

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.



First Sunday of Lent - Year B Sunday, 18th February 2018

Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

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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: Genesis 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24: 4-9. R. cf. v. 10

R: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.
Res.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.
Res.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **Res.**

Second Reading: St Peter 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.!

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

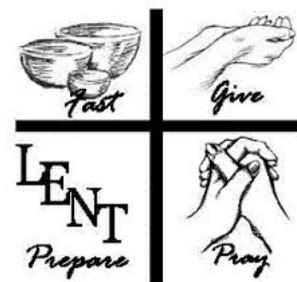
Memorial Acclamation

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

LENTEN GROUP

A Lenten group is held on each Tuesday morning in the Parish Centre after 9.00am Mass. All are welcome to participate in the group.

We still have some Lenten Books available \$7.00ea at the Parish Office.



Shhh!

We invite everyone to acknowledge some quiet time in prayer as preparation before and after Mass during Lent as we follow our journey towards Holy Week and the joy of the Easter celebrations.

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 19th February

NO SERVICE
4.00pm Rosary (63721115)

Tuesday, 20th February

9:00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Mudgee
9.30am Mudgee Lenten Group Parish Centre

Wednesday, 21st February

10.00am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group
11.00am Lenten Group in the Kandos Hall
4.00pm Holy Hour
5.00pm Mass

Thursday, 22nd February

Feast of The Chair of St Peter
9.10am Mass Mudgee
10.30am St Mary's Playgroup - Parish Centre

Friday, 23rd February

11.45am Rosary in the Church
12.00 - 12.15pm Reconciliation Mudgee
12.30pm Mass Mudgee

Saturday, 24th February

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

Sunday, 25th February

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
9.00am Mass Mudgee - Childrens' Liturgy
10.30am Mass Gulgong
11.00am Kandos Sunday Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion.

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th February 2018

Commentator	D.Cunningham	Susie Bennett
Readers	B.Carrigan J.Unsworth	J. O'Brien R. Disher
Special Ministers of Communion	L.Nicholson E. Biddle	Simon Bennett P. O'Brien K. Scott
Offertory Procession	D.Bennett C.Carberry	Disher Family
Organist	E. Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	K.Wall C.Carberry	G. McDermott M. Dunnachie
Altar Servers	Help Needed	Help Needed
Counters	D. Donnelly 19/2	J. Potts 26/2

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	25th Feb 2018	Kandos Liturgy Roster	25th Feb 2018
Commentator	D.Kelly	Leader	
Reader	P.Lenard	Readers	M.Chadwick Sr Kath
Offertory	W & H Gleeson	Intercessions	T.Doorey
Special Minister of Communion	M.Carney E.Holland	Special Minister of Communion	H.Roberts
Sacristan	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn	Sacristan	Sr Kath T.Doorey



We welcome in Baptism this weekend:
William Timothy Tristram son of Brett and Christine also **Hunter Kent Robinson** son of Edward and Jillian.



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 Sr Jenny Buckley, Eileen Mollie Stevenson, Christina Page.

We also pray for

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 and all souls.

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

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

Rural School of Faith

The Rural School of Faith Leadership seeks to provide rural women with the chance, in a relaxed atmosphere, to develop their leadership skills for ministry in their local communities. The rural School will focus on:

- ... Finding God's presence in everyday life
- ... Understanding the Bible
- ... Meeting Jesus in the Gospels

This Rural School will be held at the Bushman's Motor Inn, Parkes from Friday 6th April to Monday 9th April. Contribution: \$100 (negotiable) RSVP by 28th February to: Mrs Bernadette Boneham - Email: kcbaboneham@skymesh.com.au or Phone: 0423 760 086

SRE Training Day, Dubbo

For new, experienced and prospective SRE teachers. Friday 23 February 2018, Dubbo Presbyterian Church building 61 Douglas Mawson Drive, Dubbo. Dubbo Presbyterian Church building. Be encouraged, inspired and equipped. Registration online at <https://guestli.st/498315> by Wednesday 21 February. The parish will pay the cost \$25.

ST MARY'S CRAFT & FRIENDSHIP GROUP

At their AGM held on Wednesday, 14th February the following were elected to the various positions:
 President: Margaret Walker (2)
 Vice President: Elizabeth Burns
 Secretary: Marie McLean
 Assistant Secretary: Judy Sargent
 Treasurer: Margaret Evans
 Assistant Treasurer: Margaret Walker (1)
 Congratulations to all elected. New members are always welcome.

Mudgee News

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.....

Kandos News

Lenten discussion group will meet each Wednesday at 11.00am in the Small Hall at Kandos.

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.

World Day of Prayer 2018 :

St John's Anglican Church - Friday 2 March.

- A preparation meeting will take place 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!**"



Heavenly Father, during this Lenten season, give me a new and expanded vision for my life. Help me to live full of faith. Teach me to find hope in the face of adversity.

