

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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9.00am - 4.00pm

Twenty Years since the death of
Mother Teresa of Calcutta

First Sunday of Lent - Year A 5th March 2017

From the PP's desk

During Lent let us make it a time of prayer, reflection, worship and charitable works.



Fr Tony.

FIRST READING: 1 Genesis 2:7-9, 3: 1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. Be merciful, O Lord,
for we have sinned**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory !**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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king of endless glory !**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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



Catholic Schools Week.

Celebrating Catholic Education.

Catholic schools enrol about 20 per cent of Australian school students. There are 615 Catholic Primary and Secondary schools across NSW and the ACT, providing quality education in a faith-centred environment.

Catholic schools offer highly qualified and professional teachers who cater to the diverse learning needs of our students.

Visit your local Catholic School and join in as they showcase their work.



Shhh...

During Lent as we follow our journey towards Holy Week and the joy of the Easter celebrations we ask everyone to acknowledge some quiet time in prayer as preparation before and after Mass.

**Day by Day
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Monday, 6th March

8.50am St Matthews - Catholic Schools Week Liturgy

9:00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

9:30am: Bible Study (Mudgee)

10.00am: All Hallows School Mass for Catholic Schools Week. All welcome

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

Tuesday, 7th March

2.00pm AGM Gulgong Catholic Women's Group

2.00pm Lenten Group Kandos

4.00pm: Holy Hour Mudgee

5:00pm: Mass Mudgee

5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting.

Wednesday, 8th March -

9.00am Mass Mudgee (SMCS Yr 7 Grandparents Mass followed by Morning Tea at school)

11.00am Mass Kandos

Thursday, 9th March

9:10am: Mass Mudgee

10:30am: St Mary's & St Matthews Playgroup

NO Mass Gulgong

Friday, 10th March

10.30am Mass Pioneer House

11:45pm: Rosary in the Church Mudgee

12:00pm - 12:15pm: Reconciliation Mudgee

12:30pm: Mass Mudgee

Saturday, 11th March

Baptisms Mudgee

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation (Mudgee)

6:00pm: Vigil Mass (Mudgee)

Sunday, 12th March

Second Sunday of Lent - Year A

9:00am: Mass Mudgee

9.30am Rosary Rylstone

10:00am: Mass Rylstone

10:30am: Mass Gulgong

**Readings for
Next Week.**

Genesis 12:1-4
Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Liturgy Roster: Mudgee 11th/12th March 2017

Commentator	G.Robinson	A.Flynn
Readers	K.Fitzsimmons C.Bourke	N.Maddalena
Special Minister of Communion	P.Dick E.Day M.Melinz	Simon Bennett Susie Bennett K. Scott
Offertory Procession	C.Page B.Krzysik	M.Dunnachie G.McDermott
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	C.Page B.Krzysik	M.Dunnachie G.McDermott
Altar Servers	H.Lowe C.McLean E.English F.English	A.Littler H.Briggs M.Halpin K.Hauville
Counters	B.Krzysik 6/3	E.Goodlet 13/3

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	12th March 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	12th March 2017
Commentator	R.Saliba		
Reader	D.Kelly	Readers	M.Chadwick Sr Kath
Offertory	D & E Donelly	Intercessions	L.McPherson
Special Minister of Communion	M.Carney J.Thatcher	Special Minister of Communion	A.Krusvar
Sacristan	E.Donelly G.Ausburn	Sacristan	R.Ryan C.Morrissey

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially

John Robinson, Frank Lacey (Wellington) and Ted Hayman.

We remember the anniversaries of John Babbage, Garry Longhurst and Priscilla Rayner.

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

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.

*Support Project Compassion -
Take home a box or set of envelopes today.*

Baptisms Mudgee

We welcome in Baptism this weekend:

Londyn Merle Wilkins daughter of Joel and Lauren.





Appreciation of the family who had their child Baptised during the Mass at Gulgong last Sunday. The family were made very welcome by the people.

MUDGE NEWS

Wollar Church: The Wollar church has now been sold. Proceeds have gone into trust to be used for capital works. Thank you to the Wollar parishioners for their support in this process.

Altar Server Gowns: It would be appreciated if there is someone who would be willing to take care of the altar servers gowns and keep them washed and ironed. Please contact the Parish Office.

Kandos News

Lenten Group: The group will meet each **Tuesday** at **2.00pm** in the small hall at Kandos. All welcome.

Mass during Lent: Mass will take place next **Wednesday** and all the Wednesdays of Lent at **11.00am in Kandos**.

Easter Raffle. Prizes IGA vouchers for \$75, \$50 and \$25. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. If you can help sell some tickets, the books of 12 tickets are available from Carol Morrissey. Prizes will be drawn at the lunch after the Anointing Mass on 12th April. Thank you for your support.

Gulgong News

Catholic Schools Week Mass 10.00am Monday: All Hallows School welcome you to join the staff and students as we celebrate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week.

Street Stall Friday 17th March: Cakes, slices, preserves and saleable items most welcome. Contact Phyllis 63741256.

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group AGM this Tuesday 7th March in the Convent, immediately followed by the general meeting. All welcome.

Roster: Check the bulletin each week.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

In each of the churches there is a picture and the names of those studying for the priesthood.



Please remember the seminarians in your daily prayer. Your prayers and support is very much appreciated by these men.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 6th March:
8.50am St Matthews School Liturgy
Mass 10.00am: All Hallows School Mass
Gulgong . All welcome.
Tuesday 14th March - 7.00pm
Parish Finance Council Meeting.
Wednesday 22nd March, 5.30pm
AGM Mudgee Pastoral Council.

NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS - VISITING THE NURSING HOMES IN OUR REGION.

If you have **NOT** been delegated by the Parish Priest **YOU CANNOT** visit the Nursing Homes on the churches behalf. **Everyone** who attends as a Special Minister of the Eucharist to the Sick must have a **full police clearance** recorded with the Nursing Home and the Diocese. It is a serious breach of the law if this has not been attended to.

February
Clergy Report for Region
Funerals - 3 Mudgee
Baptisms - 6 Mudgee, 1 Gulgong
Marriage: 2 Mudgee
Sick Calls: 4 Mudgee, 1 Rylstone

From the Liturgy Committee....

Some of the Mass prayers that we have heard and will hear during Lent help remind us about the purpose of this season of the Church's year and provide material for our personal prayer during the week.

Preface of Lent I (The spiritual meaning of Lent)

For by your gracious gift each year your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure, so that, more eagerly intent on prayer and on the works of charity, and participating in the mysteries by which they have been reborn, they may be led to the fullness of grace that you bestow on your sons and daughters.

Preface of Lent III (The fruits of abstinence)

For you to will that our self-denial should give you thanks, humble our sinful pride, contribute to the feeding of the poor, and so help us imitate you in your kindness.

Prayer over the People Fifth Sunday of Lent

Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy,

and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift

The Second Vatican Council said that "full conscious and active participation by all the people" in the liturgy was of utmost importance. Liturgy is the public prayer of the Church and work of the people. Readers, communion ministers and others with up-front roles are obviously actively involved in the liturgy, but what about the rest? During this Lenten season, we encourage ALL to participate more fully in each of our liturgies. The following can be our Lenten gift to each other:



Being "present" in our weekly Masses.



Being on time for each of our celebrations. So that as we gather, we can ALL participate in ALL of the liturgy.



Sit near others and close to the Lord's Table, which is what makes us one body of Christ.

Separating ourselves from others makes it look like we are there as individuals rather than as an assembly.



Catholic Diocese of Bathurst

Bishop's Lenten Message 2017

Dear Friends,

Every day is a good day for a Christian to say yes to the grace of repentance. The examination of conscience – “what I have done and what I have failed to do” – is a vital part of our daily prayer.

In Lent, we seek and receive this grace as a community of faith. On Ash Wednesday, we listen to the words of the prophet Joel: “Order a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly... Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, lament. Let them say: Spare your people, Lord.”

This Lent, part of our reflection as a Church community must be on the painful history, publicised by the Royal Commission, of abuse of minors in our institutions in the past; and on the failures of many leaders to respond well when they learnt of it.

Although these evils happened years ago and most of the perpetrators have died, many of those injured, whether directly or indirectly, are still with us and need continuing help. This would be so for any kind of sexual abuse. However, in cases where it was done by a priest or religious, who sometimes with grotesque blasphemy invoked the name of God in their crimes, then deep spiritual as well as emotional damage was inflicted.

Our procedures for the protection of children are now strong: and we are committed to maintaining and adapting them as circumstances require. Our unfinished work is in being humbly available to survivors and their families who seek healing.

In the long history of the Church, there have been people, including leaders, who were mad or bad, weak or foolish, who have disfigured her face. But the Holy Spirit has not deserted us and has always renewed the Church through the lives of people saying yes to God. Some did famous deeds and are recognised as saints; many more were just as faithful but in quiet and ordinary ways.

As we walk together through these days of Lent, may we be able to say yes to repentance and yes to renewal in the life of God.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst



First Sunday of Lent The Philippines

Dinia's story is a story of healing, through her own skill and perseverance, and through support from a Caritas- Australia funded program. Living in the Philippines, she struggled daily with poverty in a country with many vulnerable communities. People living in rural and coastal areas have very little access to basic services. They face extreme weather events, environmental degradation and effects of internal conflict and have little hope of a sustainable income.

For Dinia, the untimely death of her husband meant an end to his small income and a greater struggle to feed her children. She struggled alone, facing a future without hope, until her community encouraged her to participate in the Socio Pastoral Action Centre Foundation Inc. (SPACFI) program supported by Caritas Australia.

Please donate to Project Compassion and help people in rural areas of the Philippines develop strengths and build better futures for their families and their neighbours.

What Do You Crave?

I admire the way Muslims fast.

During the holy month of Ramadan, Muslims abstain each day from all food and drink from sunrise to sunset. My Muslim friend Zafer once told me his hunger helps him focus on what he really craves – union with God.



This week's Gospel talks about Jesus' forty-day fast. When the devil tempts him with food, Jesus replies that “one does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God”. Like my friend Zafer's fast, Jesus' fast focused him on his deepest hunger – union with God.

What do you crave? Our culture creates a lot of hungers. Sometimes it might seem like we can't live without that special TV show or those shoes or that soft drink. Our consumer culture can create cravings that cause some people to choose selfishness over even friends or family. That's why fasting can be a really good thing for people. When we give up something we crave – anything from a TV show to a favourite food – we realise that we can live without it.

Why not try a strict fast this Lent? Give up something you'll really miss, like a meal each week, all drinks but water, a favourite TV show, or some time on social media. When the hunger comes, think instead about God and God's promises. Then ask yourself, “What do I really crave?”

What can you give up for Lent that will cause you to remember your need for God?