

*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.**



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## Parish Office

### Hours

#### Monday:

10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 4.00pm

### Staff Lunch Break

1.00pm - 2.00pm

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 5th February 2017

### From the PP's desk

Thank you to those who attended the Farewell Mass and lunch last Sunday in Gulgong as we said goodbye to Sr Clare and Sr Carmel. It



was great to see so many of the Josephite Sisters and the many friends in attendance. The presence of the Sisters in Gulgong will be missed by the parish and general community. We sincerely thank the Josephite Sisters for their contribution to the Gulgong Parish over 133 years.

Welcome back to all staff and students for the 2017 school year.

A parish meeting was held in Kandos last Sunday with good discussion. One motion from the people was a change of Mass time for the Sunday Mass. It was agreed to change Sunday Mass to 10.00am on Sunday for the remainder of the year.

After a busy January Fr Tony and Fr Antony will try to take their day-off on a Monday as usual.

Fr Tony.

### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:7-10

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***R: A light rises in the darkness  
for the upright.***

He is light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

### SECOND READING:

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5**

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.**

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 5:13-16

*You are the light of the world.*



### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

### PLEASE NOTE

From next Sunday 12th February Mass at **Kandos and Rylstone** will be at 10.00am for the remainder of the year.

**Day by Day**

**Monday, 6th February**

9:00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
 9:30am: Bible Study (Mudgee)  
 4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

**Tuesday, 7th February**

**(Please note the change of time due to the heat)**

**8.00am Holy Hour**

**9:00am: Mass**  
 10:00am: All Hallow's Opening School Mass.  
 2.00pm Gulgong Catholic Women's Group meeting at the Convent.

**Wednesday, 8th February**

9:00am: Mass (Mudgee)  
 9:30am: St Mary's Friendship Group

**Thursday, 9th February**

9:10am: Mass (Mudgee)  
 10:30am: St Mary's & St Matthews Playgroup

**Friday, 10th February**

10:30am: Mass Pioneer House  
 11:45pm: Rosary in the Church (Mudgee)  
 12:00pm - 12:15pm: Reconciliation (Mudgee)  
 12:30pm: Mass (Mudgee)

**Saturday, 11th February**

11.30am Baptism Mudgee  
 5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation (Mudgee)  
 6:00pm: Vigil Mass (Mudgee)

**Sunday, 12th February**  
**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am: Mass (Mudgee)  
 10:30am: Mass (Gulgong)  
 10:00am: Mass (Rylstone)



**Readings for Next Week.**

Sirach 15:15-20  
 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
 Matthew 5:17-37

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**John Joseph O'Neill  
 & Lauren Marie Chambers**

who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in St. Mary's Catholic Church this weekend.



We welcome in baptism this weekend  
**TEX AARON DAWSON**  
 son of Aaron and Alyce.

**Liturgy Roster: Mudgee 11th/12th February 2017**

<b>Commentator</b>	D.Cunningham	A.McLean
<b>Readers</b>	I.Byrne C.Bourke	M.Barrett M.MLean
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	P.Dick G.Robinson S.Walker	R.Gawthorne K.Baker M.Gilbert
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	C.Page B.Krzysik	G.McDermott M.Dunnachie
<b>Organist</b>	E.Cooper	R.Newman
<b>Welcomers</b>	B. Cluff N. Lynch	M. Charlesworth M. Dunnachie
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
<b>Counters</b>	S. Robinson 6/2/17	M.Walker 13/2

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>12th February 2017</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>12th February 2017</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	P.Leotta		
<b>Reader</b>	S.Parnell	<b>Readers</b>	Sr Kath T.Doorey
<b>Offertory</b>	D.Germon family	<b>Intercessions</b>	A.Krusvar
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	R. Saliba C.Gaudry	<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	M. Turner
<b>Sacristan</b>	C & E Holland	<b>Sacristan</b>	A.Krusvar

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

*We pray for the recently deceased especially*

**We remember the anniversaries of** Evelyn Gawthorne, Garry Longhurst, Priscilla Rayner,



**We also pray for** Paul Kennedy (brother of Fr Greg Kennedy), Adam Smieszek (Poland), deceased members of the Goldspink family.

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

John David (Syd), Annie Weiss, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer especially the residents of all the nursing homes. **SPECIAL INTENTION**

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - FEBRUARY**

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.

