

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

# Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong, Kandos/ Rylstone

*We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Wiradjuri people. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.*

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A      Sunday, 22nd January 2017*

## Readings

**Isaiah 8:23-9: 3**

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

**Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

**Matthew 4:12-33**

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

## Responsorial Psalm

***R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R.**
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News of the  
kingdom, and healed  
all who were sick.  
Alleluia!***

## Memorial Acclamation

***When we eat this Bread and drink  
this Cup, we proclaim your death,  
O Lord, until you come again.***



## AUSTRALIA DAY MASSES

**8:00am:** Mass (Mudgee) Followed by Tea & Coffee in the Presbytery.  
Please bring a plate to share.

**9:00am:** Mass (Gulgong) Followed by Tea & coffee in the Presbytery.  
Please bring a plate to share.



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## Day by Day

### **Monday, 23rd January 2017**

**NO Services** due to storm damage  
4:00pm: Rosary (Mudgee) - (02) 6372 1115

### **Tuesday, 24th January 2017**

10:30am: Funeral - Julie Walker (Mudgee)  
**NO** evening Mass

### **Wednesday, 25th January 2017**

9:00am: Mass (Mudgee)

### **Thursday, 26th January 2017**

#### **AUSTRALIA DAY**

8:00am: Mass (Mudgee)  
9:00am: Mass (Gulgong)

### **Friday, 27th January 2017**

11:45am: Rosary (Mudgee)  
12:00pm: Reconciliation (Mudgee)  
12:30pm: Mass (Mudgee)

### **Saturday, 28th January 2017**

11:30am: Baptism (Mudgee)  
5:15pm ~ 5:45pm: Reconciliation (Mudgee)  
6:00pm: Mass (Mudgee)

### **Sunday, 29th January 2017**

#### **(Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

9:00am: Mass (Mudgee)  
10:30am: Mass (Gulgong)  
5:30pm: Rosary (Kandos)  
6:00pm: Mass (Kandos)

### Next Week's Readings

Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13  
Corinthians 1: 26-31  
Matthew 5:1-12



**WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM  
this weekend**

***Morris James Green***  
SON OF BARTHOLOMEW &  
SIMONE



CONGRATULATIONS

Drajica (Carol) & Marjan  
Pelin

CELEBRATING THEIR DIAMOND  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

BEST WISHES FROM FAMILY, FRIENDS & PARISHIONERS

| LITURGY ROSTER<br>MUDGEE  | SATURDAY<br>28TH JANUARY 2017             | SUNDAY<br>29TH JANUARY 2017                           |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Commentator               | K. Fitzsimmons                            | L. Schreck  |
| Readers                   | M. Melinz<br>C. Bonelli                   | J. Keipert<br>M. Dunnachie                            |
| Eucharistic Ministers     | D. Cunningham<br>I. Byrne                 | R. Gawthorne<br>K. Baker                              |
| Offertory Procession      | C. Page<br>B. Krzysik                     | Hanrahan Family                                       |
| Organist                  | E. Cooper                                 | R. Newman   |
| Welcomers                 | C. Page<br>B. Krzysik                     | Hanrahan Family                                       |
| Altar Servers             | O. Smeallie<br>B. Smeallie<br>H. Lowe (S) | S. Keaton<br>S. Keaton<br>B. Hanrahan<br>J. Nipperess |
| Counters                  | P. Leonard 23/01/17                       | L. Nicholson 30/01/17                                 |
| LITURGY ROSTER<br>GULGONG |   | SUNDAY<br>29TH JANUARY 2017                           |
| Commentator               | D. Kelly                                  |   |
| Readers                   | P. Lenard                                 |   |
| Offertory                 | W & H Gleeson                             |   |
| Eucharistic Ministers     | M Carney & C Gaudry                       |   |
| Sacristan                 | R. Saliba & H. Seymour                    |   |
| LITURGY ROSTER<br>KANDOS  |   | SUNDAY<br>29TH JANUARY 2017                           |
| Readers                   | T. Ryan<br>K. Morrissey                   |   |
| Intercessions             | C. D'Ilio                                 |   |
| Eucharistic Ministers     | Sr. Kath<br>M. Turner                     |   |
| Sacristan                 | Sr. Kath                                  |   |

## Prayer Intentions

### ***WE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:***

Julie Walker, Edward 'Ted' Mahon, Les Cook, Frances Condon,  
Adam Smieszek (Poland), Colin Matthew Hood (QLD)



### ***WE ALSO PRAY FOR:***

James Burnett, Siegfried Braun Stephen Waterton, Clarice Mary Hyde, Anna Carmel Perini and Douglas Richardson.

