



*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.



Second Sunday of Lent - Year B

Sunday, 25th February 2018

**Parish Priest**

Fr Owen Gibbons

**Seminarian**

Mr Nam Le

**Deacon** Charles Applin (Kandos)

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Mrs Jenny Maloney

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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 22: 1-2,9-13, 15-18**

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 115:10, 15-19R.114:9**

**R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **Res.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. **Res.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **Res.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8: 31-34**

*God did not spare his own Son.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!***

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!***

**Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10**

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

**Memorial Acclamation**

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free.



**Youth Mass**

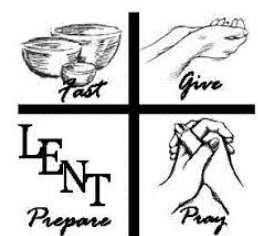
**Sunday 11th March 2018**

**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.



**Shhh!** During Lent,

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

DAY BY DAY

**Monday, 26th February**

NO SERVICE

4.00pm Rosary (63721115)

**Tuesday, 27th February**

9:00am: Mass Mudgee

9.30am Mudgee Lenten Group Parish Centre

5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting

7.00pm Finance Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, 28th 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 - Mudgee

5.30pm Pastoral Council Meeting

**Thursday, 1st March**

9.10am Mass Mudgee

10.30am St Mary's Playgroup - Parish Centre

10.30am Mass Gulgong

**Friday, 2nd March**

10.30am Mass Opal Nursing Home

11.45am Rosary in the Church

12.00 - 12.15pm Reconciliation Mudgee

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**Saturday, 3rd March**

Baptism + Wedding - Mudgee

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

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Sunday, 4th March**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

9.00am Mass Mudgee - Childrens' Liturgy

10.30am Mass Gulgong Sunday Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion.

11.00am Mass Kandos

**Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th March 2018**

<b>Commentator</b>	J.Cross	M. McLean
<b>Readers</b>	I.Byrne C. Bourke	M.Dorney E.Goodwin
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	D.Cunningham J.Vros	R.Gawthorne G.Hennessy J.Keipert
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	Vo Family	E.Csuba M.Knight
<b>Organist</b>	E. Cooper	R.Newman
<b>Welcomers</b>	G.Roberts	E.Csuba M.Knight
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Help Needed	Help Needed
<b>Counters</b>	J.Potts 26/2	J.Cavanagh 5/3

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>4th March 2018 J.Thatcher</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>4th March 2018</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	M.O'Brien	<b>Leader</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	D. Kelly	<b>Readers</b>	C D'Ilio M.Turner
<b>Offertory</b>	M.McGregor G.Ausburn	<b>Intercessions</b>	P.O'Connor
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	R.Saliba J.Thatcher	<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	K.Morrissey Sr Kath
<b>Sacristan</b>	C & E Holland	<b>Sacristan</b>	H.Roberts



***Masses and prayers requested for the following:***

***We pray for the recently deceased especially***  
Christopher Roche (Tamworth), John Ryall

**We remember the anniversaries of** Adriel Maloney,  
Brian Smith (Sydney), Norma Blackburn, Shirley Mahon, John Robinson.

**We also pray for** Rosemarie Thomson, Carlo Colaiacomo, David Brown, and Joyce Gaffney (Lynch), Kath Irvine (Bathurst).

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** David Kiddle, 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.

**24 Hours for the Lord**

In the Holy Father's Lenten Message, Pope Francis refers to the 24 Hours for the Lord:

"One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic



adoration. In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness", this will take place from Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession."

### ***Gulgong News***

**World Day of Prayer** - Presbyterian Church, Gulgong  
Friday, 2nd March at 10.00am. All Welcome.

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

**All Hallows - Catholic Schools Week** 5-11th March  
The theme for Catholic Schools week is **Blaze New Trails**. This theme reflects Pope Francis call to young people to be creative, courageous and confident as they respond to the gospel call to be active agents of transformation in their family, their schools and their world.

