

*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.



## Third Sunday of Lent - Year B 7th March 2021

### **First Reading: Ex 20:1-17**

*The Law was given through Moses.*

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

**(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **(R.)**



### **Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25**

*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

### **Gospel Acclamation: Jn 3:16**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### **Gospel: Jn 2:13-25**

*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of **LENT** the reminder of *baptism* already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of *repentance*, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery, in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. For both the elect and the local community, therefore, the Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery. RCIA125

### **REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

Where does God really dwell?

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.

His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person.

We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'



#### **Parish Priest**

Fr Owen Gibbons

#### **Assistant Priest**

Fr Dong Van Nguyen

#### **Parish Deacon**

Deacon Charles Applin

#### **Parish Secretaries**

Mrs Kristie Newman

Mrs Krista O'Brien

**Postal Address:** P.O Box 14 Mudgee  
NSW 2850

**Phone:** 02 6372 2122

**Fax:** 02 6372 6700

**Email:** [office.mudgee@cdob.org.au](mailto:office.mudgee@cdob.org.au)

**Website:** [www.mudgee.catholic.org.au](http://www.mudgee.catholic.org.au)

#### **Parish Office Hours**

**Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm**

**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm**

**Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm**

#### **OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

##### **St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**

**Principal:** Mrs Angela Myles

Ph 02 6372 1742

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

##### **All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**

**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole

Ph 02 6374 1582

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

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

**For the recently deceased especially** Elisa Fajarda and Bruce Eastburn.

**We remember the anniversaries of** Jennifer Eade, David Kiddle, Joan Gallagher, Mavis Whale and Ivan Dinges.

**We also pray for** George and Eva Jozicic, Tony Blazavic, Varga & Blazavic Families.

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

Carmel Thompson, John Carney (Rooty Hill), Mike O'Shea, Jan Bailie, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Elizabeth Taylor (Newcastle), Allen Fenwick (Newcastle), Maria Leotta, Eliza and Elena Vasilis, Rebecca Fetcher, Enid Auld, Debbie Solti, Katherine Szulc (Poland), Judith Grant, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Julie Collins, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.

**For the Diary - For Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.**

**Reflection & Information Evenings**

These evenings are for both new and current Readers (Lectors) and Eucharistic Minister.

Readers (Lectors)  
Tuesday 16th March 6pm to 7pm  
at St Mary's Church.

Eucharistic Ministers  
Wednesday 17th March 6pm to 7pm  
at St Mary's Church.

Please let us know if you will be unable to attend.



**COVID-19 Update**

Please be aware that we are still in a time of pandemic and social distancing and hygiene practices need to be maintained. If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home.

**'Shalom' House of Prayer, Carcoar  
Renewal is at the heart of the observance of Lent.**

Why not begin your journey of Renewal on a weekend retreat at Shalom.

In March we have both a WOMEN'S and MEN'S Retreat on offer.

**12-14 March**

**Water, Wind, Earth & Fire - Woman's Weekend Retreat.**

Water, Wind, Earth & Fire is a retreat for women to refresh, enliven, nourish and reignite their Christian spiritual life.

**26th-28th March**

**'Gone Fishin' - Men's Weekend Retreat Shalom**

This weekend is for blokes only ..... to get away and take some MEN time to reflect on the values in your life and who you aspire to be.

It is about having the time to stop and reflect through some simple meditation exercises on what you need most in your life right now.

There will also be walks and talks about the values that different blokes use to cope with life's many challenges.

It is not about being particularly holy, religious or prayerful.....just come as you are.

So come fishing..... with some good company, a bit of fun and maybe a few beers over the BBQ in the beautiful surrounds at Shalom and historic Carcoar.

Limited Places due to COVID Safe Protocols

When: March Friday 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>, 2pm

Where: Shalom 7 Collins St, Carcoar

Cost: \$260

For Bookings: Phone 02 63673058  
email: [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com) or  
book online: [shalomcarcoar.com](http://shalomcarcoar.com)

**Word and Faith Group**

St Mary's currently has a Word and Faith group on Sunday's at 6pm in the Parish Centre. If you would like to be part of the Group or would like to find out more information, please contact the Parish Office.

**MASS TIMETABLE**

**MONDAY - 8th March**

**NO SERVICE**

12 Noon Angelus

**TUESDAY - 9th March**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr 10

12 Noon Angelus

**WEDNESDAY - 10th March**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr 2

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group - Community Morning Tea.

11.00am Mass Kandos

12 Noon Angelus

**THURSDAY - 11th March**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

**FRIDAY - 12th March**

10.30am Whidden Mass (Residents only)

12 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

**SATURDAY - 13th March**

12 Noon Angelus

5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 14th March**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7.30am Mass Mudgee

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong

11.00am Rylstone

12 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Word & Faith Group

**Anointing/ Home Communion:**

Please ring and make an appointment, Fr Owen and Fr Dong are available, and we can visit you at home.

**Spend time with your elders. Not everything can be found on Google.**



## President's Report St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council AGM 2021

What ever happened to 2020? I printed out a copy of my report from 2019 to give me a starting point for tonight's meeting, we achieved so much in that year and then in 2020 everything came to a grinding halt.

I personally would like to thank Father Owen for his leadership through the pandemic and to Patti and Kristie for solely holding our Parish together. Thank you also to Father Dong for your supporting role particularly in the early months of last year when our Mass was delivered on-line. This was an amazing initiative and allowed so many of our community to celebrate Mass and to stay connected until it was deemed safe enough for people to return to physical church, in a Covid-safe environment. A great deal of extra work was involved and again I thank Father Owen, Kristie and Patti for their commitment.

