

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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B Sunday, 11th February 2018

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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

First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 31: 1-2,5,11.R. v. 5

R: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **Res.**

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **Res.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.' **Res.**

Second Reading:

Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

Memorial Acclamation

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



A very warm welcome to Seminarian Nam Le who has joined us this weekend for the remainder of the year.

Welcome Nam

We look forward to the year ahead.

ASH WEDNESDAY TIMETABLE

9.15am Mudgee - Mass and Distribution of Ashes, St Matthews School (Gym). All Welcome.

10.00am Rylstone - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. Distribution of Ashes.

12.00 Noon Gulgong Mass and Distribution of Ashes.

6.00pm Mudgee Mass and Distribution of Ashes.

LENTEN GROUPS

Lon Schreck has offered to host a group on Tuesday morning in the Parish Centre after 9.00am Mass. All are welcome to participate in the group.

Louise Nicholson will host an evening group on Tuesday (flexible to discuss another day) at 7.00pm Please contact Louise 0407752425.

LENTEN BOOKS FOR SALE AFTER WEEKEND MASS. \$7 EACH.

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 12th February

9.00 am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
4.00pm Rosary Rosary (63721115)

Tuesday, 13th February

9:00am: Mass Mudgee Mudgee.
10.00am Lenten Group Parish Centre
5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting

Wednesday, 14th February

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10.00am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group AGM.

Thursday, 15th February

9.10am Mass Mudgee
10.30am St Mary's Playgroup - Parish Centre

Friday, 16th February

11.00am Mass Kanandah Nursing Home
11.45am Rosary in the Church
12.00 - 12.15pm Reconciliation Mudgee
12.30pm Mass Mudgee

Saturday, 17th February

Baptisms Mudgee
5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation Mudgee
6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 18th February

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9.00am Mass Mudgee - Childrens' Liturgy
10.30am Gulgong Sunday Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion.
11.00am Mass Rylstone

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th February 2018

Commentator	L.Schreck	A.McLean
Readers	S.Connor P.Cannon	J.Hanrahan E.Goodwin
Special Ministers of Communion	S.Walker I.Byrne N.Le	R.McKeown M.Gilbert N.Le
Offertory Procession	S & S Connor	R & S Loneragan
Organist	E. Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	G & S Robinson	Hanrahan Family
Altar Servers	Help Needed	Help Needed
Counters	D.Bennett 12/2	D.Donnelly 19/2

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	18th Feb 2018 S.Parnell	Kandos Liturgy Roster	18th Feb 2018
Commentator	E.Donnelly	Leader	
Reader	L.Hope	Readers	H.Roberts T.Ryan
Offertory	M & C Gaudry	Intercessions	K.Morrissey
Special Minister of Communion	R.Saliba C.Holland	Special Minister of Communion	L.McPherson
Sacristan	R.Saliba H.Seymour	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), Kath Irvine (Bathurst).

We remember the anniversaries of Dawn Lloyd, Ted Hayman, Toby Buckley, Ronald Archer.

We also pray for deceased members of the Sheehan 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.**

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.

Gulgong News

Ash Wednesday: 12 noon Mass and distribution of Ashes. All Hallows School and parishioners.

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group Annual General Meeting Tuesday 6th March 2.00pm at the Convent.

Kandos News

Ash Wednesday - Rylstone Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion and Distribution of Ashes.
Lenten Group will follow after the Service.
From Wednesday 21st the Lenten Group will take place at Kandos Hall 11.00am.

Mudgee News

St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group Annual General Meeting this Wednesday 14th February at 10.00am. All 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.

Conversations About Catholics - 4 sessions of conversations about many aspects of the Catholic faith, tradition and rituals. **To take place in St Mary's Parish Centre on Thursdays beginning 8th March 2018 at 9.15am.**

Whatever your story may be.....
new to St Matthews Catholic School,
partner of a Catholic,
not been an active church-goer for a while,
need some "brush up" on the rituals etc of the Church,
want to know in what Church activities your child may be participating.....

Join us in these relaxed sessions.....

World Day of Prayer 2018 :

St John's Anglican Church - Friday 2 March.

A preparation meeting will take next Thursday 15th February at St John's Anglican Church. All welcome to attend.

The World Day of Prayer 2018 host country will be Suriname and the theme, prepared by the women, is **"All God's Creation is Very Good!"**



We welcome in Baptism this weekend:
Pippa Dot Lindsay daughter of William and Joanna; **Isla Elsie Batty** daughter of Katie-May and Dane.

St Stanislaus' College Bathurst

Year 7 2019 Scholarship testing
Date: 19 February Time: 9am
Location: St Stanislaus' College Performing Art Centre
Scholarship applications close: 14 February 2018

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. All Welcome.

10.00am Rylstone Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

Lenten Group to follow the service.

12 Noon Gulgong

All Hallows School K- Yr 6 and parishioners.

6.00pm Mass Mudgee

Wednesday 28th February

5.30pm Mudgee Pastoral Council meeting.

Tuesday 4th March Gulgong Catholic Women's Group Annual General Meeting in the Convent.

"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."

Pope Francis

Youth Mass

Sunday 11th March 2018

5.30pm

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.



Message for Lent 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

The season of Lent is about to begin, and with it the opportunity to renew our faith together.

The Christian journey is not a road that we walk alone. We travel with one another, receiving and giving support and encouragement, held together in the love of Christ.

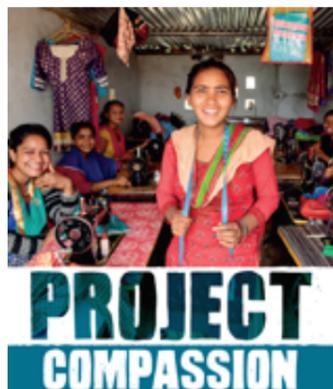
The readings for Ash Wednesday remind us of the complementarity of the individual and the communal in our relationships with God. In what Jesus calls that 'secret place' we meet with only God in prayer. However, we do not stay there all the time. The love of God urges us out to meet all the others whom God loves too.

The prophet Joel calls for a solemn assembly, a common fast and the intercession of the priests for God's People. I invite you to take every opportunity provided in your parish to ponder the Word of God together, to meet for prayer and sacrament together, to join with others in works of service.

This year, we join all Catholics in Australia by beginning Lent with four days of prayer, fasting and reparation for those who have suffered childhood sexual abuse, especially in our own church family. Each parish will observe this together in its own way, and each of us can join his or her prayer and penance to this common intention.

Finally, St Paul's words express the radical message of the Gospel we proclaim and seek in Lent to understand more truly: "For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God."

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst



The Catholic agency for international aid and development.

Please collect a pack or box from the back of the Church today.

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

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

REFLECTION

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace re associates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.



In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

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Readings for Next Weekend:

Genesis 9:8-15; St.Peter 3: 18-22 Mark 1: 12-15