

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.



Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - 12th August 2018

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Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

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First Reading: Kings 19: 4-8

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called: the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**



Second Reading:

Ephesians 4:30-5: 2

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, *Alleluia!* I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 41-51

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

Memorial Acclamation:

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

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT PARISHIONER RESPONSE

WE ARE:

We will assist

them in this preparation and encourage them to know and follow Christ. May the Spirit of God be with us.



REFLECTION

Your mother and my mother, carrying her baby in the womb for nine months, effectively said: 'Take, eat, this is my body.' A mother able to breastfeed continues this communion as she offers her body to give life to her child.

Our Lord Jesus Christ adopts maternal language to express his deepest desire for us! He gives us his risen and glorified Humanity: 'Take, eat, this is my body', and a sort of life-giving mutual indwelling occurs: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' This is as intimate as a baby dwelling in the womb of its mother. As St Paul put it in a different context, 'In Him we live and move and have our being.'

The Saviour of the World, the Conqueror of Death, dwells in my body and I dwell in his glorified body. This gives us 'eternal life' which is not something which begins after death, but is simply a label for Our Lord's Divine human life which we can share right now. However, because it is the life of the Conqueror of Death it will certainly impel us beyond the grave: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could take a moment to pray to more fervently realise and take advantage of the fact that, at every Mass, we can respond to the invitation to come forward to Holy Communion so as to be enwombed in the maternal Christ.

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DAY BY DAY

Monday, 13th August

St Bernard, memorial

NO SERVICE MUDGE

11.00am Funeral Prayers St Malachy's, Rylstone
for Carol Pelin

Tuesday, 14th August

St Pius X, pope , memorial

9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Mudgee

11.00am Mass Rylstone

Wednesday, 15th August

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.30am Mass Gulgong AH K-Yr 6

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12.15pm Mass SMCS K-Yr 12 (in the school gym)

4.30pm Holy Hour

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

Thursday, 16th August

8.50am Morning Prayer

9.10am Mass Mudgee

Friday, 17th August

Feast of St Bartholomew, apostle

11.00am Mass Kanandah

11.45am Rosary - Church

12-12.15 Reconciliation

12.20pm Mass Mudgee

***Please note the Friday Mass will be celebrated 12.20pm permanently.**

Saturday, 18th August

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 19th August

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

9.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy

10.30am Gulgong Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest

11.00am Mass Rylstone

Pope's Intention for August .. The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

**HAVE PATIENCE TO WALK
WITH SHORT STEPS UNTIL
YOU HAVE WINGS TO FLY.
St Francis de Sales**

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th August 2018

Commentator	L.Schreck	A.McLean
Readers	S.Connor C.Bourke	J.Hanrahan E.goodwin
Special Ministers of Communion	S.Walker I.Byrne J.Vros	R.McKeown M.Gilbert J.Keipert
Gospel Procession		
Offertory Procession	^ Confirmation Candidates and family	^ Confirmation Candidates and family
Welcomers		
Altar Servers	D.Day S.Hawes C.Wilson	R.Maguire S.Katon H.Rodgers N.Santucci
Counters	J.Potts 13/8	J.Cavanagh 20/8

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	19th August 2018	Kandos Liturgy Roster	19th August 2018
Leader	J.Thatcher		
Commentator	E.Holmes		
Reader	R.Saliba	Readers	K.Morrissey C.D'Ilio
Offertory	K & J Ritar	Intercessions	Sr Kath
Special Minister of Communion	J.Thatcher C.Holland	Special Minister of Communion	LMcPherson
Sacristan	Z.Drew M.O'Brien	Sacristan	A.Krusvar

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Jack Barrett, Patricia Goldspink, Carol Pelin, John McRae, Steve Varga (Syd), Christopher Maw, and John Little.

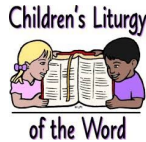
We remember the anniversaries of Mervyn Costello, Edna Catherine Power, Ben Roberts, Hilda Ryan, Garry Gibbons, Dalmay and Millie Isbester.

We also pray

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Colleen Hayes, Jarrod Emeny, Anne Stayorer, Jasmine Parada, Troy Whitcombe, Bill Yates, Trevor Williams (Wangaratta), Fr Tim Cahill, Sr Monica Sparks, Alma Ristau, Liam Potts, 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

Mudgee Parish News

Children's Liturgy is up and running again from this Sunday. Many thanks to the coordinator Kelly Espada and her band of willing helpers.



LITURGY ROSTER: There are a number of gaps on the roster that need to be filled. If you are currently in a ministry and have not indicated your intention to continue we would be most grateful if you would fill in the form and return ASAP. If you wish to nominate for a ministry for the first time we look forward to hearing from you.

Ladies Lunch: Parish Council wish to invite the women of our church community to **Ladies Lunch "Soup & Slice" on Friday 31st August at 12.45 in the Parish Centre.**

Cost \$5pp.

This will follow the regular Friday Mass at 12.20pm. Please write your name on the board at the back of the church with your phone number/email or contact Julie Keipert 63732264.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA is primarily intended for those who are unbaptised and wish to become a Catholic by preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

It also incorporates in the instruction process those adults who are baptised in another religion but wish to become Catholic (Received into the Catholic Church).

If you know of someone who may be interested please ask them to contact us. We hope to start the program soon in our parish.

