

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.



Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time - 19th August 2018

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First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared.

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.**

Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. **R.**

Come, children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? **R.**

Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. **R.**

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 41-51

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Memorial Acclamation:

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



REFLECTION

When I was a boy (is it so long ago?) it was still the rule at Mass that only the priest drank from the chalice. One of the great actions of the Church over the last fifty years has been the recovery of the ancient practice of offering Holy Communion under the appearance of both bread and wine.

The reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine is in perfect harmony with today's Gospel: 'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life.' Note the present tense: 'has' – right now! This is because, as St John Paul II put it: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

Of course, Our Risen Lord is really present under the appearance of either the bread or the wine. For a Jew, (unlike the Greeks) the body was absolutely core to being the person one is. For a Jew, blood was identified as the life-force of any animal. So, for the Jewish Jesus, to say 'This is my body... this is my blood' was to gift us his core identity, his deepest vitality. Either the consecrated bread or consecrated wine gives us His whole life.

But to receive both the Heavenly Bread and the Spiritual Drink does enable us to more fully respond to Our Lord at the Last Supper: 'Take, eat ... take, drink'. Then the words of today's Gospel can more physically resonate in our own bodies: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him.'

We could take a moment to pray in thanksgiving that we are able to join in the tradition starting with the Apostles at the Last Supper and, in doing so, to enter into Holy Communion with the only One who can embody in us the secret of His resurrection.

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DAY BY DAY

Monday, 20th August

NO SERVICE MUDGE

3.30pm Government school Confirmation class.

Tuesday, 21st August

Memorial St Pius X, pope

9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

11.00am Funeral Prayer Service Kandos

Denise Jamieson

5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting.

Wednesday, 22nd August

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass Mudgee

5.30pm Pastoral Council meeting

Thursday, 23rd August

8.50am Morning Prayer

9.10am Mass Mudgee

1.30pm & 7.00pm Confirmation Second Parent Session

3.30pm Liturgy Group Meeting

Friday, 24th August

Feast of St Bartholomew

11.45am Rosary - Church

12-12.15 Reconciliation

12.20pm Mass Mudgee SMCS Yr 10

Saturday, 25th August

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 26th August

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

9.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy

Mass with SMCS Year 12 students

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Kandos

Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest.

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th August 2018

Commentator	D.Cunningham	Susie Bennett
Readers	G.Brymora P.Cannon	R.Disher M.Dorney
Special Ministers of Communion	L.Nicholson E.Bibble I.Byrne	Simon Bennett K.Scott *
Gospel Procession	M.Parson	D.Yule
Offertory Procession	V.Cedial Rodrigueq R.Prentice	S.Keaton D.Thomas-Grimes
Welcomers	B.Roberts J.Stoddart	A.Robbins
Altar Servers	J & G Ryan	R.McGuire S.Keaton H.Rodgers N.Santucci
Counters	J.Cavanagh 20/8	E.Goodlet 27/8

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	26th August 2018	Kandos Liturgy Roster	26th August 2018
Leader			
Commentator	D.Hudson		
Reader	J.Ritar	Readers	M.Turner M.Chadwick
Offertory	Z.Drew L.Hope	Intercessions	T.Doorey
Special Minister of Communion	C.Holland M.Carney	Special Minister of Communion	Sr Kath
Sacristan	S.Saliba H.Seymour	Sacristan	Sr Kath T.Doorey

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Jack Barrett, Denise Jamieson, Patricia Goldspink, Carol Pelin, John McRae.

We remember the anniversaries of John Dennis, Elsie May Reay, Veronica Gilders and Rita Rusten .

We also pray John & Alice Haggerston.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Joe Swientek, 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 seeking SPECIAL INTENTIONS.

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.



We welcome in Baptism at Rylstone this weekend **Charlotte Marie Turner** daughter of Luke and Elizabeth.

CONFIRMATION MUDGEE



The second **PARENT SESSION** for parents of Confirmation Candidates is this **THURSDAY 23RD AUGUST at 1.30pm and a repeat session at 7.00pm. It is expected parents will attend one of these sessions.**

Next weekend there is a **family activity** after the weekend Masses. **All candidates are to attend either the Saturday or Sunday session.**

Instruction for Government school candidates begins this Monday at 3.30am in the Parish Centre.

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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*
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 • 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.
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 • 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.
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Mudgee Parish News

Confirmation Meeting: Thursday 23rd at 1.30pm & 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Pastoral Council meeting this Wednesday 22nd August 5.30pm.

Liturgy Meeting: 3.30pm Thursday

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:

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

CHANGE OF DATE FOR SUNDAY MASS RYLSTONE IN SEPTEMBER.

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 the following Sunday Mass on Sunday 23rd September at Rylstone.

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: sharon.fugar@health.nsw.gov.au or Facebook: Mudgee Hospital End of Era Party (02) 63786202 RSVP 30th July.

Mudgee Josephite Associates

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

Something funny:

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Joshua 24 :1-2, 15-18 Psalm 33 R.v.9 Ephesians 5: 21-32 John 6: 60-69

Plenary Council 2020

- Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

To launch the Plenary Council in each of our parish communities in the Bathurst Diocese the Plenary Candle and Icon of Our Lady of the Central West Icon will journey through the diocese beginning 15th August. It will arrive the week of 10th October Mudgee/Gulgong/Further details as they come to hand.

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.

**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 FOCUS

Dinner at Wisdom's Table

During the Second World War a group of GI's found themselves in the square of a French Village. No one was around. They were tired and hungry. The people were hiding behind their shutters, unaware that the Allies had the Nazis on the run. A GI spotted one timid citizen behind a pillar: "Do you know where we can get something to eat?" The man shrunk back further. The GI turned to his companion and said, 'Guess we'll have to make some Stone Soup'.

A few windows went up farther to listen and observe this 'Stone Soup'. The two GI's gathered some kindling sticks and soon had a roaring fire going in the town square. A small crowd started to gather. "Anyone got a pot or kettle?" Someone bought a large pot. The GI's found some water and filled the pot, stirring it vigorously. "Sure wish we had some potatoes," one GI said. A man went off and brought back some potatoes. The GI's stirred the pot vigorously.

The crowd was now quite large. "Some carrots, beets and onions would be nice". These items mysteriously materialised from dark cellar caches. By now the aroma of the stew was spreading throughout the village and almost everyone was in the town square. Someone brought some meat to throw in the pot. Soon two accordions appeared. "Time to eat!" cried one GI. He began to ladle up the rich, juicy hot stew and hand it out to the townspeople, who were hungry too.

After everyone had eaten, the music and dancing continued till morning. Soon the people went back to their houses. But everyone else said the "Stone Soup" was the nicest meal they had ever had.

The Eucharist is "stone soup," life-giving food for our spirits. How important do we regard the celebration of the Eucharist?

Take a seat at Wisdom's table. Consider some activity you engage in that has little value – reading junk mail, watching TV, playing Solitaire – and spend one week not doing that. Use the time to make a phone call long overdue. Or to pray. Or to spend time with a child.

How can you practice your faith even more fully than you do now?

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Let us learn to live
 with kindness,
 to love everyone,
 even when they do not love us.

