



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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 12th February 2017

From the PP's desk

As the Church comes to terms with the final part of the Royal Commission and before it hands down its findings later in the year we are very conscious firstly of the victims and the reality of what they have dealt with and secondly for the Church. Please pray for all involved during these next few weeks as the victims and the Bishops respond to this scar on the history of the Church. We pray that Church regulations now in place will stop this from ever happening again.



Mudgee Pastoral Council will meet for the first time this year on Wednesday 22nd February followed by the AGM on Wednesday 22nd March. Currently we are calling for new members to take a position on the Council in 2017 to replace those who have completed a three year term. Please read the enclosed insert in this week's bulletin as to the achievements of the Council in 2016.

We are thankful to our young people who have volunteered to be Altar Servers in 2017.

Fr Tony.

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FIRST READING: Sirach 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Happy are they who follow
the law of the Lord!**

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R:**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R.**

SECOND READING: Corinthians 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

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 READING: Matthew 5:17-37

Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you.



MEMORIAL

ACCLAMATION:

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

Kandos/Rylstone Mass at
10.00am each Sunday.

Day by Day

Monday, 13th February

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

Tuesday, 14th February

8.00am: Holy Hour

9:00am: Mass

Praying for married couples and those contemplating marriage.

5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting.

Wednesday, 15th February

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

Thursday, 16th February

NO 9:10am: Mass (Mudgee)

10.30am Requiem Mass for Ted Hayman
10:30am: St Mary's & St Matthews Playgroup
12 Noon Mass Gulgong

Friday, 17th February

11.00am: Mass Kanandah Hostel
11:45pm: Rosary in the Church (Mudgee)
12:00pm - 12:15pm: Reconciliation (Mudgee)
12:30pm: Mass (Mudgee)

Saturday, 18th February

Baptisms Mudgee
Wedding Mudgee
5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation (Mudgee)
6:00pm: Vigil Mass (Mudgee)

Sunday, 19th February

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: Mass Mudgee
10:00am: Mass Kandos
10:30am: Mass Gulgong

Liturgy Roster: Mudgee 18th/19th February 2017

Commentator	B.Slater	M.Matthews
Readers	P.Cannon M.Melinz	J.Hanrahan A. Flynn
Special Minister of Communion	G.Robinson L.Nicholson D.Salomoni	R.McKeown M.Gilbert J.Keipert
Offertory Procession	C.Bonnelli K.Isbester	R.Loneragan S.Loneragan
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	S Connor S Connor	J.Potts HELP NEEDED
Altar Servers		
Counters	M. Walker 13/2	D.Bennett 20/2

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	19th February 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	19th February 2017
Commentator	R.Saliba		
Reader	P.Leotta	Readers	T.Ryan K.Morrissey
Offertory	C.Holland family	Intercessions	A.Krusvar
Special Minister of Communion	J.Thatcher C.Gaudry	Special Minister of Communion	Sr Kath L.McPherson
Sacristan	M & E Carney	Sacristan	T.Doorey Sr Kath

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Ted Hayman , Jim Barrett (brother of Jack), Michael Sgroi, Cameron Cox (killed by lightning this week we pray for his family in this difficult time.)

We remember the anniversaries of Ron Archer, Harry price,

We also pray for Robert de Vries.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick

at this time: John David (Syd), Annie Weiss, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, and the residents of all the nursing homes. SPECIAL INTENTIONS.



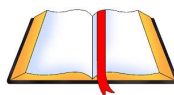
POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - FEBRUARY

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.



We welcome in baptism this weekend in Mudgee: *Oliver Gregory Clulow* son of Jared and Katie.

Readings for Next Week.



Leviticus
19:1-2, 17-18
1 Corinthians #:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48



Good News Spot

All Hallows Opening
School Mass - singing
of the Mary MacKillop
Hymn by the school choir.

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 a 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.**

Addresses & Phone Numbers for Sr Clare & Sr Carmel.

Sr Marie (Clare) Hopper
Unit 1/37 Lambert Street
Bathurst NSW 2795.
Ph 63313532

Sr Carmel Sheridan
30 Dalgarno Street
Coonabarabran 2357
Ph. 68421954

MUDGE 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 Tuesday 14th February to **8.00am Holy Hour and Mass 9.00am.**

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 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.

Pastoral Council Meeting:
Wednesday 22nd February at 5.30pm in the Parish Centre

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 14th February

5.00pm SVdP Conference meeting
Mudgee

22nd February

5.30pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday 1st March

Ash Wednesday Masses & Distribution of Ashes

7.30am Mass Mudgee
9.10am Mass St Matthews School
10.00am Gulgong (All Hallows K-Yr6)
12 Noon Rylstone
5.30pm Gulgong
6.00pm Mudgee

Friday 3rd March

World Day of Prayer
2.00pm St Dominic's Kandos
7.00pm Uniting Church Mudgee
Gulgong (to be Advised)

Sunday 5th March

5.00pm Youth and Family Mass followed by Pizza.