**Good News Spot**

The friendly atmosphere amongst those who attended the farewell for the Sisters in Gulgong last weekend. It was a day where many friendships from the past were renewed.

**MUDGEE NEWS  
PLEASE BE AWARE**

When entering the Presbytery driveway on school days please take extra care as students from St Matthews will be walking through the grounds to class in the morning and in the afternoons returning to school.

**Tuesday Holy Hour and Mass:**

Please note the change of time this Tuesday 7th February to **8.00am Holy Hour and Mass 9.00am**. If this excessive heat continues we may consider doing this for a few more weeks.

**Children's Liturgy** - We need a volunteer who is willing to co-ordinate the Children's Liturgy in 2017 during the 9.00am Sunday Mass. Volunteers are also required to assist on a roster one day per month. Lesson sheets are available and are distributed one week prior to your rostered day.

This is a very important ministry enjoyed by the children and it will be very disappointing if we are unable to continue to provide this particular programme which helps the children understand the gospel of the day in their simple language.

**St Mary's Friendship Group** returned last Wednesday from their Christmas break. The ladies invite new members to join them each Wednesday in the Parish Centre from 9.30am. All welcome.

**St Mary's & St Matthews Playgroup** welcome parents and pre-school children to the parish centre each Thursday from 10.30am for a cuppa and a chat while the children play. If you know of someone who is new to town or would enjoy the companionship of others in a friendly atmosphere please invite them to come along. There is no charge.

**Kandos News**

**World Day of Prayer:** On Friday 3rd March St Dominic's Kandos will host the World Day of Prayer for 2017. The service will begin at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea in the hall. The focus this year is on the Philippines, Theme: 'Am I being unfair to you'.

**Sacramental Preparation**

A program will be planned for children in Year Three or above who wish to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion later this year. Parents are asked to contact Sr Kath (63794679) by Monday 6th March to enrol children for classes which can then be planned for time convenient for all involved.

**Gulgong News**

**ROSTER:** The blank sheet for people to nominate for the various Ministries will be on the table at the back of the Church for the next three Sundays. \* *Please check the Bulletin as changes are having to be made to the published roster to compensate for the loss of the Sisters.\**

**All Hallows School staff and students** invite parishioners to join them for the Opening School Mass this Tuesday at 10.00am.

**Gulgong Catholic Womens Group**

The first meeting of the G.C.W.G. will be held **this Tuesday**, 7th February at 2 pm. **AT THE CONVENT - note change of venue.** New members always welcome. Further information contact Phyllis, ph. 02 63741256 Thank you Phyllis

**Sr Clare and Sr Carmel** send their thanks and appreciation to everyone in the Gulgong Parish for a lovely farewell last Sunday. They will continue their ministry by being a presence in their new communities of Bathurst and Coonabarabran.

**Columban Calendars**

There are still some 2017 Columban Calendars available - \$10 each from the Parish Office. Available until the end of next week 10th February.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY****Tuesday 7th February**

**10.00am** All Hallows Opening School Mass.

**2.00pm** GCWG Meeting

**Tuesday 14th February**

**5.00pm** SVdP Conference meeting Mudgee

**Wednesday 1st March**

Ash Wednesday

**Friday 3rd March**

World Day of Prayer Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos.

**Holy Week**

Palm Sunday 9th April

Holy Thursday 13th April

Good Friday 14th April

Holy Saturday 15th April

Easter Sunday 16th April

**Addresses & Phone Numbers  
for Sr Clare & Sr Carmel.**
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**Sr Carmel Sheridan**

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Coonabarabran 2357  
Ph. 68421954


**Weaving Stars To  
End Violence In  
The World**

The first meeting for 2017 will be held at NALAG Centre, 107 Mortimer Street, Mudgee **this Tuesday, 7th February from 10.00am - 12 noon**. Please bring your own scissors. New weavers welcome. Come and learn how to weave. For more information Phone: 0432807516.

**CLERGY REPORT FOR JANUARY**

1 wedding Mudgee

3 Funeral Mudgee

7 Baptisms: 4 Mudgee; 3 Gulgong

3 sick calls

3 home visitations

## *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Many years ago, a church was built on one of the highest mountains in Switzerland. It was a beautiful church that had been built with great care by the villagers who lived nearby. But there was one thing that the church didn't have. It didn't have any lights. The church had been built too far away from power supplies and the cost to install electricity would have been too much.

