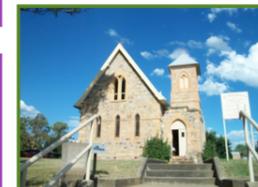
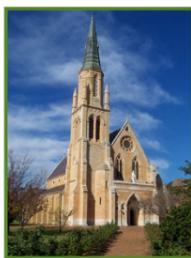


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.

First Sunday of Lent - Year A: 1st March 2020

Parish Priest
Fr Owen Gibbons
Assistant Priest
Fr Karl Sinclair
Parish Deacon
Deacon Charles Applin

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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
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Principal: Mr Bradley Toole

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Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others.
In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter
with those who are to be baptised.

National Visit of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and Ss Louis and Zelig Martin

Kandos, Mudgee and Gulgong Program

Monday 2nd March

- Kandos -** 10.30am - Reception of Relics
11.00am - Mass
11.45 - 12.30pm Public devotions
- Mudgee -** 1.30pm - Reception of Relics
1.30pm - 3.00pm: Devotions for SMCS
3.00pm - 6.00pm: Public devotions
6.00pm - Mass
7.00pm - 8.00pm Public Devotions



Tuesday 3rd March

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



World Day of Prayer **AUSTRALIA**

ST MARY'S CHURCH

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH, 6.00PM

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

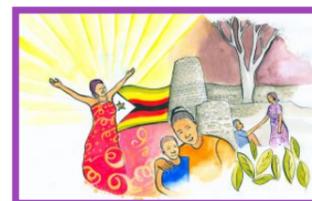
The host country is Zimbabwe with the theme

"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk".

**ALL INVITED TO COME AND SUPPORT THIS
INTERDENOMINATIONAL ANNUAL SERVICE.**

**Following the service there will be a light supper
served in the Parish Centre.**

Please bring a small plate of food for sharing.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 2nd March

**Visit of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux
and Ss Louis and Zelig Martin**

10.30am Reception of Relics Kandos

11.00am Mass Kandos

11.45am - 12.30pm Private Devotions Kandos

1.30pm Reception of Relics Mudgee

1.30pm - 3.00pm: Private Devotions SMCS

3.00pm - 6.00pm: Private Devotions

6.00pm - Mass Mudgee

7.00pm - 8.00pm Private Devotions

Tuesday 3rd March

9.00am Celebration of Word with Holy Communion

9.00am - Reception of Relics Gulgong

(All Hallows School Hall)

9.15am - Mass Gulgong

10.00am - 10.15 am Private Devotions

Wednesday 4th March

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass Mudgee

Thursday 5th March

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr 1

9.30am Conversations About Catholics

Friday 6th March

World Day of Prayer

10.30am Opal Aged Care

12.15pm Reconciliation Mudgee

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

6pm World Day of Prayer hosted by St Mary's Mudgee

Supper after the service.

Saturday 7th March

5.15pm - 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday 8th March

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Rylstone

3.00pm Final Mass Ilford Church

Pope's Universal Prayer for March

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Mudgee Liturgy Roster 7th / 8th March 2020

Commentator	L.Ryan	M.Matthews
Readers	P.Cannon G.Brymora	R.Disher R.McKeown
Special Ministers of Communion	A.Baker P.Dick	J.Keipert M.Cassidy
Offertory Procession	V & F Solti	Disher Family
Welcomers	V & F Solti	J.Potts M.Dunnachie
Altar Servers	G. Ryan T. Ryan P. Forrester E. Yule	E. Halpin M. Halpin A. Marchant
Counters	2/3 E.Goodlet M.Walker	9/3 D. Holden P. O'Brien

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 8th March 2020	Rylstone Liturgy Roster	Sunday 8th March 2020
Leader			
Commentator	D.Kelly		
Reader	R.Saliba	Readers	T. Ryan L. McPherson
Offertory	W & H Gleeson	Intercessions	C. D'Illio
Special Minister of Communion	R.Saliba J.Thatcher	Special Minister of Communion	
Sacristan	M & e Carney	Sacristan	L. McPherson

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially

Rick Tompsett, Lorraine Smith, Judith Roberts and Lennor Cumming.

We remember the anniversaries of Adriel Maloney, Gloria Windle, and John Babbage.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Betty Price, Jacki Smith, 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.

Mudgee News

AGM of St Mary's Pastoral Council
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL, 5.30pm.
Nominations are called for election to the council for a three year term.

