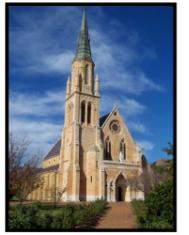


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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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MacKillop College, Bathurst
Celebrating 50 years of Catholic Education

Second Sunday of Lent - Year A 12th March 2017

From the PP's desk

This week the Diocesan Catholic Schools have celebrated Catholic Schools Week. Parents and grandparents have visited the classrooms and joined in the celebrations.



St Matthews Year 7 students welcomed their Grandparents to a special Mass and morning tea last Wednesday which was well attended. In Gulgong this Sunday All Hallows School students will mark the end of Catholic Schools Week with a combined school/parish Mass and cuppa afterwards.

There are still a few sets of Project Compassion envelopes at the back of the church. Please take a set home and support the charitable works of Caritas Australia this Lent.

Fr Tony

We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it."

Pope Francis, Laudato Si

FIRST READING: Genesis 12: 1-4

The call of Abraham, the Father of God's people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING: Timothy 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

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.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17: 1-9

His face shone like the sun.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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

Liturgy Roster: Mudgee 18th/19th March 2017

Day by Day

Monday, 13th March

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

Tuesday, 14th March

2.00pm Lenten Group Kandos
 4.00pm: Holy Hour Mudgee
 5:00pm: Mass Mudgee
 7.00pm Finance Council Meeting
 Mudgee (Presbytery)

Wednesday, 15th March

9.00am Mass Mudgee
 9.30am St Mary's Friendship Group
 11.00am Mass Kandos

Thursday, 16th March

9:10am: Mass Mudgee - SMCS Year 2
 (Commissioning of Minnie Vinnies & Altar Servers)
 10:30am: St Mary's & St Matthews Playgroup
 12 noon Mass Gulgong - AH years 3/4

Friday, 17th March

FEAST OF ST PATRICK

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

Saturday, 18th March

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

Sunday, 19th March

Third Sunday of Lent - Year A

9:00am: Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy
 9.30am Rosary Kandos
 10:00am: Mass Kandos
 10:30am: Mass Gulgong

Readings for Next Week.

Exodus 17:3-7
 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
 John 4:5-42

Commentator	B.Slater	M.Matthews
Readers	S.Connor I.Byrne	M.Barrett J.Tioseco
Special Minister of Communion	S.Walker A.Baker K.Fitzsimmons	J.Keipert K.Baker E.Biddle
Offertory Procession	K.Isbester *	M.Dunnachie G.McDermott
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	G & S Robinson	A.Harvey M.Dunnachie
Altar Servers	Jack Newman Jade Newman Jessica Newman D.Day	L.Disher E.Cliff E.Bourke H.Rogers
Counters	E.Goodlet 13/3	J.Cavanagh 20/3

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	19th March 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	19th March 2017
Commentator	D.Kelly		
Reader	C.Gaudry	Readers	M.Turner T.Doorey
Offertory	H.Seymour G.Ausburn	Intercessions	T.Ryan
Special Minister of Communion	M.Carney R.Saliba	Special Minister of Communion	H.Roberts L.McPherson
Sacristan	C & E Holland	Sacristan	T.Doorey Sr Kath

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Alice Bates, John Robinson, Frank Lacey and Ted Hayman.

We remember the anniversaries of Penny Bell-Marskell, Mona Cafe, Kath Rowlands, Barbara Cox.

We also pray for Warren Roche, deceased members of the Goldspink Family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Carissa Gleeson, 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.

Baptisms Mudgee

We welcome in Baptism this weekend:
Avelyn Hope Macready daughter of
 Melissa.



Childrens' Liturgy in Mudgee will start again from next **Sunday, 19th March.** We thank those who have volunteered for this ministry. More volunteers are needed. Please contact the Parish Office.

Gulgong News

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

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group held their AGM this week. Fr Tony and Fr Antony attended.

Readers/Eucharistic Ministers: Training will take place at Mass in a few weeks time. Further information contact Merrilyn Birch-Carney

Diocesan Liturgy Meeting took place in Gulgong on 25th February. Some of the discussion was in relation to Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest. Thank you to Sue Parnell who is one of the representatives on the Diocesan Council.

MUDGE NEWS

NALAG: Thank you note received expressing their gratitude for the donation from our Christmas Parish morning tea raffle.

NALAG Centre for Loss and Grief can be located at 107 Mortimer Street, Mudgee or phone 0488 225 710 for referral information.

Altar Gowns: We would be grateful if there were a couple of people who would share the washing of the gowns. Please contact the Parish Office.

Tuesday 14th March - 7.00pm
Parish Finance Council Meeting Mudgee

Wednesday 22nd March, 5.30pm
AGM Mudgee Pastoral Council.

Kandos News

World Day of Prayer: Many thanks to all who assisted with and attended the World Day of Prayer service at Kandos last week. A special thanks to the Filipino women from Kandos, Rylstone and Mudgee who made it such a special occasion.

