

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.



Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - 22nd July 2018

Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

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Monday

10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

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First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading: Ephesians

2:13-18

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

Memorial Acclamation

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



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Dear Friends in Christ,

We are all aware of the current drought conditions across our Diocese and their effect on our lives: for some of us more directly than others.

As people of faith, we are already praying for rain and for everyone whose lives and livelihood depend on this blessing. On **Sunday 29th July**, let us be united across the Diocese of Bathurst in a Day of Prayer for those intentions.

Our prayers acknowledge our dependence on God our Creator for all things. In praying for one another, we are motivated and guided to works of practical support.

Yours in Christ,

+Michael McKenna

Bishop of Bathurst

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 23rd July

NO SERVICE

Tuesday, 24th July

9.00am Mass Mudgee

Wednesday, 25th July

Feast of St James

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass Mudgee

5.30pm Pastoral Council meeting.

Thursday, 26th July

Sts Joachim and Anne

8.50am Morning Prayer

9.10am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong - AH K/1 Grandparents Day

Friday, 27th July

11.45am Rosary - Church

12-12.15 Reconciliation

12.20pm Mass Mudgee - SMCS Senior years

***Please note change of Mass time.**

Saturday, 28th July

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 29th July

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest.

11.00am Mass Kandos

Saturday 28th July & Sunday 29th July 2018

Commentator	M.Melinz	M.Matthews
Readers	P.Robinson *	J.Keipert M.Dunnachie
Special Ministers of Communion	E.Biddle L.Nicholson *	R. Gawthorne G. Hennessy *
Offertory Procession	D.Bennett C.Carberry	M.Dunnachie G.McDermott
Welcomers	C.Carberry K.Isbester	Mr S. Walker
Altar Servers	A.Duncan H.Vo F. & E.English	J.Nipperess E.Bourke P.todd S.Marchant
Counters	M.Walker 23/7	D. Bennett 30/7

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	29th July 2018	Kandos Liturgy Roster	29th July 2018
Leader	Des Kelly		
Commentator	R. Saliba	Readers	K.Morrissey L.McPherson
Reader	P. Leotta	Intercessions	T.Doorey
Offertory	M&R Morrissey	Special Minister of Communion	A.Krusvar L.McPherson
Special Minister of Communion	C.Holland M Carney	Sacristan	
Sacristan	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn		

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Christopher Maw, Kenneth Doorey, Philip Kearins, Alison Thompson.

We remember the anniversaries of Sr Lucia Carroll RSM, Lillian Munro, Christopher Hibberd, Catherine O'Meara, Marie Adams, Rita Kurtz.

We also pray for Colleen Geraghty, Betty Gibbons (Oberon).

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Bill Yates, Sid Isbester, Fr Tim Cahill, Sr Monica Sparks, Alma Ristau, Liam Potts, Darren Tuxford, Rosemary Mitchell (QLD), Ursula Smiezek, Jasmine Prada, 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 Intention for July

- Evangelization – Priests and their Pastoral Ministry.
- That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.



We welcome in Baptism this weekend at St John The Baptist, Gulgong:
Jayce Taylor O'Neill son of Christopher and Melissa.



Congratulations to Mitchell William Green and Jessica Lee White who celebrated the sacrament of marriage in St Mary's this weekend.

Position Vacant

**Assistant Parish Secretary
St Mary's Parish, Mudgee
Part-Time 12 hours per week**

Due to changes in staff we require a new staff member.

We are looking for an Assistant Parish Secretary to perform a variety of administrative and clerical duties. This also includes providing support to our Priests, Staff, Volunteers and Parishioners.

For a copy of the job description please email

office.mudgee@cdo.org.au

Applications close

Monday 6th August, 2018

Please include Resume and 2 References in the Covering Letter which addresses the Major Accountabilities.

Kandos News

Recognising the Good Samaritan Sisters: On Sunday 5th August after the 11.00am Mass a plaque is to be placed in the Kandos Church to commemorate the Good Samaritan Sisters who were part of the Kandos parish for many years. It is expected that there will be some Sisters visiting that day. A parish lunch will follow the Mass. **Those who wish to attend the lunch please contact Maureen Forbes or Sr Kath by 23rd July to assist with planning.**

GULGONG NEWS:

ROSTER: The new Liturgy Roster is on the table at the back of the Church. If you have nominated for any of the Ministries, please take a copy.

**Gulgong Catholic Women's Group
PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST.**

MAX POTENTIAL

Hello my name is Jack Newman and I am part of the 2018 Max Potential program. For my community service project I am helping out people who find it hard to do small jobs around their yard such as taking out and bringing in the bins or basic gardening. If you are interested please

Call me on: 0427 566 156

Or email me on: jacknewman02@gmail.com

Mudgee Parish News

Women Creating Community is a small group of women who meet to make hand creams and gift baskets for people in the parish. The gift packs are used for new mums who present at the baptism preparation, those in nursing homes etc.

THIS SUNDAY 22ND JULY after Mass we will get together in the Parish Centre. So, if you are interested, curious or just like to have a chat and cuppa please join us. We would love to have some more people involved.

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated in Mudgee on the weekend of 15th/16th September. The first of two parent information sessions is Thursday 2nd August. Please register ASAP at the Parish Office if you have a child in the State schools.

FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Mens Breakfast on 5th July was very successful. It is planned this will continue. Those who attended the breakfast filled out a survey - the results and further information will be tabled at the next meeting on Wednesday 25th July.

As our Yr 12 students begin the count down to the HSC exams the parish will be invited to support the students by adopting a "Prayer Partner". Students will be invited to Mass to hand our Prayer Cards to parishioners giving us the opportunity to get to know the

Something funny

A family of mice were surprised by a big cat. Father Mouse jumped and said, "Bow-wow!" The cat ran away. "What was that, father?" asked Baby Mouse. "Well, son, that's why it's important to learn a second language."

Diocesan Pastoral Council - July 2018

The following information aims to provide a quick snapshot of some of the projects the Diocesan Pastoral Council working groups have been focused on recently. Resources and more information is available on the website: www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word of God

A gathering was held in Dubbo for people involved in the Baptism preparation for parents whose child is to be baptised. There was a great sharing of resources amongst representatives from the Orange, Dubbo, Bathurst, Gilgandra, Mudgee and Coonamble Parishes. For further information, contact Anne McLean via email: henrybayly@gmail.com or Sr Alice Sullivan at sralice@bigpond.com. Also check out the article in the latest Observer for more information.

Building a Community of Love and Service

Deacon Mike Williams invites expressions of interests from people willing to be trained as facilitators for the Positive Lifestyles program to be run in the prisons and in the community. This program provides prisoners with basic skills to use on their release, which may assist their quality of life. DPC parish representatives are asked to promote this facilitator recruitment in their parishes. For more information contact Deacon Mike Williams:

deacon.mwilliams@cdo.org.au

Participation of Indigenous Catholics

Thanks to the Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst, two excellent workshops were conducted by two Indigenous members of the Participation of Indigenous Catholics working group to help parishes prepare for NATSIC Sunday. For more information please contact your local parish.

Participation of Youth

The DPC Youth working group continues to plan for some fantastic youth events planned for this year. In July, RISEN Team Formation will take place, designed to equip young leaders to assist at the RISE Youth Festival, which will be held at Perthville in October. World Youth Day is continuing to progress, with young people coming forward from all around the Diocese to begin the journey towards Panama 2019. Please pray for the youth of our Diocese and invite young people to be part of the great moments of evangelisation available across the Diocese.

The Domestic Church - Marriage and Families

The DPC Families Group continues to work to see the ideas presented to last year's Diocesan Assembly explored and developed. Recently, information has been distributed to parishes about the Marriage Course. Parish Welcome Pack templates will be sent to parishes for their information in the near future. The Group is available to assist parishes as needed with implementing programs and ideas to assist to engage and enrich the faith of families at any time. Contact Deacon Terry Mahony via email: deacon.tmahony@cdo.org.au

Who, Me? Yes, You!

Liturgical & Parish Ministry Mudgee

‘There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different people, it is working in all of them.’ 1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13

This weekend we are inviting you to commit to one of the ministries within the parish i.e.

- # Special Minister of the Eucharist at Mass.
- # Reader (Lector)
- # Welcomers
- # Offertory Gifts
- # Altar Serving
- # Children’s Liturgy
- # Musicians
- # Hospitality
- # Pastoral Council
- # Liturgy Group



There is a particular need for extra Special Ministers of Communion as we now have Communion under both kinds (the Sacred Host & Precious Blood) also new readers. If you wish to volunteer training is provided.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE MINISTRY SHEET PROVIDED INDICATING WHICH MASS IS BEST FOR YOU - EITHER SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.

World Youth Day Panama - 2019

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

The diocese will be leading a group of young people over 18 years for an eighteen 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.

Further information check the diocesan website www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

“ Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave! ”

Pope Francis



GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

And Jesus Said, “Chill Out!”

For several years the religious community in which I lived invited our neighbours to join us monthly for an hour of quiet meditation and prayer in our small chapel. The congregation usually included fifteen to fifty young people from our school.



Over pizza after the prayer, the young people would often tell me how much the meditation helped relieve the stress caused by school, sports, friends, and family. I was happy they escaped for an hour with us.

And that’s what Jesus wants for his disciples in this week’s Gospel. They’ve just come back from doing his work. They could keep working; there were plenty of people who needed help. But Jesus says, “Come away ... and rest”.

In other words, take time to chill out. Authentic discipleship requires downtime for prayer, laughs, naps, and talk about life.

Our society seems to get busier and busier. We seem to have more responsibilities and less time to relax. But life gets more complicated, more painful, less rewarding, and less Christian when it gets too busy.

Overworked people pray less, which means they lose God’s guidance. Overworked people lose their patience more quickly, which makes it easy to snap at friends or family and difficult to forgive. Overworked people think less thoroughly and listen less often, which makes it easy to make bad decisions.

So, make sure you get away. Life is about building relationships, not completing tasks. Given the pressure in our society to stay busy, you might even have to schedule downtime. Then take it. God wants it for you.

Take time with friends. Laugh. Hang out. Take naps. Build in ten-minute “rest stops” with God, when you just close your eyes and imagine Jesus wrapping his arms around you. You’ll find life more rewarding and Christian living more doable.

In other words, just chill out.

Is your life too hectic? Identify one thing you could do to build in more downtime?

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Kings 4: 42-44

Psalms 144 R.v.16

Ephesians 4: 1-6

John 6: 1-15