



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.



Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time - 26th August 2018

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First Reading: Joshua 24 :1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Responsorial Psalm: 33 R.v.9

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.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

Memorial Acclamation:

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

Welcome

REFLECTION

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

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This weekend we welcome our Yr 12 students as we begin our 'Prayer Partnership' to pray for all our students in the lead up to the HSC Exams as they move into this new chapter of their lives.

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 27th August

NO SERVICE MUDGEES

3.30pm Government School Confirmation class.
Parish Centre.

Tuesday, 28th August

9.00am Mass

Wednesday, 29th August

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group
4.00pm Holy Hour
5.00pm Mass Mudgee

Thursday, 30th August

8.50am Morning Prayer
9.10am Mass Mudgee SMCS Year 2
10.30am Mass Gulgong AH Kinder/Y1/5/6

Friday, 31st August

11.45am Rosary - Church
12-12.15 Reconciliation
12.20pm Mass Mudgee
12.45 pm Ladies Lunch in the Parish Centre

Saturday, 1st September

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee
6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 2nd September

Twenty-Second 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 Kandos

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd September 2018

Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. McLean
Readers	L. Nicholson D. Salomoni	M. Dorney J. O'Brien
Special Ministers of Communion	E. Biddle P. Dick I. Byrne	R. Gawthorne G. Hennessy J. Keipert
Gospel Procession	*	C. Martin A. Griffin
Offertory Procession	A. Chadwick	A. Littler
Welcomers	L. Cahill K. Isbester	D. Chacon N. Gregory
Altar Servers	K & B Roberts B. Scotti	J. Nipperess E. Bourke P. Todd S. Marchant
Counters	E. Goodlet 27/8	L. Nicholson 3/9

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	2nd Sept. 2018	Kandos Liturgy Roster	2nd Sept. 2018
Leader	P. Leotta		
Commentator	E. Donnelly		
Reader	J. Thatcher	Readers	M. Turner M. Chadwick
Offertory	S. Ellery G. Ausburn	Intercessions	T. Doorey
Special Minister of Communion	R. Saliba C. Holland	Special Minister of Communion	Sr Kath
Sacristan	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn	Sacristan	Sr Kath T. Doorey

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

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

We remember the anniversary of Nellie Goodman and Dot Carroll.

We also pray John & Alice Haggerston.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Colleen Hayes, Pam O'Connor, 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 this weekend in Mudgee

EVIE ROSE FERGUS

daughter of Mark and Samantha.

Without His love I can do nothing,
with His love there is nothing
I cannot do.

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 will journey through the diocese beginning 15th August. It will arrive in Mudgee the week of 10th October. Further details as they come to hand.

CARE PACKS FOR THE WIVES OF OUR FARMERS.

Our grateful thanks to all who have so generously supported the appeal for personal items for the women in our farming communities.

To date we have been able to supply eighty parcels of amazing items for the ladies and some men as well. These have been delivered via '200 Bales' another of the Mudgee area initiatives to support our farmers. Not only do they receive some much needed hay for their stock, but a care parcel as well. These have been distributed in the Mudgee region as well as Dunedoo/Coolah.

We will continue to prepare the packages whilst we are receiving the goods

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.

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

Mudgee Parish News

Ladies Lunch: "Soup & Slice" next 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. RSVP Tuesday 28th August.

(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.

BE SUBORDINATE
TO ONE ANOTHER



GULGONG NEWS

GCWG next meeting is Tuesday 11th September 2.00pm in the Convent.

Change of Mass Order September.

On Sunday 23rd September (4th Sunday it will be a Service in the Absence of the Priest) Please note the change of Mass order due to Confirmation. Sunday, September 16 will be a Confirmation Mass. The following Sunday, September 23 will be a Service in the Absence of a Priest led by Sue Parnell.

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.

Something funny:

After explaining the commandment to honour your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters.

One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8 Psalm 14 R.v.1 St James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Father's Day Appeal**Special collection****Next Sunday 2nd September**

Each year, on Father's Day, we have a special collection in support of our retired priests. They have given years of service to God's people and many continue, as health and strength allow, as ministers of Word and Sacrament. They continue to help our local church with their prayers.

I encourage you to give generously to this appeal.

+Michael McKenna

Bishop of Bathurst

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation with supporting this appeal.

IN FOCUS**Some Disciples Leave Jesus**

During the Second World War certain Nazis killed some Jews and buried them in a mass grave. One twelve-year old boy was still alive. He dug his way out of the shallow dirt and went around the neighbourhood seeking shelter in homes. The people knew what had happened and, when they saw the boy caked with dirt, they hurriedly shut the door in his face. One woman was about to do the same when the boy said: "Lady, don't you recognise me? I'm the Jesus you Christians say you love". The lady broke into tears and received the boy into her home. She had made her decision for Jesus.

Many people walked away from Jesus after he spoke about being the Bread of Life. This passage is often called "the crisis" in John's Gospel; Jesus loses a large portion of his followers back to the world after this. He turns to the Twelve, to test their willingness to remain. As usual, Peter represents the group with his fearless answer, "Lord, where would we go?"

Suppose you were to reject the life of faith today as being too demanding. The Church's teachings aren't contemporary enough. The leadership seems flawed. The liturgy needs work. The community is, for all its professions of faith, just a bunch of sinners. If you bundled all of your grievances against the Church into a handkerchief and tied it to a stick and got ready to walk, just where would you be going?

Most people who walk away in anger have only their anger for company. Most "retired Christians" I know still carry that handkerchief of outrage around with them, dangling from the stick. We can imagine that those who become disillusioned with Jesus muttered about it for years to come. "Some prophet he was. Some saviour!" But those who stayed with him and his words, got past the cross and all the way to Easter.

***What is the hardest saying of Jesus for you?
How do you live with it?***

Perform a ritual of reconciliation with the Church itself. What has affected your relationship with the Church the most: that it has changed so much, or not enough? Ask for the ability to forgive and pray for the gift of understanding.

What do you think Jesus would look like if you met him on the street?

Did you ever miss seeing something that was easily observed later?

What was obstructing your view?

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Caritas Asia Emergency Appeal

As we await in prayerful hope for rain in our region, we are aware that, in other parts of the world, people are experiencing the opposite with devastating floods.

In a special way, we are conscious of the plight of people in Kerala. We are blessed with many faithful and priests from that region living in our parishes: and I have sent them a message of solidarity, united in prayer for their loved ones and those who have died.

To support this emergency appeal :

By phone toll Free - 1800 024 413

By mail: GPO Box 9830, Sydney, NSW 2000

Online: www.caritas.org.au/donate/online-donation



It's time to register for the annual Diocesan RISE Youth Festival!

This year RISE Youth Festival will occur from 11th-12th October 2018 at St Joseph's Heritage and Conference

Centre, Perthville.

RISE is a chance for young people in Year 6 to Year 9 to spend time together, have fun and learn more about their faith. Why not consider being part of RISE this year?

Come and be part of an unforgettable experience!

Registrations are now opened at www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

Cost of the Festival is \$120, with an early bird rate of \$110 available until 15th September.

For more information visit www.bathurst.catholic.org.au or contact Deacon Josh via email ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au or speak to your parish priest, youth minister, REC or scripture teacher.