From the Liturgy Committee

As we begin our time of Lent, we are mindful of what we can do during this time to better our relationship with Jesus. At our recent Liturgy meeting we highlighted that this can be a **40 day retreat**, an opportunity to make time for reflection, prayer and change of heart. With the organised Lenten groups in our Parish, and individual involvement in Lenten programmes, may we travel these days differently from our previous times of Lent.

Fr Owen is now our Parish Priest and is tasked, among other things, with celebrating our Masses so that there is full and active participation of all gathered. The Mass, the Sunday Eucharist, is the source and summit of Christian life (CCC 1324). You will have noticed that the ciborium is not brought to the altar before distribution of Holy Communion. Instead, the hosts for the Mass are consecrated at this Mass, and the left over hosts are then placed in the ciborium in the tabernacle, for later distribution to the sick etc. You will have noticed the moments of silence after each of the scripture readings in the Liturgy of the Word. With these differences in our Eucharistic celebrations, we can be better nourished at the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist.

You will notice too, that there are gaps in our Rosters for various ministries at Mass. In the coming weeks, there will be an opportunity for us to consider taking on a ministry, returning to a ministry or recommitting to a ministry. There will be formation and commitment to the particular ministries following the discernment and willingness to participate in a ministry.

We welcome Fr Owen and Nam and look forward to them enriching the Parish of St Mary of the Presentation, Mudgee.

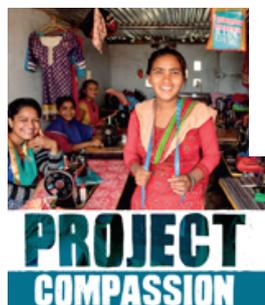
Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst invites you to attend **Understanding and teaching the Word of God** presented by Dr Laurie Woods.

The formation day is aimed at SRE coordinators and teachers, catechists, sacramental coordinators and parishioners. It will be repeated in three locations across the Diocese:

- 13th March - St Pius X Primary School, East Street, Dubbo
- 14th March - Kenna Hall, Hill Street, Orange
- 15th March - St Philomena's Primary School, Lloyds Road, Bathurst

Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm Cost: FREE
For more information visit www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

Register by contacting Dr Angelo Belmonte: a.belmonte@bth.catholic.edu.au or phone Ronda at Catholic Education on: 6338 3000



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.

Week 1 NEPAL

In Nepal, a Caritas supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business, training others and has become a role model in her community.

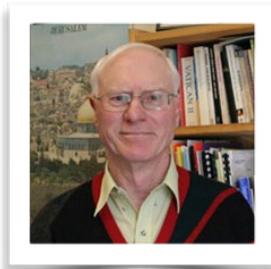
Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help our most vulnerable neighbours in Nepal to build a just future for their families and their communities.

Readings for Next Weekend:

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8: 31-34 Mark 9: 2-10

Understanding and Teaching the Word of God

Dr Laurie Woods



Dr Laurie Woods is a specialist in Biblical Studies having taught in that field for the last 29 years at Australian Catholic University, where for a term he was Head of the School of Theology. He is a past president of the Australian Catholic Biblical Association.

Laurie has conducted teacher professional development sessions and parish reflection days for many years in a number of dioceses across Australia.

Session One:

- An adult approach to the Bible as a prelude to teaching or understanding the messages of Scripture.
- Gaining some insights into the historical and cultural background of key sections of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament).
- Understanding the Worlds of the Text as a method of interpreting passages of Scripture.
- Applying this method to selected texts (e.g., Genesis, Prophets) showing how it opens the door to sound and constructive interpretations that accord with the principles enunciated in the Vatican II document Dei Verbum.

Session Two:

- Appreciating the poetry and symbolism of biblical texts.
- Insights into the world of Jesus - the society he lived in; the issues he faced.
- Understanding the background and intention of the four Gospels.
- Applying the Worlds of the Text to the Gospels for clarity, understanding and spiritual nourishment.

Session Three:

- Taking in the message of selected Gospel episodes.
- Continuing the Christian story. The Acts of the Apostles.
- The letters of Paul in context.
- Why did the Christian message catch on so quickly?

Please contact:

Dr Angelo Belmonte to book your place at one of these days:
a.belmonte@bth.catholic.edu.au

or phone Karen or Ronda at
Catholic Education:
ph: 63 383000

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East Street, Dubbo

14th March - Kenna Hall, Orange
Hill Street, Orange

15th March - St Philomena School, Bathurst
Lloyd's Road, Bathurst

Morning Tea & Lunch provided
There is NO cost to attend

MUDGEES PARISH: REPORTING CONCERNS/ISSUES IN THE PARISH: If you have concerns/issues that need to be addressed please contact the Pastoral Council President, Mrs Julie Keipert via email: centaur3@bigpond.com or phone the parish office and the staff will relay your message to the Council.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

10th September 10.30am Gulgong
First Holy Communion.

**9th Sept.6pm Vigil Mass /10th Sept.
9.00am Mass** Mudgee First Holy
Communion.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE HEATERS IN THE CENTRE ISLES AS THEY ARE VERY HOT.
PLEASE BE PARTICULARLY AWARE IF YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN.