



*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.



## The Nativity of St John the Baptist - 24th June 2018

### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

**Seminarian**

Mr Nam Le

**Deacon** Charles Applin (Kandos)

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### Parish Office Hours

**Monday**

10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri**

9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**

**Principal:** Mr Jason Hanrahan Ph 02 63721742

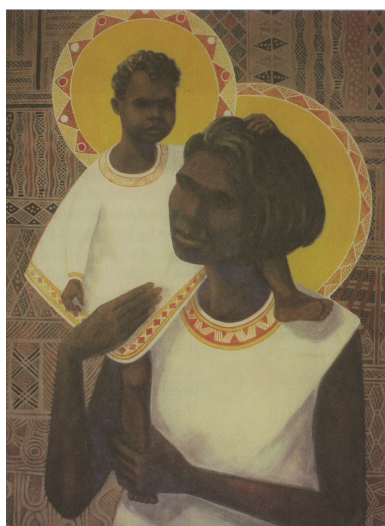
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### National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday - 1st July 2018

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Sunday will be celebrated throughout the diocese next Sunday, 1st July.

We are encouraging people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait descent to be involved in the parish Mass next Sunday with students and parishioners. If you would like to participate please contact the Parish Office by Wednesday 27th June.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Let's be united in prayer with Catholics around Australia on July 1<sup>st</sup>, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

From John Bede Polding, the first bishop in Australia, Catholics have spoken up about the dispossession and destruction of life and culture inflicted on the first peoples of our land. We have tried, through the years, to back up these words with practical help and the sharing of faith. Let us continue, because the lasting effects of this cruel history remain with us today.

There are many issues of injustice and suffering in our country today which cry out for correction. However, the issue of reconciliation with our indigenous sisters and brothers is unique. It addresses the original sin of our nation: the theft on which our wealth was built. Like most sins, it was based on ignorance and unconcern for the rights and needs of others. Until we recognise it and deal with it, we remain a morally stunted society.

Joining in our prayer is Pope St John Paul II, who met with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Alice Springs thirty two years ago. He said to all Australians on that day "Certainly, what has been done cannot be undone. But what can now be done to remedy the deeds of yesterday must not be put off till tomorrow."

Mary, Mother of us all, pray for us.

Yours in Christ,  
+Michael McKenna  
Bishop of Bathurst

### St Mary's Pastoral Council

*Invite you to a*

**Men's Breakfast**

**Thursday 5 July, 7.30am**

**in the Parish Centre.**

All men are cordially invited to come along.

There is a small cost of \$5pp.



RSVP by 2 July to Peter Wakeling 0478227019  
or Julie Keipert 63732264 /0427732264

### DAY BY DAY

**Monday, 25th June**

NO SERVICE

**Tuesday, 26th June**

NO SERVICE

**11.00am Requiem Mass for Mrs Betty Gibbons,  
St Ignatius Catholic Church, Oberon**

**Wednesday, 27th June**

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass Mudgee

5.30pm Pastoral Council Meeting

**Thursday, 28th June**

**8.50am Morning Prayer**

9.10am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong AH Yr 5/6

**Friday, 29th June**

**Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul**

11.45am Rosary - Church

12-12.15 Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

**Saturday, 30th June**

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Sunday, 1st July**

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

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong -Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest.

11.00am Mass Kandos.

### Saturday 30th June & Sunday 1st July 2018

<b>Commentator</b>	K.Fitzsimmons	M.Matthews
<b>Readers</b>	M.Melinz P.Cannon	STUDENTS
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	A.Baker J.Vros D.Cunningham	R.Gawthorne K.Baker M.Dunnachie
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	C.Isbester *	STUDENTS
<b>Welcomers</b>	F & V Solti	*
<b>Altar Servers</b>	J. & G. Ryan A & O. Neaverson-Smith	R.Maguire S.Keaton H.Rodgers N.Santucci
<b>Counters</b>	J.Cavanagh 25/6	E.Goodlet 2/7

