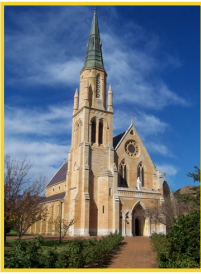


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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 custodians of the land on which we live, work and pray. We walk on Wiradjuri country. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C - 1st September 2019

#### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

#### Parish Deacons

Deacon Karl Sinclair

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

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#### First Reading: **Sir 3:17-20, 28-29**

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11**

**Response:** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

#### Second Reading:

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

**You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

#### Gospel: Lk 14:1. 7-14

**All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.**

#### Memorial Acclamation:

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



#### REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

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## DAY BY DAY

### Monday, 2nd September

NO SERVICE

### Tuesday, 3rd September

9.00am Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion. Mudgee

2.00pm GCWG meeting

5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting

### Wednesday 4th September

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

11.30am Requiem Mass for Anton Blazevec Mudgee

4.00 - 5.00pm Holy Hour Mudgee

5.00pm Mass (Presbytery Chapel)

### Thursday, 5th September

9.10am Mass Mudgee -

10.30am mass Gulgong AH yrs 5/6

1.30pm & 7.00pm First Reconciliation Parent Session 2.

### Friday, 6th September

10.30am Mass Opal Nursing Home

12 noon Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

1.00pm Josephite Associates

### Saturday 7th September

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

### Sunday, 8th September

**Twenty -Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

Commissioning of Leaders, Special Ministers of the Communion, Readers

10.30am Rosary Rylstone

11.00am Rylstone

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

## Liturgy Roster 7th & 8th September 2019

<b>Commentator</b>	A.Flynn	Susie Bennett
<b>Readers</b>	P.Cannon G.Brymora	J.Tioseco L.Littler
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	D.Cunningham S.Abbey	Simon Bennett K.Baker M.Cassidy
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	First Reconciliation Family	First Reconciliation Family
<b>Welcomers</b>	V & F Solti	HELP NEEDED
<b>Gospel Procession</b>	First Reconciliation Family	First Reconciliation Family
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
<b>Counters</b>	2/9 E.Goodlet D.Bennett	9/9 D.Holden D.Donnelly

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 9th September 2019</b>	<b>Rylstone Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 9th September 2019</b>
<i>Leader</i>			
<i>Commentator</i>			
<i>Reader</i>		<i>Readers</i>	A.Krusvar M.Chadwick
<i>Offertory</i>		<i>Intercessions</i>	L.McPherson
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>		<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	
<i>Sacristan</i>		<i>Sacristan</i>	L.McPherson G.English

### *Pope's Universal Prayer*

### *Intention for September*

### **Families, Schools of Human Growth**

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

"NOTHING COULD BETTER EXPRESS THE PRIDE AND EMOTION A FATHER FEELS WHEN HE UNDERSTANDS THAT HE HAS HANDED DOWN TO HIS CHILD WHAT REALLY MATTERS IN LIFE, THAT IS, A WISE HEART."



*Pope Francis*



## SmartLoving Marriage Seminar

A weekend mini-retreat for married couples seeking to be all that God calls them to be.  
Facilitated by SmartLoving founders, Byron and Francine Pirola

**When:** Sat 21- Sun 22 September, 2019

**Where:** St Joseph's Retreat Centre, Baulkham Hills

**Cost:** \$445 per couple (includes accommodation and all meals)

**Information:** [smartloving.org/marriage-live](http://smartloving.org/marriage-live)



## ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care

### More information and Applications Forms

are available on our website  
<http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship> for lay ministry.html

**Closing Date 18 October 2019**

### Plenary Council 2020:

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to what the Spirit is saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process.

Access the report at:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports)

### Living the Gospel – What's the cost?

Jesus' message about humility is as relevant today as it was in the first century. It is part of human nature to want to fit in and to want to belong. Sometimes we are tempted to seek this acceptance at any cost. When our sense of belonging is achieved through the harming, humiliation or exploitation of others then the price is too high. Then our desire for the latest fashion comes at the expense of others being able to simply live, then the price is too high. When we lift ourselves up by putting others down, then the price is too high.

### Mudgee News:

Friday 6th September at 1.00pm - Mudgee Josephite Associates.