Lenten Group & Mass: The group will meet each **Tuesday** at **2.00pm** in the small hall at Kandos. All welcome. Mass will take place next **Wednesday** and all the Wednesdays of Lent at **11.00am in Kandos.**

Easter Raffle: This will be drawn at the lunch after the anointing Mass on 12th April. Tickets \$2 each or three for \$5 and prizes IGA vouchers for \$75, \$50 and \$25. Please see either Carol Morrissey or Louise McPherson for tickets.



Great numbers at the St Matthews School Year 7 Grandparents Mass for Catholic School Week.

WINNERS.....ARE NOT THOSE WHO NEVER FAIL BUT THOSE WHO NEVER QUIT.

Australian Catholics are available this weekend. The theme is 'Tuning the Spirit' our journey to Jesus through music. Please take one home.

Palm Sunday and Easter

MUDGE

GULGONG

KANDOS/RYLSTONE

PALM SUNDAY, 9TH APRIL

6:00PM: Vigil Mass (Blessing of the Palms).

9:00AM: Ecumenical Service at St John the Baptist Anglican Church (followed by a procession to St Mary's Catholic Church for Mass)

HOLY THURSDAY, 13TH APRIL

6:00PM: Mass of the last Supper & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

GOOD FRIDAY, 14TH APRIL

11:00AM: Stations of the Cross
3:00PM: Liturgy of the Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, 15TH APRIL

6:00PM: Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, 16TH APRIL

7:30AM: Mass, **9:00Am:** Mass**10:30Am:** Mass (Followed By an Easter Egg Hunt)

PALM SUNDAY, 9TH APRIL

10:30AM: Mass

Monday, 10th April

12:00 noon Mass - Anointing Of The Sick & Elderly

TUESDAY, 11TH APRIL

6:00PM:
Second Rite Of Reconciliation

GOOD FRIDAY, 14TH APRIL

3:00PM: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY, 15TH APRIL

6:00PM: EASTER VIGIL MASS



PALM SUNDAY, 9TH APRIL

10:00Am: Mass (Rylstone)

WEDNESDAY, 12TH APRIL

11:00Am: Mass - Anointing of the Sick & Elderly (Kandos) followed by lunch.

HOLY THURSDAY, 13TH APRIL

6:00PM: Mass of the Last Supper (Rylstone)

GOOD FRIDAY, 14TH APRIL

10:00AM: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross (Commencing at St. Malachy's, Rylstone)

EASTER SUNDAY, 16TH APRIL

8:00AM: Mass (Rylstone)
9:30AM: Mass (Kandos)

Shine Jesus Shine

Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining,
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your word,
Lord and let there be light.

Lord I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance.
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kindly brightness.
So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Go Up the Mountain

I wonder if Peter ever struggled with his faith before he died. After all he witnessed in Jesus' life, I bet he still had days when faith didn't make sense to him. If so, I bet his memories of Jesus – especially in this week's Transfiguration – helped.

Matthew writes that Peter, James, and John saw clearly how Jesus was the fulfilment of God's promises to the world during a special spiritual experience with Jesus on a mountain.

I've had 'transfiguration' experiences like that on retreats, during special Masses, or in private prayer. During those times it seems clear to me that Jesus is the answer to all I've ever wanted. But I struggle with doubt sometimes, asking myself, "Is this God thing really sure? Or am I kidding myself?" That's when the memories of my transfiguration experiences reassure me. They have gotten me through some tough times.

Have you had a transfiguration experience – a time on retreat, during Mass, or in prayer when it seemed certain that Jesus is the one for you? If so, thank God. It will help in hard times. Write that experience down. That way you can remember it when doubts mount.

If you haven't had a transfiguration experience, ask God for one this Lent. Sign up for a retreat or extended community service trip. During it ask God to give you the clarity Peter, James, and John felt on that mountain. Or pray daily for the clarity to talk about your prayer with another person on the Christian journey. Your transfiguration might happen slowly over time. Either way, I'm pretty sure a mountain is in your future.

When have you felt most certain about your faith?

- * This Lent, I want to become a better person.
How and where can I find grace to help me?
- * Today's Gospel would make a great movie.
What special effects would you use for the Transfiguration?



Martina's story -Timor-Leste Love Your Neighbour

For Martina, an East Timorese mother of eight, escaping domestic violence was the first

step in her journey to a new life. But at first, her future seemed very uncertain. Timor-Leste is one of the least developed countries in the world, with extremely low levels of basic health, literacy and income. Most East Timorese live in rural areas, with very limited access to basic services or livelihood training, and many households don't have enough food year round.

The shelter where Martina sought refuge, Uma PAS, offered her many ways to transcend these challenges. Uma PAS is a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program, a holistic community-wide program in Timor-Leste that offers women like Martina economic empowerment and a life of safety in a supportive community.

Please donate to Project Compassion and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity and lead a life of dignity.

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 behalf of the Parish. **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.

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 are very much appreciated by these men.

Advance Notice: Raffle and Sale Easter Sunday in Mudgee to raise money for Project Compassion and our small Schools.