



*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*

Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong,  
Kandos/Rylstone.  
Diocese of Bathurst



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.



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

**Sunday, 4th February 2018**

**Parish Priest**

Fr Owen Gibbons

**Seminarian**

Mr Nam Lee

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**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday**

10.00am - 4.00pm

**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri**

9.00am - 4.00pm

**Staff Lunch Break**

1.00pm - 2.00pm



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23 January 2018

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee  
Consultation Meeting**

Parishioners may recall the notice in December 2017 regarding the capital works planning needs of St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee. The notice outlined the work that has been undertaken over the last 15 months resulting in reports being prepared and options established to assist the parish, school and diocesan community in discerning the best way forward in regard to the pressing need at St Matthews for educational and recreational space.

The notice also advised that a period of consultation would occur early in 2018. To that end, parishioners, parents/carers and other interested community members are invited to participate in a consultation meeting which will be held on **Thursday February 8 2018**. For those able to attend during the day the meeting will be held at **10.30am - 12.30pm** at St Matthews. A repeat session will be held between **6.30pm – 8.30pm** in the same venue. Light refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to your engagement in the consultation process.

Please contact the school office on 62721742 to advise of your attendance for catering and seating purposes.

Yours sincerely

**Jason Hanrahan**  
Principal

**Jenny Allen**  
Executive Director of Schools  
Catholic Education, Diocese of Bathurst

## DAY BY DAY

### Monday, 5th February

10.30am Requiem Mass Carlo Colaiacomo Mudgee

### Tuesday, 6th February

9:00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Mudgee.

2.00pm GCWG Meeting at the Convent.

### Wednesday, 7th February

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group.

**4.00pm Holy Hour**

**5:00pm: Mass Mudgee**

5.30pm Liturgy Group meeting - Parish Centre.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS PERMANENT CHANGE FOR WEDNESDAY MASS & HOLY HOUR.**

### Thursday, 8th February

9:10am: Mass Mudgee

10.30am St Mary's Playgroup

10.30am - 12.30pm Consultation Meeting SMCS

6.30pm - 8.30pm Consultation Meeting SMCS

### Friday, 9th February

11.45am Rosary in the Church

10.30am Mass Pioneer House

12.00 - 12.15pm Reconciliation Mudgee

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

### Saturday, 10th February

St Scholastica

Baptisms Mudgee

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

### Sunday, 11th February

9.00am Mass Mudgee - Childrens' Liturgy

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Sunday Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion Rylstone



### St Vincent de Paul Conference Mudgee

will resume their meetings on Tuesday 13th February 5.00pm at the Centre and will be held each following fortnight at this time.

### The Pope's Prayer Intention February

#### Universal: Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

## Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th February 2018

Commentator	HELP NEEDED	M. Matthews
Readers	K.Fitzsimmons C.Bourke	M.McLean Susie Bennett
Special Ministers of Communion	P.Dick	K.Baker. R.Gawthorne M.Gilbert
Offertory Procession	C.Page K.Isbester	G.McDermott M.Dunnachie
Organist	E. Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	C.Page K.Isbester	E. Csuba M. Knight
Altar Servers	Help Needed	Help Needed
Counters	M. Walker 5/2	D.Bennett 12/2

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	11th Feb 2018	Kandos Liturgy Roster	11th Feb 2018
Commentator	E.Holmes	Leader	
Reader	E.Donnelly	Readers	K. Gade L. Mc Pherson
Offertory	P & C Leotta	Intercessions	M.Turner
Special Minister of Communion	C.Holland J.Thatcher	Special Minister of Communion	
Sacristan	Z.Drew M.O'Brien	Sacristan	A.Krusvar



### Masses and prayers requested for the following:

#### We pray for the recently deceased especially

Rosemarie Thomson, Carlo Colaiacomo, David Brown, and Joyce Gaffney (Lynch).

**We remember the anniversaries of** Evelyn Gawthorne, Ted Hayman, Chris Wood and Reg McGrath, Llewellyn Davies, Meryl Astill.

**We also pray for** deceased members of the Goldspink family.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Jasmine Prada, Margaret Melinz, Jan Kirkman, Gwen Ausburn, 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.

### *Gulgong News*

**Gulgong Catholic Women's Group General Meetings** this Tuesday 6th February 2.00pm at the Convent.

### *Mudgee News*

#### **CONSULTATION MEETING RE THE CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM FOR ST MATTHEWS SCHOOL.**

On Thursday there is a meeting at the school from 10.30am to 12.30pm and a second session from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Parishioners are encouraged to come along and listen to the proposal being put forward for discussion concerning the school needs.