The Parish Pastoral Council meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 5.30p.m. in the Parish Centre. If you are elected and accept a position on the council it is expected that you will attend the monthly meetings.

Nominations forms are available at the back of the church. You may nominate yourself or another person with their permission.

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.

ALPHA ROSTER

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



MONDAY HISTORY TALK AT THE LIBRARY



This 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.

Gulgong News

Visit of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and Ss Louis and Zelig Martin
Tuesday 3rd March
All Hallows School Hall

9.00am - Reception of Relics
 9.15am - Mass
 All welcome!

Gulgong Catholic Womens Group

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th March, 2.00pm, in the Convent. All positions are declared vacant. New members welcome.

Kandos News

Visit of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and Ss Louis and Zelig Martin
Monday 2nd March

Kandos -

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

Final Mass at Ilford Church - Next Sunday
 8th March at 3.00pm. We encourage only those who are directly associated to attend as the church is very small and there are no facilities

Anointing Mass 11.00am and Celebration Lunch

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 of the sheet available at the back of the church or contact Louise or Carol. Cost \$5pp.
 Numbers are required to assist with catering.

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.

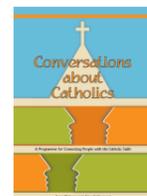
Chaplaincy presence at CSU Bathurst

Are you or someone you know commencing or returning to the Bathurst Campus of Charles Sturt University in the coming weeks and would like to connect with other young Catholics?
 In 2020, CSU Bathurst will have a chaplaincy presence.
 If you would like to connect, please email on CSUcatholics@bathurst.catholic.org.au

Conversations About Catholics - Mudgee

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

St Mary's Parish Centre
 beginning this Thursday **5th March**
 at 9.30am and continuing
 Thursday 12th, 19th, and 26th March.



Particularly helpful for 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Genesis 12: 1-4

Psalm 32: 4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22

Timothy 1: 8-10

Matthew 17: 1-9

First Sunday of Lent - Year A

First Reading:

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

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 3

Response:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (R.)

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)

Second Reading:

Romans 5: 12-19

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Gospel:

Matthew 4: 1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Memorial Acclamation:

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

LENT 2020



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin our observance of Lent in preparation for Easter this year, we can give thanks to God for the rain that we have received in recent weeks. We hope and pray that it will continue and that we may have a good year. Of course, the work of rebuilding lives and livelihoods that were battered by the long drought must continue: and we must renew our pledge to help one another.

The scriptures often use the image of rain falling from heaven to talk about the grace of God. *Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth, and let it cause righteousness to spring up also...*(Isaiah 45:8)

When I visited parishes in the northwest of our Diocese a couple of weeks ago, the paddocks were green, the dams were full and the rivers were flowing again. People were smiling. Last week, there were plenty of smiles, too, at the ordinations of our two new priests, Fathers Karl Sinclair and Dong Van Nguyen: the fruit of God's grace.

Lent is not a gloomy time, but a time to open our lives to the shower of God's grace, which brings the joy of new growth. By spending more time discovering God's presence in prayer; by letting go of our attachments to comforts and luxuries; by sharing what we have with those who have less: we can experience the life of God, who is calling us to Resurrection. Have a happy Lent.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

25th February 2020

The Season of Lent

During the horrible bushfires that ravaged communities, vegetation, and wildlife, we have seen death and destruction, but also acts of bravery, selflessness and compassion – volunteer fire fighters putting their lives on the line, community groups feeding and housing the displaced, people across Australia donating money to assist those who have lost everything and to help with the rehabilitation of wildlife.



Much native Australian flora is dependent on the heat of the bushfire for regeneration. Just a few days after fire has destroyed bushland eucalypts are already sprouting fresh green shoots, and are now refreshed by recent rainfalls

As we are signed with ashes at the beginning of Lent, we are reminded of our human insignificance and repent our failings. But we remember also that we are Easter people - that good can come out of evil, that death gives way to new life, that there is hope in the midst of despair.

In our liturgies during Lent, there are ways for us to focus on this season:

- purple is used for the vestments and banners, to visually evoke a mood of simplicity and austerity ,
- flowers are removed from the sanctuary.
- "Hosea" will be sung as the Entrance Hymn for each Mass
- Quiet music at the end of Mass instead of a Recessional Hymn, which will help us reflect that we are journeying towards being Easter people and we leave the Church in silence.