

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

500 Years since Protestant Reformation began.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 26th February 2017

From the PP's desk

Preparation work for repairs to the Mudgee church are underway. It will be a long and sometimes difficult process that will require a lot of patience.



Families with children in the State schools are asked to contact the Parish Office to register for the Sacraments.

The Parish Pastoral Council Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd March. We ask you support them in their work.

We celebrate the beginning of Lent this week beginning with Ash Wednesday. We are reminded Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

Project Compassion boxes are available at the back of the church. Please take one home to assist Caritas Australia with their charitable works.

Fr Tony.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:14-15

Even these may forget, says the Lord God, yet I will not forget you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

In God alone is my soul at rest; my help comes from him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. **R.**

In God alone be at rest, my soul; for my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. **R.**

In God is my safety and glory, the rock of my strength. Take refuge in God all you people. Trust him at all times. Pour out your hearts before him. **R.**

SECOND READING: Corinthians 4: 1-5

The Lord will bring light to all that is hidden in darkness.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6: 24-34

Do not worry about tomorrow.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES (A day of fast and abstinence.)

7.30am Mass Mudgee

9.10am Mass St Matthews
School Hall - Yrs 3 - 12.

Parishioners welcome.

10.00am Gulgong

(All Hallows Kinder - Yr6)

12 Noon Mass Rylstone

5.30pm Mass Gulgong

6.00pm Mass Mudgee

Day by Day

Monday, 27th February

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

Tuesday, 28th February

10.30am Liturgy Meeting

4.00pm: Holy Hour
5:00pm: Mass
5.00pm St Vincent d Paul Conference meeting

Wednesday, 1st March - ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30am Mass Mudgee

9.10am Mass St Matthews School Hall - Yrs 3 - 12.

10.00am Gulgong (All Hallows Kinder - Yr6)

12 Noon Mass Rylstone

5.30pm Mass Gulgong

6.00pm Mass Mudgee

6.45pm Pastoral Council Meeting
(postponed from last week).

Thursday, 2nd March

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

Friday, 3rd March

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

10.30am Mass Opal Nursing Home
11:45pm: Rosary in the Church Mudgee
12:00pm - 12:15pm: Reconciliation Mudgee
12:30pm: Mass Mudgee

Saturday, 4th March

Baptisms Mudgee
2.00pm Josephite Associates
(Rylstone Church)
5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation
(Mudgee)
6:00pm: Vigil Mass (Mudgee)

Readings for Next Week.

Genesis 2:7-9, 3: 1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, 5th March

First Sunday of Lent - Year A

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Support for Persecuted Christians.

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Liturgy Roster: Mudgee 4th/5th March 2017

Commentator	J.Cross	M.McLean
Readers	S.Walker M.Bannister	L.Schreck L.Littler
Special Minister of Communion	A.Baker J.Vros D.Cunningham	R.Gawthorne G.Hennessy R.McKeown
Offertory Procession	Vo Family	E.Csuba M.Knight
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	B.Cluff N.Lynch	E.Csuba M.Knight
Altar Servers	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Counters	J.Potts 27/2	B.Krzysik 6/3

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	5th March 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	5th March 2017
Commentator	C.Gaudry		
Reader	E.Donelly	Readers	C.D'Ilio H.Roberts
Offertory	H.Tuxford L.Hope	Intercessions	T.Doorey
Special Minister of Communion	M.Carney J.Thatcher	Special Minister of Communion	K.Morrissey M.Turner
Sacristan		Sacristan	H.Roberts

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially

John Robinson, Frank Lacey (Wellington) and Ted Hayman.
Requiem Mass was celebrated in Mudgee on Friday for John Robinson. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rosemary and the family.

We remember the anniversaries of Adriel Maloney, Ellie Gaffney, Honora Buffier and Shirley Mahon.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Alice Bates, John David (Syd), Annie Weiss, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Rosa Maria Santos and the residents of all the nursing homes. SPECIAL INTENTIONS.

Baptisms Mudgee

We welcome in Baptism this weekend:



Annika Jude Prudence Bond daughter of Anthony and Renee;

Joshua Augustus Goodlet son of Jamie and Courtney;

Lachlan Steven Charles Jeffery son of Shaun and Tanya baptised at Gulgong.

LENTEN BOOKS
'HOPE'
AVAILABLE FOR
SALE AFTER MASS
THIS WEEKEND
\$7.50 EACH

Gulgong News

Gulgong Catholic Womens Group AGM Tuesday 7th March, immediately followed by the general meeting. To be held in the Convent.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Mass 12 Noon (All Hallows K-Yr 6)
Mass 5.30pm

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.**

MUDGEE NEWS

Pastoral Council Meeting:

Meeting postponed from last Wednesday will be at 6.45pm this week.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 3rd 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.

Good News Spot
The support given to the new Deacons, Josh Clayton and Michael Williams from around the Diocese.

Kandos News

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

12 noon at Rylstone. The Lenten Group will take place after the Mass. Lenten Books available from Sr Kath \$7.50each.

World Day of Prayer: This 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. 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.

Catechist Sunday

Today we give thanks to the few in our parish who willingly spread the 'Good News' with the children in our State schools. Volunteers are welcome to assist. Please contact the Parish Office.

