

*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.

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 26th July 2020

#### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

#### Assistant Priest

Fr Dong Van Nguyen

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Deacon Charles Applin

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#### Parish Office Hours

**Mon, 10.00am - 4.00pm**

**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am -**

**1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

#### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**

**Principal:** Mrs Angela Myles

Ph 02 63721742

[www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/)

**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**

**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole

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#### COVID - 19 REMINDERS

- ◆ Please place your name and contact number on the sheets provided at the entrance of the church.
- ◆ Please seat 1.5 metre apart unless you are from the same household.
- ◆ Please sanitise your hands as you enter the church and when you leave the church.
- ◆ Parishioners are **NOT TO JOIN IN THE SINGING OF HYMNS** at Mass.
- ◆ If you have flu like symptoms please stay at home and be tested.
- ◆ If you are a vulnerable person the advice is to stay home.
- ◆ Church capacity St Mary's Church, Mudgee - 80  
St John the Baptist Gulgong - 47  
St Malachy's, Rylstone - 40  
St Dominic's, Kandos - 50
- ◆ **PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU** - otherwise place in the bin as you leave the Church.

#### PROCESS FOR CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

- Please meet in the Sacristy after Mass.
- All volunteers must wash their hands prior to cleaning
- Gloves are to be used and disposed of
- Hands are to be rewashed after removal of gloves

#### Live Streaming of Sunday Mass from St Mary's Parish



This week will be the last weekly stream of the Sunday Mass from St Mary's.

Starting from next Sunday, 2nd August we will be live streaming every second week in conjunction with St Raphael's Parish, Cowra. The next live stream from Mudgee will be Sunday 9th August.

For Cowra Sunday 2nd August

<https://www.facebook.com/straphaelscowra2014/>

For Mudgee Sunday 9th August

<https://www.facebook.com/stmaryscatholicmudgee/>

Other options:

**Daily Mass** from the Church of St Francis Xavier, Lavender Bay, available

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD\\_HVaQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ)

Choose 'Mass on Demand'

The Sunday Mass is also available to watch on television every Sunday at 6.00am on Channel Ten.

**Sunday Mass can be found here**

[www.facebook.com/pg/stmaryscatholicmudgee/videos/](http://www.facebook.com/pg/stmaryscatholicmudgee/videos/)

**First Reading: 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12**

*You have asked for wisdom.*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97**

**((R.))** Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. **(R.)**

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. **(R.)**

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. **(R.)**

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Rom 8:28-30**

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the  
mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Mt 13:44-52**

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*



**Reflecting on the Gospel**

(Mt 13:44-52)

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Today's reading gives us the third Sunday in a row where we hear from Matthews chapter on parables. Seven parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew appear in chapter 13. The setting is in the house, where Jesus continues to teach his disciples using this rhetorical device, often explaining the allegorical meaning to them. Though in today's reading Jesus asks them a simple question, "Do you understand all these things?" to which the disciples reply, "Yes." Of course, those at the liturgy today will only hear those words if the longer gospel reading is proclaimed.

This particular gospel reading preserves parables not found anywhere else in the New Testament. These parables either come from Matthew's special source or they are his own composition.

The reading begins with two parables: the treasure buried in the field, and the pearl of great price. Each is a side of the coin so to speak, with Jesus instructing his disciples that the kingdom of heaven is worth such a prize. In other words, once one encounters the kingdom of heaven, the proper response is to reprioritise all else in favour of this. It is worth selling everything else to possess this one thing.

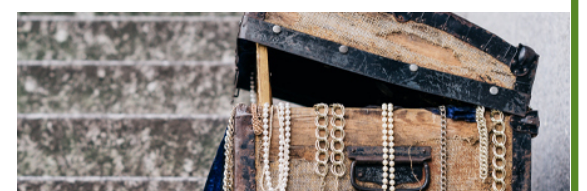
The longer gospel reading gives one more parable, but it has another point. Rather than reinforce the lesson of the first two parables, the third - the net cast into the sea which brings in a terrific catch - has another message. The net is returned with good fish, but also with things that are not so good. The latter is thrown away. This then becomes the image for the eschatological judgement, a topic that Matthew addresses quite often. At the judgement, some will not be merely cast aside or "thrown away," but the angels will throw the wicked into the "fiery furnace." As we saw last week, this is a favourite Matthean theme, and it causes some scholars to posit that the parable is a Matthean creation, though certainly canonical Scripture that is both authoritative and inspired.

Matthew is sure to tell us there will be a final, definitive judgement and an unfortunate end is possible based on the decisions we have made.

Source:

*Living Liturgy*

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We welcome in Baptism this weekend



**Alex Claire Doherty** and  
**Anna Louise Doherty**  
children of Sean and Katie.

### PRAYER PARTNERS FOR

#### ST MATTHEWS YEAR 12 STUDENTS

We are seeking parishioners willing to pray and support a student as they continue to prepare for their Yr 12 HSC examinations. This year has been extremely challenging for the students, Covid has not been kind to them, placing doubt and uncertainty in their minds about their future. The students need our prayers in 2020, possibility more than any other year.



If you are willing to be part of this support network, you will be presented with a prayer card from the students in the coming weeks. At the end of term we are hoping to have a Mass and morning tea to celebrate with students and prayer partners before their final days of schooling. Please place the card on your bedside table or fridge door as a reminder to pray for them each day.

if you would like to be part of the support network please put your name on the sheet provided at the back of the church or contact the parish office.