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster Leader</b>	<b>1st July 2018 S.Parnell</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>1st July 2018</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	P.Leotta		
<b>Reader</b>	J.Ritar	<b>Readers</b>	L.McPherson T.Ryan
<b>Offertory</b>	W & H Gleeson	<b>Intercessions</b>	A.Krusvar
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	R.Saliba C.Holland	<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	Sr Kath M. Turner
<b>Sacristan</b>	Z.Drew M.O'Brien	<b>Sacristan</b>	Sr Kath

### Pope's prayer Intention for June

Universal – Social Networks

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

We welcome in Baptism this weekend



**Connor Brock James Cross** son of Kaine and Rebecca.

**Bridgette Mae Graham** daughter of Joshua and Chantelle.

**Lola Eve Mackie** daughter of Ashley and Amy.

**A crisis is a tremendous opportunity  
to learn and grow.**

### Masses and prayers requested for the following:

**We pray for the recently deceased especially** Betty Gibbons (Oberon), Sr Fidelma Travis rsj (Bathurst) Robert Reen, Michael Lee (Turrumurra), Carmela Megna (Italy) Tom Deasy, Gerard Hundy( Toukley formerly Kandos), Bill Hensley, Edith Puttick.

**We remember the anniversaries of** Toby Buckley, Georgina Micallef, Neville Box and Sue Sutton.

**We also pray.**

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Sid Isbester, Fr Tim Cahill, Sr Monica Sparks, Alma Ristau, Liam Potts, Darren Tuxford, Rosemary Mitchell (QLD), Ursula Smiezek, Jasmine Prada, Dennis Donelly, 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.

### PLANNED GIVING:

New sets of envelopes are available for collection in all three parishes this weekend. Please collect them to save the parish the cost of postage.

**PLEASE NOTE: Some parishioners will have a different envelope number for this new financial year. We have moved numbers up from 1 .... to save the waste of packs of envelopes.**

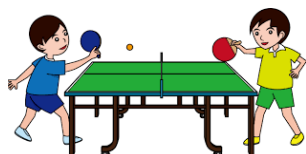
It is important that you fill out a new card even if you are already contributing which keeps our records updated. Cards can also be filled out at the Parish Office.

### GULGONG NEWS:

**ROSTER:** Some people have asked to be removed from the Parish Roster. There is a blank sheet on the table at the back of the Church for people to volunteer or re-volunteer for the various ministries for our Sunday worship. Please place your name in the appropriate column or columns if you wish to be included in the new Roster. The sheet will be left in the Church until July 8.

**CENSUS:** To update Parish records, Parishioners are asked to fill in current contact details on the blank sheet on the table at the back of the Church.

**GCWG** next monthly meeting - Tuesday 3rd July in the Convent.



Does anyone have an unused **Table Tennis Table** they no longer use?

If so would you be kind enough to donate it to St Mary's Youth Group.

### R.I.P

**Mary Elizabeth Alice Gibbons**  
(known as 'Betty').

We extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Fr Owen and his extended family on the death of their precious mother in Oberon last Wednesday. Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Betty in St Ignatius Catholic Church, Oberon next Tuesday 26th June at 11.00am. Following the Mass Betty will be laid to rest at Black Springs.



### Mudgee Parish News

**CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated in Mudgee on the weekend of 15th/16th September. If you have children in the Government schools in Yr 6 who have received First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion please call at the Parish office to register your child.

The first of two parent information sessions is Thursday 2nd August.

It is important for families to remember when choosing a sponsor for your child they must be a Confirmed Catholic.

**St Mary's Pastoral Council** next meeting Wednesday 27th June at 5.30pm.

### End of Era Party!

Farewell the Old and Welcome the New Mudgee Health Service. All current and former staff and their families are invited to attend Parklands Resort, Mudgee on Saturday, 25th August 2018 at 6.30pm. Tickets \$30.00 pp  
More Info contact: [sharon.fugar@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sharon.fugar@health.nsw.gov.au) or Facebook: Mudgee Hospital End of Era Party (02) 63786202 RSVP 30th July

**PARENTS: PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE HEATERS IN THE CENTRE ISLES OF ST MARY'S CHURCH AS THEY ARE VERY HOT.**

PLEASE BE PARTICULARLY AWARE IF YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN.