Every Sunday evening, the people who lived on the mountainside opposite the tiny church saw something wonderful happen. The church bell would ring and people would gradually walk up the mountainside towards the church. They would enter the church and then all of a sudden the church would light up brightly. The villagers had to bring lights with them as they walked. When they arrived at church they hung them around the church on pegs set in the walls, so the light would spread all around. If only a few people came to church, the light would be very dim. But when many came to church there would be plenty of light. After the liturgy the villagers would take their lanterns home. It was then that those who watched from a distance would see a stream of light pour out of the church and over the mountainside. For many it was a sign that all was well. God's light was with them and inside them. The only time the

little church lit up was when people were there. That's when it truly became a church.

So it is here today. We carry in us the light of Christ and we gather here in this place where God's light is seen. Jesus says that we are the light of the world. He asks us to show his love to everyone when we leave here so that his light will give hope to those who see us.

When we do the work of God, we stand proudly for our faith. And we can also trust that our faith will help us. When we do this, we are living our lives as God wants us to live. When we believe and act in faith, then we will be full of light – we will be beacons in a dark place.

### *... On the Way to Mass*

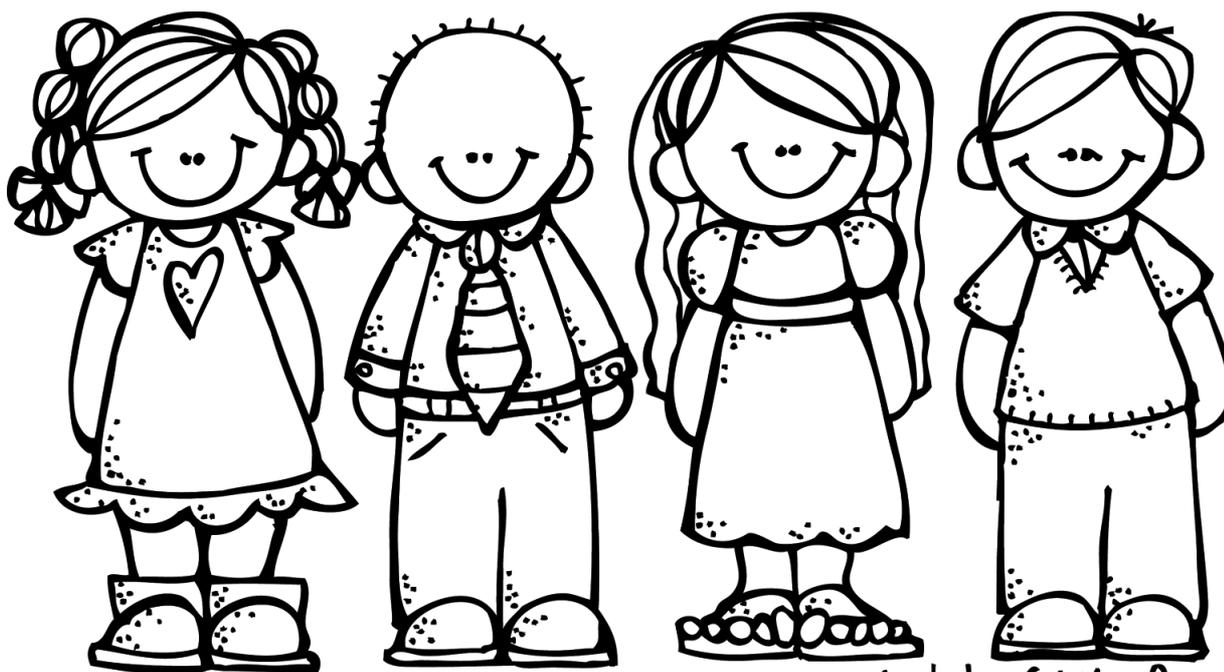
Who was the greatest teacher that you have ever known?

What did you learn from this teacher?

### *On the Way Home from Mass ...*

Jesus' disciples were ordinary people.

Can you name an ordinary person who is a good disciple of Jesus?



♥ teach me to walk in the light of His love winim