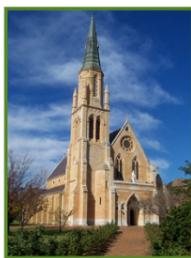


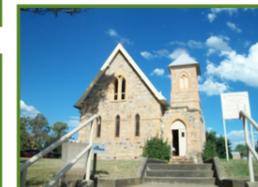
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A: 23rd February 2020

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Fr Owen Gibbons

Assistant Priest

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Deacon Charles Applin

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<https://ahcpsgulgong.schoolzine.com>

First Reading:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

Response:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

Corinthians 3: 16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 5: 38-48

Love your enemies.

Memorial Acclamation:

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



REFLECTION

 by Diane Bergant CSA

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

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

For the recently deceased especially

Lorraine Smith, Judith Roberts, Lennor Cumming, John Hemsley, Johanna Breitkopf and Nola Robison (Port Macquarie).

We remember the anniversaries of

Gloria Windle, Nancy Coughy, Raymond Power, Adriel Maloney, and Michael Gibbons.

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

Maria Brec, Brian Constable (Sth Coast), Barbara McCann (Blacktown), Brian Kurtz, Sylvia O'Brien, Eliza Vasilis, Julie Collins, Marg Doble, Anna Swientek, Elizabeth Donnelly, Tony Gillham, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon and all those in our nursing homes.

GULGONG NEWS:

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
10.30AM**

Roster: There will be a temporary roster until Deacon (Fr) Dong takes up his appointment in Mudgee.

Due to health issues and parishioners moving away from Gulgong, we are once more in need of volunteers for the various Ministries within the Parish. There will be a sheet on the table at the back of the Church for Parishioners to place their name.

Gulgong Catholic Womens Group

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th March, in the Convent. All positions are declared vacant. New members welcome.



**MONDAY HISTORY
TALK
AT THE LIBRARY**

On Monday 2nd March at 10.15am at the Mudgee Library, Jenny Maloney will be guest speaker to talk about the history of St Mary's Church, the Priests, Sisters of Mercy and St Matthews Catholic School. All welcome.

MUDGEE NEWS

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:

The first meeting for the year will be this **Thursday 27th February at 5.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

AGM of the Pastoral Council will be on Wednesday 25th March, 5.30pm.

We are seeking new members - several of current members have served their time on the council and are to step down from their role. If you know of someone who is willing to join and support the Pastoral needs of the parish please contact Fr Owen.

We will be calling for nominations from next week.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020 MUDGEE
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH,
6.00PM**



St Mary's is to host the World Day of Prayer.

There will be a light supper served in the Parish Centre after the service.

The host country is Zimbabwe and the theme is **"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"**.

Helpers needed:

- * **Ministers willing to read at the service**
- * **People to help with setting up and preparation for the supper after the service.**

Welcome Dinner

A welcome dinner for new parishioners is being organised for **Friday 20th March, 6.00pm** in the Parish Centre.



If you know of families/individuals new to the parish please let the parish office know so as we can extend a personal invitation.

Mudgee Josephite Associates

The March meeting will take place on **Friday 13th March** instead of the 6th March due to World Day of Prayer.

KANDOS NEWS

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
11.30AM - KANDOS**

World Day of Prayer, St Dominic's Kandos, 1.00pm Friday 6th March 2020.

**Anointing Mass 11.00am
and Celebration Lunch Kandos**

A lunch to celebrate Sr Kath's 80th Birthday is planned for Sunday 22nd March.

If you will be attending the lunch please either write your name on the sheet available at the back of the church or contact Louise or Carol. Cost \$5pp.

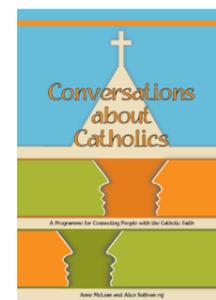
Numbers attending are required to assist with catering.

Conversations About Catholics - Mudgee

Four sessions of conversations about many aspects of the Catholic faith, tradition and rituals.

St Mary's Parish Centre

beginning Thursday **5th March** at 9.30am and continuing Thursday 12th, 19th, and 26th March.



Particularly parents who have children preparing for the sacraments this year, have not been active in the church or simply want to update your knowledge.

Join us in these relaxed sessions

ALPHA ROSTER

COPIES OF THE ROSTER ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE A COPY.



Quote

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

John Quincy Adams

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Genesis 2:7-9, 3: 1-7

Psalms 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17. R. 3

Romans 5: 12 -19

Matthew 4:1-11



Welcome and Congratulations to
Fr Karl Sinclair
on your
Ordination to Priesthood.



Seven years of study and preparation Karl, with a few ups and downs and a few challenges along the way, and here we are at Ordination, a priest for the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst.

We wish God's blessing upon you as you begin your priestly journey and your first placement at St Joseph's Orange. Congratulations and best wishes from the parishioners of Gulgong, Kandos and Mudgee.

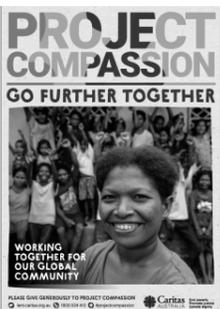


Let us Pray,
O Mother of Jesus Christ,
you were with him at the beginning
of his life and mission, you sought the
Master among the crowd,
you stood beside him
when he was lifted up
from the earth
consumed as the one eternal sacrifice,
and you had your son,
near at hand;
accept from the beginning Karl,
who has been called,
protect his growth,
in his life ministry accompany your son,
O Mother of Priests .
Pray for him.



Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Go Further Together"**.



As Teresa of Calcutta said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love."

You will be helping empower our world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Visit of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and Ss Louis and Zelie Martin

For the first time in nearly 20 years, the relics of St Therese of Lisieux, one of the most popular saints of modern times, will visit Australia on a four-month pilgrimage along with the major relic of her parents, Saints Louis and Zelia Martin.

The visit is being coordinated by Catholic Mission from February to May 2020, the family's relics will travel across the country 17 dioceses in metropolitan and regional areas with opportunities for all devotees to visit with the relics. The relics of St Therese and her parents will begin the visit to the Diocese of Bathurst from Monday 24 February in Coonabarabran.



Kandos, Mudgee and Gulgong Program Monday 2nd March

Kandos - 10.30am - Reception of Relics
11.00am - Mass
11.45 - 12.30pm Private devotions

Mudgee - 1.30pm - Reception of Relics
1.30pm - 3.00pm: Private Devotions SMCS
3.00pm - 6.00pm: Private Devotions
6.00pm - Mass
7.00pm - 8.00pm Private Devotions

Tuesday 3rd March

Gulgong - 9.00am - Reception of Relics
(All Hallows 9.15am - Mass
School Hall) 10.00am - 10.15 am Private Devotions