On behalf of Pastoral Council I would like to thank Patti Kiddle for her many years of service to our Parish and wish her every happiness in her retirement. I would also like to welcome Krista O'Brien to our Parish Office.

During 2019, we began work on a Bereavement ministry. The Bathurst Diocese also were keen to formalise this ministry throughout their parishes and we were selected to assist in developing some guidelines. We were a small group, some from Pastoral Council and some from the wider church community who met and identified many issues moving this ministry forward. It became fairly evident in our early meetings that there were too many variations in the Diocese and that we needed to concentrate on a more local

approach. Father Owen was very supportive and has indicated that he is very keen to get something happening this year.

During 2019 we also began to work on more Parish hospitality events. These included ladies luncheons, men's breakfast, after Mass morning tea and a Christmas function. In recent conversations with Father Owen he has indicated that he would like to continue with these events in this coming year.

Pastoral Council continues to work closely with St Matthews School and we are grateful for the leadership of Angela and her team as they work towards the build of a new senior school as well as maintaining a fully functioning school on the present site. Due to the pandemic, 2020 saw many changes to the traditional way we celebrated the sacraments including First Communion and Confirmation.

I would like to acknowledge the work and commitment that Anne McLean has given over the years to our Parish, particularly her involvement in the sacraments and in her wider role in the diocese.

I will be stepping down from Parish Council tonight – sad that my last year as President was such a non-event and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your wonderful support over the past 4 years and wish you well keeping the Parish of St Mary's a strong and vibrant community of love and caring.

**Julie Keipert**

## Leadership Changes in our Parish

### **Mrs Anne McLean -**

St Mary's Sacramental Coordinator, member of the Liturgy Group and Parish Council, represented the Parish on the Diocesan Pastoral Council and Diocesan Education Council are just some of the roles Anne has voluntarily undertaken over many, many years. Anne has been an advocate for the parish, Catholic Education and particularly for St Matthews School.

Anne is taking a step back after so many years and one wonders how we can thank her for her contributions to our parish over the years.

### **Mr Simon Bennett -**

Chair, St Mary's Finance and Management Committee. Simon is also stepping back after a number of years on the Finance Committee. We thank him most sincerely for his advise and expertise in assisting the Parish Priests over the years, especially to Fr Owen over this past three years.

### **Mrs Louise Nicholson -** Baptism Prep Coordinator.

We thank Louise for her years of service in welcoming and preparing families for the Sacrament of Baptism. The importance of families feeling welcomed to the parish is so

important, and Louise has always greeted the families with warmth and a generous smile.

***We extend our gratitude and thanks to  
Anne, Simon, Louise and Julie (retiring Pastoral Council  
President) for their voluntary works within the parish.  
We have been so blessed to have your expertise.***

**Thank You**



***We take this opportunity to welcome some new  
faces to leadership roles within the parish.***

**Mr Mike Fergus -** Chair, Finance and Management Committee.

**Mr Chris Devitt -** President, Pastoral Council

**Mrs Ruella Petersen -** Sacramental Coordinator

**Mudgee Roster**  
**Saturday 13th / Sunday 14th March 2021**

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	St Matthews		St Matthews
<b>First Reader</b>	St Matthews	M. McLean	St Matthews
<b>Second Reader</b>	St Matthews		St Matthews
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	G. Hennessy		M. Gilbert
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Bill Holden Charlie McKid		Maggie Freebody

**Saturday 20th / Sunday 21st March 2021**

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	D. Cunningham		M. Matthews
<b>First Reader</b>	L. Nicholson	P. Wilkinson	A. Myles
<b>Second Reader</b>	I. Byrne		L. Finter
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	A. Baker		R. Gawthorne
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Alice Portelli Harriet Portelli		Emmaline Littler

**Gulgong Roster**

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
14th Mar	S.Parnell	C. Leotta	M & E Carney
21st Mar	D. Kelly	K.O'Brien	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn
28th Mar	E. Donnelly	J. Ritar	C. Holland
4 Apr	R. Saliba	C. Gaudry	R. Saliba



**Parish Tap & Go**

**Two New Tap and Go** screens have been placed in the church (situated on either side of the centre aisle). This will help to alleviate some of the problems we had with the past facility. Boxes for the First and Second collection are also situated on the tables at the back of the church for cash donations.

**BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT CREDIT PLANNED GIVING**

Gulgong Parish	Kandos Parish	Mudgee Parish
BSB - 066 781	BSB - 066 781	BSB - 066 781
Acc No 100006612	Acc No 100005344	Acc No 100004583
Ref: Your name	Ref: Your name	Ref: Your name.



**Baptism:** We welcome to the Parish community

**Hudson Maxwell Seis** son of Mark and Brittany who is to be baptised in Gulgong this weekend.



**Congratulations** to **Ashley William Taylor** and **Monika Agnieszka Herdzik** who celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend



Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up.

Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**Catholic Education Celebrating  
200 years in Australia**

Since the first school in Parramatta, Catholic schools have grown to become the largest non-government provider of schooling in Australia. One in five school age students attend a Catholic school including around 10000 students across the diocese of Bathurst. Last week, during Catholic Schools Week, the celebrations were officially launched within the diocese with a Mass in Orange.

**Pope's Universal Prayer for March ....  
Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23      Ps 136. R. v.6      Eph 2:4-10      Jn 3:14-21