### **World Day of Prayer 2018 :**

**St John's Anglican Church - Friday 2 March at 7.00pm**

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!"**

### **Kandos News**

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

**World Day of Prayer** - Friday, 2nd March at 7.00pm in the Uniting Church, Rylstone. All Welcome.

### ***Mudgee News***

**Josephite Associates** Meeting 10th March in the Parish Centre at 1.00pm.

**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.....**

### **LENTEN GROUP - Mudgee**

A Lenten group is held 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.**

**First Holy Communion - Mudgee** will be celebrated on Saturday 2nd June/Sunday 3rd June 2018.

The **first parent meeting** will be held on Thursday 15th March at 1.30pm and a repeat session at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

**Commitment/Enrolment** will be the following weekend 17th/18th March so it is important to attend the first parent meeting to obtain the paperwork for this Enrolment.

### **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference**

### **International Women's Day - 8 March 2018**

The theme for International Women's Day, 8 March, is "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives".

This year, International Women's Day comes on the heels of unprecedented global movement for women's rights, equality and justice. Sexual harassment, violence and discrimination against women has captured headlines and public discourse, propelled by a rising determination for change.

International Women's Day 2018 is an opportunity to transform this momentum into action, to empower women in all settings, rural and urban, and celebrate the activists who are working relentlessly to claim women's rights and realize their full potential.

International Women's Day also draws attention to the rights and activism of rural women, who make up over a quarter of the world population and majority of the 43 per cent of women in the global agricultural labour force.

They till the lands and plant seeds to feed nations, ensure food security for their communities and build climate resilience. Yet, on almost every measure of development, because of deep seated gender inequalities and discrimination, rural women fare worse than rural men or urban women.

More information: <http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/global-poverty-issues/women-and-development>

### ***Rural School of Faith***

The Rural School of Faith Leadership seeks to provide rural women with the chance, 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

Friday 6th April to Monday 9th April. Contribution: \$100 (negotiable) RSVP by 28th February to: Mrs Bernadette Boneham - Phone: 0423 760 086

Email: [kcbaboneham@skymesh.com.au](mailto:kcbaboneham@skymesh.com.au) or



## ST MATTHEWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We wish to extend our appreciation to the St Mary's Parish community for your engagement in the consultation regarding the capital works needs of the school. It was a pleasure to engage in discussion with those who were able to attend the meetings held on February 8 and to reflect together on the options and opportunities for both the renewal of the life of the local Church in light of our diocesan pastoral themes and for the physical needs of the burgeoning school community. Our thanks are also extended to those members of the community who, whilst unable to attend one of the meetings, engaged in the consultation process.

As outlined in the consultation presentation, the community feedback with its strong theme of wishing to retain the K-12 nature of the school, will now inform the deliberations and recommendation by the Diocesan Catholic Education Council and the Diocesan Finance Council to Bishop Michael McKenna and his consultants. This will occur across February/March.

Our thanks are also extended to those who indicated their availability and willingness to be part of an ongoing reference group. We will be in touch shortly, to continue the dialogue and discernment.

In this Year of Youth, it is a privilege to collaborate with you as we pray to the *Holy Spirit of this great southland to inspire our entire faith community as we prayerfully discern new horizons for spreading joy in the lives and communities of the People of God*

Jason Hanrahan, Principal St Matthews School    Jenny Allen, Executive Director of Schools

**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

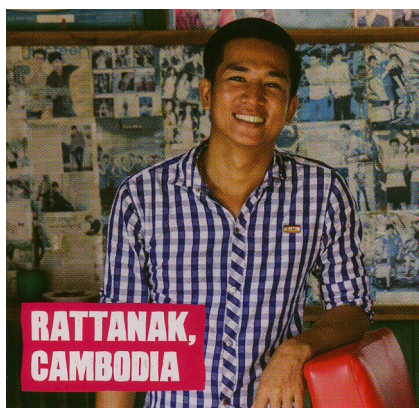
14th March - Kenna Hall, Hill Street, Orange

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](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au)

Register by contacting Dr Angelo Belmonte: [a.belmonte@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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 2 CAMBODIA

Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.**

**Readings for Next Weekend:**

**Exodus 20:1-17;    Corinthians 1:22-25    John 2:13-25**