### ***WE PRAY FOR ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:***

Sr. Maria Mahon, Bruce & Agnes Mahon, Peter Golden, Amanda Flynn, Florence Maffeo, Marcia Curry, Lesley Wicks, Clive Pilley, Dawn Lloyd, Julie Doble

## Important Notices

### Josephite Associates Meeting

The first meeting for the Associates this year will be held on Saturday, 4th February 2017 at 2:00pm in the Mudgee Parish Centre.

### Hospital & Nursing Home Visits

Please be aware that when you or your family are admitted to hospital and would like a visit from a priest, the hospital staff must be advised on admission.

Current privacy laws do not allow hospital staff to contact the priest unless requested.

**\*\*This rule also applies to nursing homes.\*\***

### Nursing Home Services & Masses

Please note that there will be no nursing home services or Masses throughout the month of January.

Services and Masses will begin again on the first Friday of February.

## Good News!

We were blessed to host four seminarians for the Bathurst Diocese this week.

The Bathurst Diocese now has seven seminarians attending the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Homebush, Sydney.

## **GULGONG NEWS**

The first meeting of the Gulgong Catholic Womens Guild will be held on Tuesday, 7th February at 2.00pm in **THE CONVENT - NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**. New members always welcome. Further information contact :

Phyllis Ph. 63741256.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - January

*That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.*

PLEASE NOTE THAT AS THE SISTERS WILL BE LEAVING THE COMMUNITY THERE WILL NEED TO BE A RE-ORGANISATION OF THE GULGONG LITURGY ROSTER.

A SHEET WILL BE LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH IN GULGONG FOR PARISHIONERS TO NOMINATE THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART IN.

## *Ordination to the Diaconate*

It is with thanks to Almighty God that the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst joyfully announces the Ordination to the Diaconate of Mr. Joshua Clayton and Mr. Michael Williams.

Bishop Michael McKenna will ordain Joshua and Michael on Friday, 17th February 2017 at 5.45pm in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst.

All are welcome to the Liturgy and supper, which will be held afterwards in the Mother Ignatius Croke Centre at the Cathedral Primary School.

## **Farewell Celebration**

**Sisters of St Joseph**

**Sunday, 29th January 2017**

**Mass: 10:30am**

(St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Gulgong)

followed by

**Lunch: 12:30pm Gulgong RSL**

Due to last Wednesday's storm damage there may be interruptions to Mass times. We will try to give you advance notice whenever possible.



**Palms Encounters:** An experience to share this Easter and beyond. A Palms Encounter is an intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding. Palms long-term volunteers guide the Encounter with our Catholic Communities in East Timor.

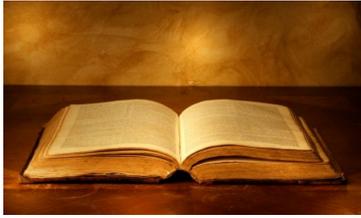
Register now for our 2nd - 14th April Encounter and receive \$400 off a second ticket.

Call Roger on (02) 9560 5333 or go to [www.palms.org.au/Encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/Encounters) for more information.



## Gospel Reflection

Today's Liturgy gives us a lesson in ancient Israelite



geography and history.

Isaiah's prophecy in today's First Reading is quoted by Matthew in today's Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 89; Psalm 132:11-12).

Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians and the tribes were hauled off into captivity (see 2 Kings 15:29; 1 Chronicles 5:26).

It marked the beginning of the kingdom's end. It finally crumbled in the sixth century B.C., when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile (see 2 Kings 24:14).

Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfills that prophecy—announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall.

His gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations—symbolized by the "Galilee of the Nations." Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be "fishers of men"—gathering people from the ends of the earth.

They are to preach the gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose—in a worldwide kingdom of God.

By their preaching, Isaiah's promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed.

And we are able now, as we sing in today's Psalm, to dwell in the house of the Lord, to worship Him in the land of the living.

<https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections/history-redeemed-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-third-sunday-in-ordinary-time>

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