*May the Holy Spirit look upon them and guide with the gift of Courage, Wisdom and Peace.*

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

A short informal meeting is to take place next Thursday at 6.00pm in the Parish Centre for all current members. The AGM has been abandoned for this year due to the current situation. We look forward to your thoughts on how we can best continue to support the parish at this time.

**PLEASE BE AWARE COVID 19 DISTANCING  
RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY.**

**CONFIRMATION** in the diocese will be celebrated by the Parish Priest in individual parishes this year. It is planned to celebrate Confirmation in Mudgee and Gulgong towards the end of September, depending of course on Covid 19 restrictions. The celebration will need to place over a few weekends due to restricted numbers in the church at special Masses. If you have children in the state school who are eligible for Confirmation this year please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.



### Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

#### For the recently deceased especially

Ron Phillips, Malcolm Roth, Marie McKenna (Mother of Bishop Michael), Maria Koppe (Germany), Norm Leonard, Edith Power and Timothy Rayner.

**We remember the anniversary of** Fairy McDermott, Brian O'Farrell, Patrick Woods, John McRae, Lyn Pilley, John Bradley and John Krismer.

**We also pray for deceased members** Varga, Blazevic marakovic families, Tony Blazevic and David Kiddle.

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

Those seeking Special Intentions and all the Holy Souls.

## Family Prayer

### Something to Think About

Today we hear another Gospel story about the Kingdom of Heaven. How do you think we could help to bring about God's kingdom on earth? What would such a place look like? It would be a safe and enjoyable place where people are appreciated and loved. It would be a place where people's gifts are acknowledged and valued, where everyone is treated fairly, where people are honest and caring. Add some ideas of your own!

### The Story

This week we hear Jesus tell the disciples that the Kingdom of Heaven is like finding a treasure in a field. Whoever finds it will go to extraordinary lengths to buy the field so that the treasure is theirs forever. Similarly, the kingdom is like some lovely pearls and the lengths one will go to in order to buy those pearls of great value.

### Family Discussion

Talk together about how in the time of Jesus, people would sometimes hide their valuables by digging a hole in the ground and burying them. If the person forgot about them, the goods could stay buried for years. Legally they belonged to the person who owned the land, but might be discovered by someone else such as a farm worker. They might sell everything they owned to buy the field and so be the owner of the buried treasure.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is so valuable, worth more than all our possessions, and that we would be very happy if we could sell everything in order to have it. Have a chat about what we can do to find treasure of God's kingdom in ourselves. What are the treasures of being a follower of Jesus?

## MASS TIMETABLE

### MONDAY - 27th July

No Mass  
12 Noon Angelus

### TUESDAY - 28th July

9.30am Mass Mudgee  
12 Noon Angelus

### WEDNESDAY - 29th July

*St Martha, memorial*  
9.30am Mass Mudgee  
9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group  
12 Noon Angelus  
5.30pm Finance Council Meeting

### THURSDAY - 30th July

9.30am Mass Mudgee  
12 Noon Angelus  
6.00 Pastoral Council Meeting

### FRIDAY - 31st July

St Ingatius of Loyola, memorial  
12 Noon Angelus  
12.30pm Mass Mudgee

### SATURDAY - 1st August

12 Noon Angelus  
5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

### SUNDAY: 2nd August

#### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass Mudgee (Live Streamed)  
10.30am Mass Gulgong  
11.00am Mass Kandos  
12 Noon Angelus

### Confession/Anointing/ Home Communion

Please ring and make an appointment, the priests are available,  
and we can visit you at home.

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

## Mudgee Roster for July/August

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful
Sat 25th July	L.Nicholson	A. Fergus	I. Byrne
Sun 26th July	R. McKeown	C.Devitt	M. Cassidy
Sat 1st Aug	R.Petersen	I.Byrne	B.Petersen
Sun 2nd Aug	R.Disher	J.O'Brien	S.Abbey
Sat 8th Aug	Secondary Student	J.Newman	Secondary Student
Sun 9th Aug	M.McLean	L.Littler	A.Myles

## Gulgong Roster for July

Date	Commentator	Reader
26th July	R. Saliba	B. Toole

## URGENT APPEAL FOR SRE TEACHERS (CATECHISTS)

There is a shortage of volunteers for the Ministry of Catechist - to teach in the public schools in our area. Catechists and Assistants are needed at all State primary schools.



Please give consideration to assisting in this vital work of the church.

If you would like to Volunteer to be a Catechist or an Assistant at the Public Schools please contact the Parish Office.

Please ring the Parish Office if you would like to know more about the role of Catechists in your Parish.

Lessons will resume next week.

Can you help make a difference?

## POPE FRANCIS'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR JULY: Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

**Quote:** To live a pure unselfish life,  
one must count nothing as one's own  
in the midst of abundance.

**Thank you for supporting our parish. To donate to the Parish go online or call at the Parish Office.**

## BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT DEBIT PLANNED GIVING

### Kandos Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100005344

Reference: Your name

### Mudgee Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100004583

Reference: Your name.

### Gulgong Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100006612

Reference: Your name



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Is 55:1-3](#)

[Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16](#)

[Rom 8:35. 37-39](#)

[Mt 14:13-21](#)