### Second Parent Information Session for First Reconciliation

Thursday 5th September at 1.30pm and a repeat session at 7.00pm. It is expected that all First Reconciliation parents attend.

### Gulgong News:

#### GCWG MEETING

First Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is this Tuesday, 3rd September.

### COMMISSIONING CEREMONY:

Leaders, Commentators, Readers and Special Ministers of Communion will be Commissioned at Mass on Sunday September 8.



## ENCOUNTER MYANMAR

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**Encounter Myanmar: Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia. Travelling November 16-29.**

**Enquire via email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 5333**

### Masses and prayers requested for the following:

**We pray for the recently deceased especially** Anton Blazevec,

Anne Young (Lithgow), Liam Potts, Maree Grupetta, Colin Gardiner and John Best (Syd).

**We remember the anniversaries of**

Anthony Innes, Margaret Nevell, Hilda Mealy, Robert Prowse, Joseph Dolanski, John Byrnes, Robert Hough, Marea Cox, June Melrose, BJ Harris, Patricia Morrall

**We also pray for the souls of**

Georgina Micallef, Ford Micallef, Charlie and Rita Saliba, Joe Swientek, Swientek and Smieszek family, all deceased family and friends.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:**

Eliza Vasilis, Gweneth Knight, Lance Tito, Marg Doble, Dennis McGarth, Margaret Melinz, Alma & Ed Ristau, Anna Swientek, Joe Saliba, Jennifer Ryan, Anne Stayner, Sue Melinz, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Denis Donelly, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer. All in our nursing homes and those seeking special intentions.

### BAPTISM



We welcome to the parish family this weekend

**Reginald Patrick Leonard** son of Ryan & Heidi and

**Cooper Jade Grant** daughter of Lynden & Lauren.



### Marriage

Congratulations to

**Thomas George Riches** and **Natasha Irene Lee**

who celebrated the sacrament of marriage in St Mary's this weekend.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17 R. v.1

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14: 25-33



## FATHER'S DAY APPEAL - SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

this Sunday, 1st September, we celebrate Father's Day. This is also the weekend that we hold our annual Father's Appeal for the retired clergy within the Diocese.

*'CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED'*

'Each year, on Father's Day, we have a special collection in support of our retired priests. They have given years of service to God's people and many continue, as health and strength allow, as ministers of Word and Sacrament. They continue to help our local church with their prayers.'

I encourage you to give generously to this appeal.

+Michael McKenna  
Bishop of Bathurst

## GOSPEL CONNECTIONS.....

### Remember Your Dinner Partner



Was Jesus talking about the church car park in this Gospel? Watch a church car park after Mass. See who lets others go first and who races to be the first out, cutting off other parishioners.

Or maybe Jesus was talking about the sign of peace. I remember one parishioner who refused to offer it to another because he was angry with him.

Or maybe Jesus was talking about who is welcome at church. I remember a parishioner who was angry when her church let homeless people spend the night in a parish building.

I think Jesus was talking about all of the above in this week's Gospel. You see, going to church, where we eat and drink in Jesus' company, is really pretty easy. It takes about an hour. But after the final blessing, some people think they've done their part for the week and don't connect that *"meal"* with their behaviour for the next six days.

But following Jesus requires much more. The challenge we face is letting the Sunday Eucharist shape our lives all week long. How does your weekly meal with Jesus shape how you play sports, treat outsiders, live with family, work at your job, and act at school?

There's another challenge in this reading. We might be surprised, Jesus says, by who we meet at God's banquet in heaven. I've met homeless people who never go to church but are more compassionate than some people I know who go to church daily.

So go to church. Eat and drink in Jesus' company. But remember your dinner partner for the rest of the week. And also remember he dines with a lot of people we'll never see in church.

***If you were on trial for being a Christian, would the prosecution find enough evidence if they looked only at the way you live your life Monday through Sunday?***

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## Happy Father's Day



### What Makes a Dad

God took strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it .....Dad.

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Our relationships with our fathers can be complicated.  
**For some of us, our father's love is like God's love -- too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.**

Some of our dads are here; some were never here.

**For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.**

**On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognise the importance of fathers in our communities.**