

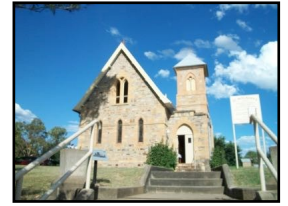
*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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 3rd March 2024

**First Reading:** [Exodus 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 Corinthians 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:**

Glory and Praise to you. Lord, Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Glory and Praise to you. Lord, Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:** [John 2:13-25](#)

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



Dear Friends in Christ,

During the worst days of the Covid pandemic, I announced an exemption for Catholics in our Diocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. With this note, I am now informing you that the exemption will expire this coming 4th Sunday of Lent (“Laetare Sunday”).

This Sunday obligation is a statement and reminder of the importance that the Church places on coming to Mass each week. As the Letter to the Hebrews puts it, “Some people have given up the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other...” (Hb 10:25)

I have often said that, if every Catholic realised what and who they are being offered in the Mass, we wouldn't have enough churches to hold them. But for those who do come, it is not only about what they receive, but about what they give to others with their presence.

Coming to Mass is a way of making a public witness of our faith, as we stand with our brothers and sisters to meet Christ in the community that bears his name; in his Word; in the ministry of his priest; and in the sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Yours in Christ,  
+Michael McKenna  
Bishop of Bathurst

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Owen Gibbons

**Parish Deacons**  
Rev Cong Va Hoang  
Rev Charles Applin

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**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:**  
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**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**  
**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole  
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Gulgong Roster		
	10th March	17th March
Commentator	E. Donelly	
Reader	C. Gaudry	
Sacristan	R. Saliba	
Leader		

Mudgee Roster		
Saturday 9th / Sunday 10th February 2024		
Commentator	C. Furney	G. Myles
First Reader	D. Cunningham	HELP NEEDED
Second Reader	D. Cunningham	A. McLean
EMOC	I. Bryne	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server		
Music		
Welcomer	S. Walker	O. O'Brien
Offertory	D. Bennett	Children's Liturgy
Children's Liturgy		Belinda & Felicity
Sacristan	K. Wall	R. Gawthorne
Counter	4th March	M. Walker

Saturday 16th / Sunday 17th February 2024		
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. McLean
First Reader	D. Delahunty	A. Myles
Second Reader	D. Delahunty	O. O'Brien
EMOC	A. Fergus	M. Gilbert
Altar Server		
Music		
Welcomer	K. Isbester	S. Walker
Offertory	C. Carberry	Children's Liturgy
Children's Liturgy		Nerida & Mel
Sacristan	D. Cunningham	R. Gawthorne
Counter	11th March	E. Goodlet
Bells	Mon—E. Goodlet Tue—R. Gawthorne Wed—J. Cooper Thu—J. Cooper Fri— R. Gawthorne Sat—Fr Owen Sun—R. Gawthorne	

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2024**  
**March - For New Martyrs...**

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

**Baptism**  
 We welcome into our Mudgee Parish:

*Hannah Sophia Mallinson*  
 daughter of Shaun and Marjorie  
 and  
*Rio Cusack Guerra*  
 son of Brook and Isabel



**GULGONG NEWS**

The Catholic Women's Group are appealing for new women to join our group.

We meet at the Convent at 2pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month. We are usually finished by between 3 and 3.30. We are in danger of folding because of lack of numbers. This would be a great pity because the group has been in existence for many years. We are open to all women and do not do a great deal of work, it's just to keep the parish ticking.

Please consider joining us and having a cuppa and a chat. If interested please just turn up at the convent or talk to one of the ladies. We look forward to seeing you on the 7th of March.

**KANDOS NEWS**

A Prayer meeting will be held in the back room of the Rylstone church every Monday at 10am during Lent.  
*Everyone is welcome.*

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Donations are being accepted for a new organ for St. Malachy's church Rylstone. Donations will be acknowledged. Please contact Fr. Owen or the Parish Office.

**MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.**

**For the recently deceased especially:**  
 Belinda Holden, Pat O'Reilly, Maria Valentic, Nancy Comer, Stjepan (Steve) Knezevic, Michael Ellis

**We remember the anniversaries of:**  
 Susan Melinz, Clifford Miller, Anna Menegatos, Richard Tompsett, Thelma Scott, Esther Boxx, Jean Croake, Gloria Windle, Shirley Mahon, Honora Buffier, Adriel Maloney, Nancy Caughey, Elisa Farjarda.

**For the deceased, especially:**  
 Maureen Hutchison, David Allan, Ivo & Marija Birtic, Ivo & Neda Erceg, Anthony & Ivica Covic, June Potts, Kathleen Meers, Maggie Swientek.

