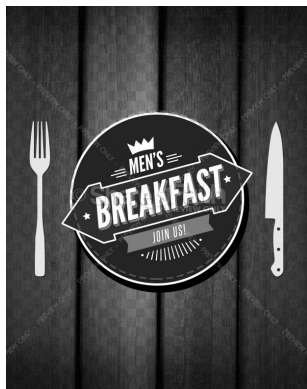
My bed is a special place
where
I suddenly remember
everything
I FORGOT
to do.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Isaiah 49: 1-6 Psalm 138 R.V.14 Apostles 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66,80

St Mary's Pastoral Council:

At the recent Planning meeting of Parish Council a number of new ideas were highlighted to build friendship in our church community over the next 12 months.



Members of Parish Council are hosting a Men's Breakfast on Thursday 5 July, 7.30am in the Parish Centre.

All men are cordially invited to come along.

There is a small cost of \$5pp.

RSVP by 2 July to Peter Wakeling 0478227019 or Julie Keipert 63732264 /0427732264

ADVANCE NOTICE

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2018 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commencing in Melbourne, 23rd October, travel through Victoria and South Australia, conclude in Sydney, 3rd November 2018.

Cost ex Sydney: \$3,230.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals)
Single Supplement: \$700.00

For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417683123 or Sr Annie Bond (02) 89124818 or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Plenary Council 2020

The Catholic Church in Australia has officially launched the Plenary Council 2020. Pope Francis has given his support and blessing which has enabled the commencement of a three-year conversation about the future shape of the Church and its mission.

Launched on the feast of Pentecost, 20th May, the plenary council will culminate in gatherings in 2020 and 2021 to consider the Church's governance, laws and practice.

The Plenary Council 2020 begins now with a year of listening and dialogue.

Do learn more go to: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.



IN FOCUS-

Listening to Trees

How can we picture God's kingdom? What kind of story can we use? It's like a pine nut. When it lands on the ground it is quite small as seeds go, yet once it is planted it grows into a huge pine tree with thick branches. Birds nest in it.

If you wanted to reduce the teachings of Jesus to a single theme, you might not do better than to focus on the kingdom of God. "The kingdom" isn't a fairytale place of castles and royal courts. The reign of God, as some translators phrase it, is a matter of allegiance more than geography. We don't move to "kingdom come" when we die. We reside there in the here and now if we choose God's way over our way in every decision.

Jesus compares the kingdom to a tiny seed hidden in the ground: small, obscure, seemingly without relationship to anything but its secret self. But kingdom seed will emerge to become its own universe of roots and branches, connecting earth and sky and all of life together. What seemed irrelevant becomes paramount. What was unseen emerges as dominant against the horizon. Is it so impossible to imagine that one day, everything we can hold in our hands will become worthless? And that invisible things like truth, goodness, faith, love, hope and justice will become the only things that matter?



With many stories like these, he presented his message to them, fitting the stories to their experience and maturity. He was never without a story when he spoke. When he was alone with his disciples, he went over everything, sorting out the tangles, untying the knots.

How do you invest in the kingdom today?

What seeds are you sowing now for the harvest to come?

Pay attention to trees, shrubs, flowering things. They grow to meet their absolute potential with single ingredients like water, air, and sunshine. What do you need to do the same?

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NOTE FOR ALL

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Due to renewed Diocesan policy all Ministers to the Sick to the nursing homes and private homes must be registered with the Parish Office. We are updating our files so please contact the Parish Office.

We also require the names of all parishioners to whom you are taking Communion.

PLEASE NOTE: You must sign the book available in the Reconciliation room before you leave to go to the Nursing Home/private homes. This is a Diocesan regulation.

Thank you for your cooperation.

■ *Kandos Planned Giving Sunday:*

This Sunday you are invited to review and update your Planned Giving pledge for the new financial year 2018-2019. There is the option of envelopes or if you wish to save the parish money, credit card facilities are available. Please see the back of the gifting card for details.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU FILL OUT A NEW GIFTING CARD EVEN IF YOU ARE ALREADY CONTRIBUTING.

If you are wanting more detail please see the financial statements available at the back of the church explaining the basic costs for your parish.

Everyone understands the increasing costs of electricity, insurance, salaries and basic necessities of running the parish and our need to meet those costs.

We are most grateful to everyone who has financially supported the parish in the past year and over many previous years. If you are not contributing we ask that you please consider making a small contribution.

We invite all parishioners in the parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos to please fill out a new card even if you are already giving to the program.

Hospital Visitation - Anyone who has a loved one in the Hospital and would like Fr Owen to visit please contact the Parish Office. Please be aware that due to privacy laws he is unable to visit hospital patients unless requested by the family .

22nd of April - The covenant of love lived by the Holy Family of Nazareth illuminates the principle which gives shape to every family, and enables it better to face the trials of life. On this basis, every family despite its weaknesses can become a light for the world.

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***“TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU AND
DRINK FROM IT’***

We have introduced the opportunity to receive Holy Communion as the Body of Christ and the Precious Blood from the Chalice for those who wish to, as a further expression of Jesus’ words ‘Take and eat, Take and drink.’

Please take care to consume the Sacred Host before moving to receive from the Chalice.

Currently the regulations covering the reception of Holy Communion do not allow for the dipping of the Host into the Chalice and then consuming it. Once the Sacred Host is placed in the hand it is to be consumed, then move to drink from the Chalice.

Some of the situations that may arise from not following this process:

- * Dropping Precious Blood on floor or clothes.*
- * Sweat and germs from hand into chalice.*
- * Particles of wheat from the Sacred Host in the Precious Blood affecting those who are Gluten free and are only able to receive Communion from the Chalice.*

Some people may believe that ‘dipping the host’ is a more hygienic way of receiving the precious blood than drinking from the Chalice. In fact, more germs are probably spread by communicants dipping bread that they have handled into the cup from which others will drink. The practice also introduces particles of wheat into the consecrated wine, endangering those coeliacs who cannot tolerate any gluten and who can receive the Body and Blood of Christ only from the cup.

**** The Sacred Host will be distributed by the two ministers at the centre isle.***

- * If you would like to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice after receiving the Sacred Host, then you would proceed to the ministers holding the chalice at either side of the Sanctuary.*

If you choose not to receive the Precious Blood simply return to your seat as usual.