Prayer for Catechists

Heavenly Father, you are the source of life and love.

Send down your Spirit upon the catechists.

Inspire them to be not only teachers of your truth, but witnesses of your love.

Give them the courage to heal. Help them to see the pain of those around them so that they may offer hope through loving gestures of support and prayer. May they be merciful to others as you are merciful.

Give them the joy to proclaim the Good News of salvation. Help them see your

**World Day of Prayer
this
Friday 3rd March**

- 2.00pm St Dominic's Church Kandos.
- 7.00pm Uniting Church, Mudgee
- 6.00pm St Luke's Anglican Church, Gulgong

DATES FOR THE DIARY

6.45 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday 1st March
Ash Wednesday Masses & Distribution of Ashes

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

Friday 3rd March

World Day of Prayer

Saturday 4th March

Josephite Associates meeting at Rylstone 10.30am

Wednesday 22nd March

AGM Mudgee Pastoral Council

will at work in their lives so that they may share it with others. May they, in their words and deeds, offer continual praise to the one who saves us. Give them the wisdom to teach. Help them discover the mysteries of our faith in new and exciting ways. May their curiosity inspire those who they instruct to become your loyal disciples. We pray to you, almighty Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ the Master-Teacher, the Healer, and the Saviour, and in unity with the Holy Spirit who inspires us with knowledge, courage, and understanding. Amen.



PROJECT COMPASSION 2017

Theme "Love your neighbour".

The six stories we share with you for the six weeks of Lent reveal some of the ways lives can be transformed when we follow Jesus' instruction to "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Matt22:39)

The call of Jesus shakes us out of preoccupation with ourselves. Christ asks us to acknowledge in our lives that we are all members of the one human family. Each one of us is equally worthy of respect and compassion.

In Project Compassion 2017 we will demonstrate how love for our neighbours can transform lives. When mutual respect is fostered, communities become stronger and more resilient. This can only lead to a better future for our world, the world that Pope Francis has recently called "our common home".

For more than 50 years, Caritas Australia has been privileged to work together with our neighbours - our most vulnerable sisters and brothers in First Australian communities and in many other countries. Working with our partner agencies in those communities, we have developed the strength to combat poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of every person.

*extract from the Project Compassion 2017 message -
Bishop Greg O'Kelly, Caritas Australia Chairperson.*

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY PREPARE TO DO SOMETHING EXTRA.

- * Come to Mass during the week.
- * Take home a Project Compassion box from the back of the church to support the charitable works of Caritas Australia.
- * Put aside some quiet time for prayer and reflection.

Scriptural Context

The Sermon on the Mount

Often, the Sermon on the Mount is understood purely as the Beatitudes (Mt 5:3-12), but in the gospel of Matthew this sermon stretches over all of chapters 5 to 7. These chapters provide a solid core of the explicit teaching ministry of Jesus in this gospel. The gospel writer begins the section with the Beatitudes and then, in a very Jewish style, presents Jesus as a rabbinic teacher reinterpreting and refocusing the Law of Moses for his listeners. Unlike the parables that are more familiar, this portion of the gospel seeks to spell out some very explicit teachings of Jesus about life and the kingdom.

Do Not Be Afraid, I Am With You

Tom's parents gave him a beautiful model car for his birthday. He was thrilled with all the things he could do with it. He changed gears, twirled the steering wheel, and imagined he was a racing car driver. All through the day he showed it off to everybody. Everybody, that is, except Tyler. He wouldn't let his little brother go anywhere near it.

Tyler, of course, was extremely jealous and got up early the following morning to have his own close look at the marvellous car. When Tom came downstairs he found Tyler happily examining the inner workings of the machine which lay upside down on the carpet.

Tom was furious. "You just break everything," he said, and gave Tyler a blow across the head. He was much bigger than Tyler and soon had his young brother in tears. Mother hurried into the room to see what was going on. She managed to separate them but she couldn't make peace. Tyler was duly penitent, but Tom remained in a bad temper all day. He resolved to have his revenge on Tyler for messing about with his car. A couple of days passed and Tom was still mad at his brother. His mother challenged him: "Tom, you love that silly car more than you love your brother". And Tom said he did.

We may smile at children for taking little things so seriously, but before we do we might examine our own conscience. Adults also become attached to silly things. It is very easy to become over-possessive. Perhaps we want a better house, a bigger car, or simply for so-and-so to get out of "our chair". We want something so badly that we are prepared to hurt another person to get it. We love the new house, the bigger car, "my chair" more than we love our neighbour. So we love them more than we love God too.

There is no cause for despondency when we realise that the things we are specially attached to must pass away. Everything that exists is made by God and is simply a reflection of God's goodness. But there is one thing that will not pass away – and that is the love of God. Focus on that central truth: God's love is faithful and true.

Do not worry about tomorrow. Jesus wants us to be happy and we can only be happy now. The past is gone, the future has not yet come, the present moment is the only time we have for living and loving. It was awareness of this which prompted the great spiritual writer Jean-Pierre de Caussade to develop the profound awareness of "the sacrament of the present moment". Every moment is charged with God's grace.