

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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Hours

Monday:

10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 4.00pm

Milestones 2017 - St Stanislaus College
150yr Anniversary

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 19th February 2017

From the PP's desk

Our condolences to all who were devastated by the terrible fires last weekend. Many have lost all their possessions including their homes and livestock. It is a miracle there were no injuries or loss of life. Our grateful thanks to the emergency services who fought the fires tirelessly for many hours to try and bring the difficult situation under control.



The Pastoral Council will meet this Wednesday in the Parish Centre at 5.30pm. Nominations are being called for new members. Please consider being part of your parish. The AGM will take place on 22nd March.

If you have children or grandchildren in the State school system please make them aware of the need to register at the Parish Office for the Sacraments this year.

Fr Antony celebrated his birthday last Sunday (ends with an '0') Many Happy returns to Fr Antony from Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos parishioners! **Fr Tony.**

FIRST READING:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is kind and merciful

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your guilt, who heals everyone of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING: *Corinthians 3:16-23*

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 5:38-48*

Love your enemies.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free.



2017 Lenten Program "Hope"

Continuing the tradition from previous years **HOPE** is a weekly program, primarily for group use, based on the Sunday scripture readings during Lent. It can also be used for individual reflection.

If you would like to host a group in your home or participate in a group please contact the office. Books are available from the Parish Office for \$7.50 each.

Day by Day

Monday, 20th February

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

Tuesday, 21st February

8.00am: Holy Hour
9:00am: Mass

Wednesday, 22nd February

The Chair of St Peter
SMCS Yr 12 Retreat (Fr Tony away)
 9:00am: Mass Mudgee - SMCS - Hargraves
 Commissioning Minnie Vinnies & Altar Servers
 9:30am: St Mary's Friendship Group
5.30pm Pastoral Council meeting

Thursday, 23rd February

9:10am: Mass Mudgee
 10:30am: St Mary's & St Matthews Playgroup
 12 Noon Mass Gulgong - All Hallows Yrs 5/6

Friday, 24th February

11:45pm: Rosary in the Church Mudgee
 12:00pm - 12:15pm: Reconciliation Mudgee
 12:30pm: Mass Mudgee

Saturday, 25th February

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

Sunday, 26th February
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Readings for Next Week.

Isaiah 49: 14-15
 Corinthians 4:1-5
 Matthew 6:24-34



Liturgy Roster: Mudgee 25th/26th February 2017

Commentator	*	Susie Bennett
Readers	S.Connor B.Carrigan	J.O'Brien R.Disher
Special Minister of Communion	I.Byrne D.Cunningham M.Melinz	Simon Bennett A.Rusten P.O'Brien
Offertory Procession	D.Bennett C.Carberry	Disher Family
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	C Carberry K Isbester	G.McDermott M.Dunnachie
Altar Servers	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Counters	D.Bennett 20/2	J.Potts 27/2

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	26th February 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	26th February 2017
Commentator	P.Leotta		
Reader	S.Parnell	Readers	L.McPherson A.Krusvar
Offertory	E.Ellery family	Intercessions	A.Krusvar
Special Minister of Communion	M.Carney R.Saliba	Special Minister of Communion	Sr Kath L.McPherson
Sacristan	Z.Drew HELPER NEEDED	Sacristan	A.Krusvar

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.

Requiem Mass was celebrated in Mudgee on Thursday for Ted Hayman. Our thoughts and prayers are with Clare and the family.

We remember the anniversaries of Mollie Stevenson, Christina Page, James Barry and Harry Price.

We also pray for Sr Chanel O'Neal, Sr Jenny Buckley.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: John David (Syd), Annie Weiss, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Rosa Maria Santos 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.



Congratulations to James Darryn Reid and Rebecca Kate Ryan who celebrated the sacrament of marriage in St Mary's this weekend.



We welcome in baptism this weekend in Mudgee:

Archie Quantrill Sturman

son of John and Elise.

Busta John Mcauliffe son of Thomas and Tahyla.

MUDGEE NEWS

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

World Day of Prayer - Friday 4th March, 7.00pm Uniting Church, Mortimer Street, Mudgee. We would be grateful for the names of people willing to take part.

MUDGEE JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES MEETING -MARCH MEETING.

The March meeting will take place at Rylstone Church on Saturday 4th March at 10.30am. Cars will be leaving Mudgee Presbytery grounds at 9.30am. If anyone needs a lift to Rylstone please get in touch with Eileen Csuba 63721115.