**Liturgy Group Meeting** - Tuesday 5.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group** meet each Wednesday in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.

**St Mary's Playgroup** each Thursday from 10.30 am in the Parish Centre. Parents and pre-school children welcome. Enjoy a coffee and a chat while the children play. No cost. All welcome.

**Childrens' Liturgy** - Thank you Kelly Espada who has volunteered to coordinate the Children's Liturgy again this year. If there is anyone who is willing to assist it would be most appreciated. It is essential that anyone over 18 years is required to have a Working with Children check.

### **Surrender Lenten Program 2018**



#### **ASH WEDNESDAY IS 14TH FEBRUARY.**

As we begin our Lenten Journey we encourage you to participate in a Lenten Group, or purchase the Lenten Book 'Surrender' for private prayer and reflection in preparation for Easter. Cost \$7 each. Books are available from the Parish Office and will also be for sale after Mass next weekend 10th/11th February.

Included for the first time this year the Lenten Program books have short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, Gospel readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions that are traditionally part of the Lenten program for groups.

**LENTEN GROUP:** Lon Schreck has offered to host a Lenten Discussion Group in the Parish Centre on Tuesday morning at 9.30am after Mass. Please place your name on the list in the church or contact the Parish Office before Monday 12th February if you wish to participate.



We welcome in Baptism this weekend **Josephine May Reith** and **William Augustus Rieth** children of Benjamin and Emily.



**Youth Mass**  
**Sunday 11th March**  
**2018**  
**5.00pm**

**St Mary's Catholic Church followed by a BBQ in the church grounds.**

To celebrate the 'Year of Youth' our parish and school community are invited to participate in the Youth Mass.

You are invited to wear something purple as a reminder that we are in the Lenten season.

*FORGET THE DAY'S TROUBLES.*

*REMEMBER THE DAY'S BLESSINGS.*

#### **Dates for the Diary**

##### **Wednesday 14th February**

**10.30am** AGM of St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

##### **Ash Wednesday Masses**

**9.15am** St Matthews School O'Donovan Centre (Gym)  
K-Yr 12 and parishioners.

##### **12 Noon Gulgong**

All Hallows School K- Yr 6 and parishioners.

##### **KANDOS TO BE CONFIRMED**

**6.00pm** Mass Mudgee

##### **Wednesday 28th February**

**5.30pm** Mudgee Pastoral Council meeting.



## First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

*I am filled with sorry all day long.*

### Responsorial Psalm

***R: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.***

Praise the Lord for he is good:  
sing to our God for he is loving:  
to him our praise is due. ***Res.***

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles,  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
he binds up all their wounds.  
He fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name. ***Res.***

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.  
The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust.  
***Res.***

### Second Reading:

**Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23**

*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.*

### Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.

***Alleluia!***

### Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

### Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O, Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until  
you come again.

## REFLECTION

Today we see three snapshots from the photo album of life.

Suffering comes to everyone. It can take such a hold of us that the happiness of the past is swallowed up, the beauty of better days is forgotten, and the hope of a brighter future is imperilled. Life ceases to be an adventure and takes on the guise of drudgery. At such times suffering appears to be our permanent fate, and life seems too short for suffering to run its course. If we become identified with our distress, we will be tormented.

Jesus knew the harshness of life, because he was one of us. He saw it in the lives of those he loved, and he was touched by their torment. He came to release people from the demons that possess them, from the illness that undermined their lives. He came to bring the reign of God, the reign of peace and fulfilment. He came to heal the brokenhearted, to bind up their wounds.

Paul was a messenger of this gospel of salvation and fulfilment. He was so committed to his mission that he empathised with all those who heard his preaching – the slaves, the weak, the brokenhearted, all those who knew well the harshness of life. Now it is our turn. We are the disciples who must bring the good news to the brokenhearted, to those who are enslaved, to those who are weak. We are the ones who will then share in the blessings of this good news.

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*The Catholic agency for international aid and development.*

Next weekend is the launch of Project Compassion 2018.

You will be invited to take home a set of envelopes or box to be used during Lent.

The funds raised will support communities throughout the world which you will read about during the Sundays of Lent.



***FOR A JUST FUTURE***

*“Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation.  
-Pope Francis*

### Readings for Next Weekend:

**Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46**

**Corinthians 10:31-11 ; 1**

**Mark 1: 40-45**