**Masses for Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving and For All the Holy Souls.**

**Prayers requested for the sick:**  
 Gwen Gaffney, Horace Saliba, Joe Saliba, June Ritar, Paula Ryan (QLD), Tony Spina, Angela Marakovic, Zvonko Glavacevic, Trevor Roberts (England), Eleni Roberts, Tomislav Marakovic (Sydney), Iris McBeath, Elizabeth Donelly, Tracy Donelly, Josephine Debaksta, Graham Hawkins, Lynne Daly, Tony Harris, Carmel Thompson, Dennis Petersen, Rodrigo Jaboneta, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

DAY BY DAY	
<b>Mon, 4/3</b>	<b>Week 3 of Lent</b>
	Parish Office opens at 10am
10.30am	Funeral Mudgee - Pat O'Reilly
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Tue, 5/3</b>	<b>Week 3 of Lent</b>
9.30am	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Wed, 6/3</b>	<b>Week 3 of Lent</b>
12 noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
<b>Thu, 7/3</b>	<b>Week 3 of Lent</b>
9.30am	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee SMCS Year3
12 noon	Angelus
12.30pm	Confirmation Parent Information
2.30pm	Bishop Michael blesses OSHC at SMCS
<b>Fri, 8/3</b>	<b>Week 3 of Lent</b>
10.30am	<b>Mass</b> - Whiddon Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon	Angelus and the Rosary
12.30am	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
<b>Sat, 9/3</b>	<b>Week 3 of Lent</b>
11.00am	Baptism
5.20pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
<b>Sun, 10/3</b>	<b>Week 4 of Lent</b>
9.00am	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
10.30am	<b>Mass</b> - Gulgong
11.00am	<b>Communion Service</b> - Kandos

**PARISH OFFICE - TEMPORARY REDUCED HOURS**  
 From Monday 4th March to Friday 15th March, the parish office opening hours will be: Monday 10am-2pm  
 Tuesday to Thursday 9am-1pm  
 Friday 9am-4pm

**Sacraments 2024 Important Dates Mudgee**  
 If you are considering the Sacrament of Confirmation or the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for your child in 2024, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to come along to a Parent/Carer Information Session as part of our preparation required for the sacramental journey of your child.

**SAVE THESE DATES**  
**Confirmation**  
 From Year 6 onwards  
 Thursday 7th March 12:30pm or  
 Tuesday 12th March 6.30pm  
**First Holy Communion**  
 From Year 3 onwards  
 Thursday 25th July 12:30pm or  
 Tuesday 30th July 6.30pm

*\*\* Please note that the journey for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is for Year 3 students onwards from 2023 \*\**

Further Information will be available on the Parish website (mudgee.catholic.org.au) including registration, which is open now.  
 All enquiries to sacraments.mudgee@cdob.org.au

**Kandos**  
 Please contact the Parish office on 6372-2122 or via email office.mudgee@cdob.org.au

**Gulgong**  
 If your child is at All Hallows, information regarding sacraments will be available via the school. If your child is not at All Hallows, please contact the Parish office on 6372-2122.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**St Patricks Feast Day Dinner**  
 17th March 2024  
 More details to follow

**Year 12 Prayer Partner Program**  
 We are calling on parishioners to become Prayer Partners for our Year 12 students as they enter their final months of school. Prayer Partners journey with the Students from the beginning of the year through to HSC exam time. This program will give opportunities to not only pray for them but so meet with them and get to know them over the year.

If you would like to be a part of this program, please fill in a Prayer Partner form at the back of the church.



**SAVE THE DATE—Safe Church Awareness Workshop**  
**When:** Saturday, 16th March **Where:** St Mary's Parish Centre **Time:** To be advised

This workshop is for anyone who volunteers for a ministry in our Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos / Rylstone. Whether you are a Commentator, Reader, Welcomer, Minister of Holy Communion, Choir, Collectors, Cleaner, Sacristan or anyone who has contact with vulnerable or young people in our churches, this workshop is for you.

Topics covered include: duty of care, codes of conduct, protecting vulnerable people, how to run a safe church

Everyone who attends the workshop will be issued with a Certificate which is valid for three year. This workshop is free for anyone who is a member of our Diocese. To RSVP, please contact the Parish Office on 6372-2122.

**Deacons Cong Van Hoang and Duong Van Ha  
to be ordained priests**



Bishop Michael McKenna has announced he will ordain Deacon Cong Van Hoang and Deacon Duong Van Ha as priests. The ordination will take place on Friday 12th April 2024, during 6.00pm Mass in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst.



Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Mother Ignatius Hall (in the Cathedral Precinct). The Mass will be livestreamed and details of that will be available on our Diocesan website - bathurst.catholic.org.au - closer to the date.

Please keep both men in your prayers as they continue their ministry as deacons in the Mudgee and Orange Parishes, and in particular as they now make their final preparations for ordination to the priesthood.



**REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

No matter what the rule or law is, some people can find a way around it. Sometimes they obey the 'letter' of the law, but they disregard the 'spirit' of the law. Sometimes they pretend to misunderstand the meaning of the law. And sometimes they actually get away with breaking a law by paying off someone who is supposed to be guarding the law.

What are some school rules or family rules that you hate to keep? What do you dislike about them? What are some rules or family rules that you wish other people would keep, but they don't? Why do you like those rules?

Do you think it would be possible to run a country, a school, an organisation or a family without rules or laws? Why or why not? How would life be different?

**Different View - Just like Jesus**

This gospel passage must be one of the most commonly misused passages in the Bible. So often it is used as justification for someone losing their temper, or worse, an outrageous temper tantrum, or 'dummy spit'. People will declare in their defence, 'Well, Jesus lost his temper and got angry in the Temple!' They fail to appreciate the difference between their own hot-headedness and the outrage against injustice that was being expressed by Jesus. They also seem to miss the significance of the fact that this was a 'one off' for Jesus!

**JOKE JUNCTION.....**

What's a frogs favourite drink?

Croak-a-cola



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 2ND & 3RD MARCH**

Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting

[caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

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