Mudgee Combined Churches Community

Christmas Lunch: The Baptist Church of Mudgee has volunteered to facilitate the Christmas Day lunch this year.



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: Theme this year 'the works of Mary Mackillop'.

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.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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).

Saturday 4th March
Josephite Associates meeting at Rylstone 10.30am

Sunday 5th March
5.00pm Youth and Family Mass followed by Pizza.

Wednesday 22nd March
AGM Pastoral Council

Holy Week

Palm Sunday: 9th April -
9.00am Mudgee Ecumenical Blessing of Palms and Liturgy of the Word at St John's Anglican Church.



Holy Thursday 13th April

Good Friday 14th April

Holy Saturday 15th April

Easter Sunday 16th April

Bishop Michael McKenna ordained *Mr Josh Clayton* and *Mr Mike Williams* to the diaconate on Friday 17th February 2017 at the Cathedral of St Michael and St John.

Congratulations to Mike and Josh and we wish them well in the new ministry.

Good News Spot



Kindness and care shown by Mudgee Hospital staff for Catholic Youth Worker who had a car accident last weekend in transit from Port Macquarie to Dubbo.

'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. 63673058 or email shalomcarcoar@gmail.com.

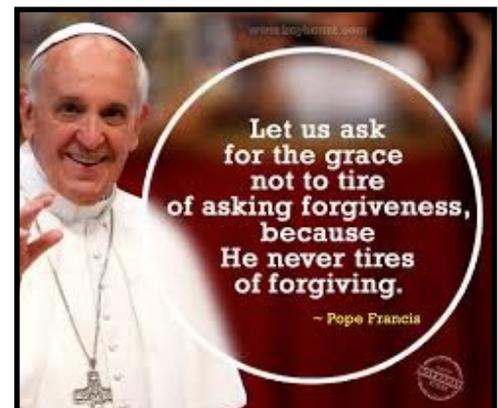
Kandos News

Kandos/Rylstone Mass at 10.00am each Sunday.

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. Please bring a plate for the afternoon tea.

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.



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

God Almighty, giver and sustainer of life,
 For those whose homes are threatened by fire,
 We ask your mercy.
 For those whose lives are threatened by flames,
 We pray for your protection.
 For those who have lost all their possessions,
 We pray your comfort.
 For those whose health is impaired by smoke,
 We pray your healing.
 Be with those who respond,
 Keep safe the firefighters, police and volunteers.
 Make their efforts effective.
 God in your mercy,
 Hear our prayer.



Give Us Grace to Love and Forgive

Our culture constantly encourages us to treat each other as adversaries. The word "enemy" is carefully avoided, but we are encouraged to be competitors, combatants, or challengers. Our legal and political systems, our sports and games, relations between employers and unions all involve treating the other as an adversary who has in some way to be overcome.

If we are feeling noble, we will speak of how much we respect our adversaries. Members of the Australian Federal Parliament, for example, address each other as "Honourable Member". But when the blood is up, our language quickly changes and degenerates. We begin to use phrases like "going in for the kill", or speak of "destroying" the opposition of their arguments.

Television as a medium thrives on providing simple, stereotyped, antagonistic views rather than reasoned debate, and violent films and series have great popularity. Sports develop crowds of fans whose strong emotions can spill over from chants of hatred to physical violence. Yet, if we were asked, most of us would say that we did not have any enemies, just people who got on our nerves from time to time.

Jesus offers us a very different message to the one given us in the patterns described above. He does recognise the underlying violence in human attitudes and behaviour. The lex talionis – the principle of "an eye for an eye" – was a definite advance on the law of the jungle, whereby the strongest imposed their will on the weak with no possibility of retribution. But Jesus offers a higher principle still. We are

not to impose our will on others but to be generous to those who hurt us, and to pray for them. Jesus will go on to model in his own life and death this most demanding of Christian principles.

We can have strange ideas about what perfection means. It can mean everything from keeping the house spotlessly clean to being untouched by any worldly concerns. For Jesus, however, being perfect consists in being filled with unconditional love, the love that God has shown to us. It means not being satisfied with love that is second best, love that is half-hearted or shallow. It means showing love to someone even though society might encourage us to be

Historical Context

Walk two miles

Roman soldiers were allowed by their own military laws to require any person to carry the soldier's pack along the road from one milestone marker to another. That is, they could order a man to walk one mile with their pack. If they made someone carry their pack for more than one mile, the soldier himself was subject to discipline and punishment. Jesus says, 'If anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him.' Like turning the other cheek, it is turning the tables on the one who would oppress you and bringing shame upon them.