GULGONG NEWS:

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group Social Morning Tea, next Thursday 16th August 10.30am, Mayne Street Cafe. Cost \$12 pp. RSVP 14th Aug to Phil 0447741256 or place your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

Change of Date for Sunday Mass:

Mass at Gulgong in September will be celebrated on Sunday 8th September and again on 16th September (Confirmation). On 22nd September (4th Sunday it will be a Service in the Absence of the Priest)

KANDOS NEWS

Many thanks to all who assisted with the celebrations at Kandos last weekend commemorating the previous works of the Good Samaritan Sisters in the Kandos Parish.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR SUNDAY MASS RYLSTONE

On the 15th/16th September Bishop Michael McKenna will be in Mudgee and Gulgong for the celebration of Confirmation. On the 3rd Sunday (16th Sept) there will be a Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest at Rylstone and Mass on Sunday 23rd September at Rylstone.

IF YOU FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT EUTHANASIA THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK UP.

Write to senators to oppose euthanasia

The Senate will this coming week vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide.

You can make your voice heard by contacting your Senators through the HOPE website: <http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

CARE PACKS FOR THE WIVES OF OUR FARMERS.

We have received an overwhelming response to our "Farmer's wives" appeal. ***If you know of anyone who might need a boost during this prolonged drought please contact the Parish Office or Julie Keipert, 63732264***

This includes the Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong Kandos/Rylstone. The support is being offered to all denominations - so please if you know of anyone who would appreciate a little 'pick me up' gift let us know.

We are asking for small donations of soaps, shampoos, conditioners, perfumes, hankies, chocolate, or anything personal. A basket is available at the back of the church for three more weeks if anyone would care to share a gift.

Mudgee Josephite Associates

From September the Josephite Associates will meet on the First Friday of the month at 1.00pm after the daily Mass.

Something funny:

A little boy opened the family bible and fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. What he saw was old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mum, look what I found," he said.

"What have you got there dear?"

"I think it's Adam's underwear!"

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Proverbs 9:1-6 19: 4-8

Psalms 33 R.v.9

Ephesians 5: 15-20

John 6: 51-58

PRAYER FOR RAIN



God of life,
all good gifts come from you:
the breath of life that creates
us, the fellow creatures that
accompany us, the saving waters

that renew and refresh us.

We look to you in our time of need.

Give to the earth the water of life, water to bring
forth food for your creatures.

Send us rain to heal the earth and to cleanse
its face, water to quench your thirsty land.

Let faith be born from our doubts,
hope from our despair,
compassion from our troubles.

Let the rains come, so we may know once more
your care for all creatures.

Then we will bless your great name
and declare your faithful love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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

CATHOLIC RESOURCE CENTRE BATHURST

The Resource Centre has supported Catholic education
and Christian formation throughout the Diocese since
1975 providing resources, information, reference and
research services to school staff, educators, tertiary
students, a variety of parish ministries and the clergy.
Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst has decided to
close the Centre opting for other ways to meet resource,
research and information needs. Access to some of the
resources and information services will continue in a
variety of shapes and forms; details will be notified
through CEDB weekly for schools, Bathurst Diocese links
and other appropriate means over the coming weeks.
The Centre closed its door to the public on Friday, 3
August, 2018.

Mary Liesch

IN FOCUS

Dinner is Served!

Some people liked it when Jesus criticised the religious leaders
of his day – though it didn't go
down well with the leaders,
obviously. And some liked it
when he upheld every speck of
law. Unless they were
lawbreakers, who liked it when
he broke the law. Jesus was
popular when he held out hope
for sinners, though not with the
righteous. The problem with Jesus was, he couldn't please ALL
of the people ANY of the time.



But he could manage to offend everyone at once. When Jesus
said he was manna from heaven, nobody was very happy with
that. It sounded like blasphemy, a claim that reached too high.
How could anyone say they were from heaven? This bread
from heaven business was going too far.

Jesus offers himself as living bread to feed that part of
ourselves that will never die. When Jesus says "Get up and
eat," it's a bad time to start doing theology. The right response
is to tuck in your napkin. I know people who run around in
circles trying to decide what they believe about the Eucharist,
whether or not they're worthy to receive, whether or not they
can take the Host from a layperson or a gay person. If Jesus is
the bread of life, and dinner is served, I don't want to be the
one who says no, thank you.

Think a moment before you answer:

Why do you receive holy communion?

We Respond ...

Receive Eucharist this week. Take refreshment when it is
offered. Open the window of your heart and let darkness out,
light and Spirit in.

What does it mean to believe in something?

What could make your belief in God stronger?

*How does receiving God through the readings, Communion,
and the community assembled feed you for the rest of the
week? How can you participate more fully in the Mass?*



**"If we destroy Creation, Creation will
destroy us."**

Pope Francis



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.

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

NOTE FOR ALL

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

**"If there is light in the soul
there will be beauty in the
person."**

Chinese Proverb

ADVANCE NOTICE

THE ROSARY ROCKS THE WORLD

Be the spark that Lights the Flame in Australia as we kick start the WORLD Rosary.

Sunday, 7th October 2018

Information: Search Oz Rosary #53
or ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53

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.

"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 effecting 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

**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.

Mudgee Health Service End of Era Party!

Farewell the Old and Welcome the New Mudgee Health Service. All current and former staff and their families are invited to attend Parklands Resort, Mudgee on Saturday, 25th August 2018 at 6.30pm. Tickets \$30.00 pp
More Info contact:

Planned Giving Statements

WHOSE JOB?

This is a story about four people named *Everybody*, *Somebody*, *Anybody* and *Nobody*.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done!

**So if you are Everybody,
Somebody, Anybody or Nobody,
we need your help!**