

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.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 28th June 2020

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UPDATED COVID-19 INFORMATION

As of 1st July the NSW Government will further ease restrictions for a number of things including attendance at Mass.

The number of people permitted in the church to attend Mass or for private prayer in

St Mary's Church will be 80

St John the Baptist Gulgong 47

St Malachy's, Rylstone 40

St Dominic's, Kandos 50

with social distancing of 1 person per four square meter.

The church is open for Mass and visitation Tuesday - Thursday 9.15 -10.30am Friday 11.30am - 1.00pm. We apologise we cannot leave the church open at all times as we don't have the man power to have someone be there at all times for cleaning.

It is no longer necessary to book to attend Mass either during the week or for weekends.

You will be required to continue to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church and to supply your contact details on the sign in sheet provided on entry to the church as has been the practice in recent times.

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND if you have any flu like symptoms or if you are deemed in the vulnerable category.

FUNERALS: Restrictions have been eased, again to the capacity of individual churches with social distancing.

BAPTISMS: We are now able to celebrate baptism. Please register via the Parish Office. We will be able to have 2 baptisms only at any one time to meet requirements.

SACRAMENTS:

We await further instruction as to when and if we will be able to celebrate Confirmation, First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation in 2020.

LIVE STREAMING OF THE SUNDAY MASS will continue for a short time.

CHURCH CLEANING:

The church surfaces need to be continually cleaned after each service. We would be most grateful for names of people willing to assist, particularly on the weekends where most of the church needs to be done. Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist on a Saturday/ Sunday roster. It will only take a short time with extra helpers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE)

Schools and approved providers of SRE and SEE were advised lessons can resume from the beginning of Term 3.

First Reading: [2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16](#)

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2](#)

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be

Second Reading: [Rom 6:3-4. 8-11](#)

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation [Apoc 1:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mt 10:37-42](#)

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

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MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY - 29th June

Sts Peter & Paul, Solemnity

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 30th June

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 1st July

The Nativity of St John the Baptist, Solemnity

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 2nd July

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 3rd July

12 Noon Angelus

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 4th July-

12 Noon Angelus

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY: 5th July

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass Mudgee (Live Streamed)

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12 Noon Angelus

Confession/Anointing

Please ring and make an appointment, the priests are available.

NEW PLANNED GIVING:



This is last Sunday of the Planned Giving Financial Year. New sets of envelopes are available from the Parish Office until Tuesday of next week. Those not collected will be placed in your letterboxes from Wednesday.

Thank to all who have continued to support our parish in these very uncertain times.

If you are not already in the Planned Giving Programme please take a gifting card from the back of the church and return the Parish Office.

BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT DEBIT PLANNED GIVING

Gulgong Parish
BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100006612
Reference: Your
name.Kandos Parish
BSB - 066 781
Acc No 100005344
Reference: Your name

THE CHURCH IS OPEN
FOR MASS AND
VISITATION
TUES-THURS
9.15 -10.30AM
FRIDAY
11.30AM - 1.00PM

VINNIES COVID -19 WINTER APPEAL

YOU CAN HELP FAMILIES IMPACTED BY COVID -19 TO PAY THEIR BILLS, PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE AND KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD.

ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOR DONATIONS. THEY CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR HANDED IN AT THE SVdP CENTRE.

ALTERNATIVELY

DONATE AT : VINNIES.ORG.AU

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Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially

Tony Gillham, Dulcie Baskerville, Kevin Williams, Eduardo M Cojuangco jnr, Elsa C Duncan and Cesar Valerio.

We remember the anniversary of Mary Gillham, Philip Kearins, Tom & Joan Kearins, Rosemary Quinn, Marie Gaffney, Noel Large, Bill Day, Alison Thompson and Hazel Hughes.

We also pray for Jack Gillham,

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Anne McLean, Judith Grant, Betty Price, Maria Brec, Brian Kurtz, Sylvia O'Brien, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Eliza Vasilis, Julie Collins, Anna Swientek, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing Homes.

POPE FRANCIS'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR JUNE:

Evangelization: That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.



Congratulations
to
Rex and Denise Donnelly
who celebrated
their 50th Wedding Anniversary
on 13th June 2020
We wish you many more years
of happiness and good health.

Never regret anything that made you smile.

From Pope Francis ...

The worldwide coronavirus pandemic is not God's judgment on humanity, but God's call on people to judge what is most important to them and resolve to act accordingly from now on.

"it is not the time of your judgment, but of our judgment: a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others."

Pope Francis

Vatican Square March 27, 2020

THE WEEKLY STORY

The Front Line of Service

Another day and another dollar - well, not really. The young man dressed in the dark and prepared to leave the house to work his next 12-hour shift. He took a last look at his sleeping wife and peeked in on their sleeping toddler daughters. He headed to the car and as he pulled out of the driveway, he wondered what his day would hold. Would there be personal protective equipment to protect him? Would his colleagues be able to come to work or would they be short staffed? Would the test results he had requested be available? Would the man he had sent to ICU have survived the night? How many patients would he see today? Would this be the day he, too, became a victim of this mysterious and vicious virus? Or was he already?

Every time the young doctor stepped into the emergency room, he knew the risks - not only for himself but for his beloved young family. And yet, he entered the room once again. He has been one of many selfless heroes who have served our country in these recent months. These first responders are compassionate, competent, selfless, and courageous and we will never be able to adequately thank them. They have "lost" their familiar lives in order to preserve the lives of others. They have carried the cross, day after day, in a way that will forever change them - and all of us. We trust in the life that will come from their sacrifices, because we are people of faith. Yet we live still in the midst of it all.

Thought for the week

Life isn't about finding yourself.

Life is about creating yourself.

Gospel Focus – Anyone who welcomes

Having spelled out the difficulties of discipleship throughout Ch 10, the gospel writer has Jesus reassuring the disciples that anyone who welcomes them welcomes him. There are echoes here of other parts of the Gospel of Matthew: the Beatitudes, with its blessings on the poor and humble of heart; the welcome of children, the 'little ones' of the kingdom; and the Last Judgment (Mt 24), that reminds us that whatever we do for the least in the world we do for Jesus. Jesus even describes the disciples as 'little ones' – a reminder both to them and to those who welcome them.



FAMILY PRAYER WEEK BY WEEK

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Where do we find Jesus today and how do we make Jesus welcome? Think about your family, your friends, your neighbours. Is there someone that could use your help? Maybe you could do a job to help a grandparent. Maybe you could cheer up someone who is sick. We can be the hands of Jesus and help others.



THE STORY

In today's reading from Matthew's gospel, Jesus is instructing the twelve before sending them out to tell other people about Jesus' message. The instructions Jesus gave his disciples are also instructions for us. Jesus is telling us that when we welcome and help other people, we welcome and help Jesus.



PRAYER

Christ has no body
but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth,
but yours,
Yours are eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which
he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which
he blesses all the world.
- Teresa of Avila



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Zec 9:9-10](#)

[Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1](#)

[Rom 8:9.11-13](#)

[Mt 11:25-30](#)