Wednesday 22nd March

AGM Pastoral Council

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 9th April
Holy Thursday 13th April
Good Friday 14th April
Holy Saturday 15th April
Easter Sunday 16th April

'Shalom' House of Prayer Carcoar, 'The Bread of Life Retreat' Spend some slow time at Shalom and explore how working with sourdough can be a very spiritual exercise as a metaphor for other aspects of our lives. Friday 24th February 6pm to Sunday 26th Feb. at 3pm. To register Ph. 6 3 6 7 3 0 5 8 or email shalomcarcoar@gmail.com.

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present.

Bil Keane

Project Compassion 2017

Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of the Catholic congregation and caring supporters throughout Australia to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Collect your box/envelopes on Ash Wednesday.



NONE OF US CAN THINK WE ARE EXEMPT FROM CONCERNS FOR THE POOR AND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.

POPE FRANCIS



Forgive Us As We Forgive Each Other

It is terrible to live near an active volcano. What makes it so terrible is the unpredictability of its behaviour. One minute you are peacefully going about your business, and everything is normal. Next minute sparks begin to fly, and the mountain goes up, spewing out deadly lava. It is too late to escape. You have no choice but to bear the full brunt of the eruption.

When the eruption is over, the mountain quickly becomes its benign self once more, offering its slopes to sheep, and providing limpid streams to irrigate the thirsty valleys. It doesn't seem to be any the worse for the eruption. On the contrary, you sense that it has experienced a great relief because it has vented its anger and frustration.

But you will continue to smoulder. For hours, even days, you will be reeling under the effects. Everything you had built up, all those walls and fences, all those carefully laid paths and bridges, have been swept away. You feel humiliated and worthless. You ask yourself, 'What did I do to cause this eruption?'

The truth is, for you it never really passes. It is always with you. Hence you can never relax. You have to be on your guard all the time. This is a terrible way to live. You end up going around tiptoe, as not to cause vibrations which might set the mountain off again. You are constantly trying to humour it. In a nutshell, you are a hostage to the mountain. And meanwhile, unknown to

yourself, you become a cauldron of hurt and anger so that innocents suffer from your eruptions.

I've never been anywhere near a real volcano. How come then I know so much about volcanoes? From time to time over the years I've lived in the shadow of something similar but worse – a human volcano.

Some people have an awful lot of anger in them, which they have never acknowledged or dealt with. They erupt every now and then, making life intolerable for those who are close to them.



Jesus cites several examples of the law to demonstrate the way in which he has come to fulfil those teachings, rather than to abolish them. He reinterprets the teachings on killing, adultery, divorce and oath-breaking. When there is an attitude of observing the very literal meaning of law, there is a tendency to look for loopholes wherever possible. This attitude had become the norm in Jesus' day. His reinterpretations are designed to challenge people to think about the law in a broader context and to take the law into their heart rather than looking for ways to get around it.

St Mary's Parish Council- Nominations 2017

Nominations are called for new members to replace the outgoing members who have served their three year term on the council.



You are cordially invited to nominate yourself or other persons to a three year term within an election to be held for that purpose.

The Parish Pastoral Council meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre - 1 hour duration.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the Church. Information on the nominees will be provided for parishioners prior to an election should that be necessary i.e. if more than 3 new members are nominated for these positions. The results of the election will be posted and successful candidates notified. Please return to the Parish Office in a sealed envelope or by post to The Returning Officer, Mr D Salomoni, P O Box 14, Mudgee NSW 2850 by Friday 17th March

Storm Damage Church and School

The storm that swept through Mudgee on 18th January has caused considerable damage to both St Matthews School and St Mary's Church.

At the school most of the shade sails have been significantly damaged along with structure supporting them, the Multi-Purpose Court Shelter was blown off the slab and needs replacing, there was also damage to the guttering and various roofing on the buildings.

St Mary's has severe damage to the roof and will need to be completely replaced on the Market Street side. Several pieces of the slate that blew off were imbedded in the grass and could be found along Market Street damaging a locals car in the process.

The ridge capping was peeled from the roof causing some water damage and debris in the Church.

St Matthews and St Mary's are most grateful to Martin Milton for coming to our immediate assistance and to the school staff David Nadalini and Steve McWhirter who worked so hard to have everything cleaned up and ready for school to reopen for the 2017 school year.