**PROCLAIM 2018** *Make your home in me...John 15:4*

Registrations are now open to attend this important Conference focused on parish renewal and transformation. Proclaim 2018 will engage parishes and faith communities in an ongoing conversation about: Leadership and culture change; engaging young people; belonging; parish renewal and evangelisation.

**Date:** 12-14 July 2018.

**Cost:** Adult \$275 Student/Pensioner \$220.

**Where:** Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre, St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

For more information and to register:

[www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au)

### World Youth Day 2019 - Panama

Bishop Michael is inviting our young people to join him for WYD in Panama.

The diocese will be leading a group of young people over 18yrs for an 18 day pilgrimage from 14th January - 1st February 2019. The pilgrimage will include an immersion experience in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, followed by World Youth Day week in Panama. The approximate cost is \$5199. For further information see the diocesan website at [www.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au)

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Wisdom: 1:13-15; 2: 23-24 Psalm 29 R.v.2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15 Mark 5:21-43



**The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

**First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6**

*Behold I will make you a light to the nations.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 138 R.cf. v.14**

**I praise you for I am wonderfully made.**

O Lord, you search me and you know me,  
you know my resting and my rising,  
you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or lie down, all my  
ways lie open to you. **R.**

For it was you who created my being, knit  
me together in my mother's womb. I thank  
you for the wonder of my being, for the  
wonders of all your creation. **R.**

Already you knew my soul, my body held no  
secret from you when I was being fashioned  
in secret and moulded in the depths of the  
earth. **R.**

**Second Reading:**

**Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26**

*Christ's coming was announced beforehand by  
the preaching of John.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! You, child, will be called the  
prophet of the Most High; you will go before the  
Lord to prepare his ways. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80**

*John is his name.*

**Memorial Acclamation**

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



**Communion**

**Congratulations to our  
Gulgong  
First Holy Communion  
candidates.**

**Penie-Rose Adams  
Mia Bartolo  
Jake Bartolo  
Eleanor Buckle  
Toran Burke  
Willow Gaudry  
Mary Gorrie  
Joseph Nassar  
Oliver O'Brien**



**Candidates Prayer**

Dear Jesus,

I thank You for your mercy

I thank You for your love,

I thank You for your gift to me

Your Body and Your Blood.

I will thank You always,

In every Mass I pray

I'll try to share the love of You

With those I meet each day.

I thank you for the world

in which we live,

With all the creatures,

and lovely lands,

I thank You for my

family and friends,

I pray You always hold our hands

and guide us with your love.

**Amen**

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

When Elizabeth gave birth to a son, the whole village was quite certain  
that the child would be called Zechariah after his  
father. But Elizabeth resisted and Zechariah had no  
hesitation in writing, 'His name is John' – is John.  
Present tense.



This caused great consternation in the village. This  
could only mean that more shocking breaks with  
tradition were to come. And in the last verse of  
today's Gospel, we learn that this now young man is  
not preparing for priestly service at the Temple!

He is out in the wilderness! He has adopted the lifestyle of the most  
marginal, living outside settled existence where tradition suffocates.

Pope Francis constantly urges us to be challenged by those existing on  
the margins. This encompasses not only those who are suffering  
exclusion, injustice or who are simply without the necessities of life. He is  
also concerned with those on the peripheries of world power. Perhaps  
this is best symbolised in the choosing of a Cardinal from Tonga which  
has only 15,000 Catholics!

We could pause for a moment to pray that we are sufficiently open to  
receive God's messengers, who may erupt from the margins, from 'the  
wilderness' of the peripheries, even from Argentina!

**Solemnity of  
the Birth of  
St. John  
the Baptist  
June 24**

Obedient to his Mission  
Prepared the people for  
the coming of the  
Messiah  
Baptism of Jesus Christ  
at Jordan River

