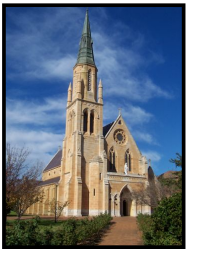




Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong, Kandos / Rylstone.



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

Four years since the Installation of Pope Francis

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A 26th March 2017

From the PP's desk

Please sign up Holy Week ministries.



During the past week we have welcomed new members into full Communion with the Catholic Church. We ask that you will continue to pray for Michelle and Sue and welcome them to our Mudgee community as they embark on their new journey of faith.

Children's Liturgy in Mudgee needs more support from adults and young people who are willing to spend a short time during the Sunday Mass to share 'Good News' with the children helping them to understand the Gospel.

Fr Tony



Shhh! We invite everyone to acknowledge some **quiet time** in **prayer** as **preparation** before and after Mass during Lent as we follow our journey towards Holy Week and the joy of the Easter celebrations.

FIRST READING: *Samuel: 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13.*

in the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

Mudgee Parish: Hymn No 144 will be sung to replace the responsorial psalm - 'The Lord is My Shepherd'.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. in the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 5: 8-14*

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL READING: John 9: 1-41

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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



Day by Day

Monday, 27th March

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

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

Readings for Next Week.

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8: 8-11

John : 1-45

Tuesday, 28th March

2.00pm Lenten Group Kandos

4.00pm: Holy Hour Mudgee

5:00pm: Mass Mudgee

5.30pm St Vincent de Paul
Conference meeting

Wednesday, 29th March

9.00am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Lawson House

9.30am St Mary's Friendship Group

11.00am Mass Kandos

Thursday, 30th March

9:10am: Mass Mudgee Kinder & Y6 Mass

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

12 noon Mass Gulgong - AH Yrs 2/3/4

Friday, 31st March

11:45pm: Rosary in the Church Mudgee

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

12:30pm: Mass Mudgee

Saturday, 1st April

Baptism Mudgee

2.00pm Mudgee Jospehite Associates Meeting,
Parish Centre.

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

6:00pm: Vigil Mass (Mudgee)

Sunday, 2nd April

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A

9:00am: Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy

9.30am Rosary Kandos

10:00am: Mass Kandos

Baptism Kandos after Mass

10:30am: Mass Gulgong - Baptism during Mass

Liturgy Roster: Mudgee 1st/2nd April 2017

Commentator	J.Cross	M.McLean
Readers	J.Unsworth M.Bannister	A.McLean E.Freeman
Special Minister of Communion	A.Baker J.Vros E.Day	G.Hennessy Simon Bennett Susie Bennett
Offertory Procession	Vo Family	E.Csuba M.Knight
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	B.Cluff N.Lynch	M.Charlesworth M.Dunnachie
Altar Servers	H.Vo A.Duncan A.Burgoyne S.Hawes	O.Portelli H.Portelli C.Wilson R.Wilson
Counters	E.Goodlet 27/3	P.Leonard 3/4

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	2nd April 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	2nd April 2017
Commentator	P.Hudson		
Reader	M.McGregor	Readers	L.McPherson S.D'Ilio
Offertory	E & M Carney	Intercessions	K.Morrissey
Special Minister of Communion	R.Saliba J.Thatcher	Special Minister of Communion	A.Krusvar M.Turner
Sacristan	R.Saliba H.Seymour	Sacristan	H.Roberts

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially

Sr Carmel Acret rsm, Shirley Law, Alice Bates, John Robinson, and Ted Hayman.

We remember the anniversaries of Pat Milton, Jean Price, Michelle Morrissey, Mary Navin, William Marskell, Francis Gaffney.

We also pray for Bill Milton.

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

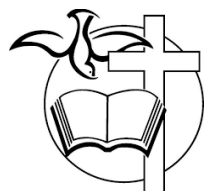
POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Support for Persecuted Christians.

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

Congratulations and Welcome to

Sue Grant-Frost who was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church this week.



We welcome in Baptism

Zarlia Lee Beckley-Hawthorne

daughter of Andrew and Kayla and

Abbigale May Regan daughter of Matthew and Rachel.





* Tourists to the church who felt welcome enough to ask serious questions relating to a faith issue.

MUDGEE NEWS



(Josephite group gathered at St Malachy's Rylstone)

Mudgee Josephite Associates met at Rylstone for the February monthly meeting. The group wish to sincerely thank Sr Kath Luchetti for sharing her story of the early years and Fr Tenison-Woods. Thank you also to all who made the journey to Rylstone. Our forthcoming meeting is **next Saturday** 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

AGM St Mary's Pastoral Council.

Our thanks was extended to the outgoing executive and especially to Marianne Matthews who has served seven years on the Council. The new president is Julie Keipert, Vice President, Louise Nicholson and Secretary Brigid Carrigan. Welcome to new members Eliza Biddle, Louise Nicholson and Lon Schreck and to Daniel Salomoni representing the Youth Ministry.

Discussion on the various celebrations for the year and dates were set down:

- **Welcome morning tea** for new parishioners will be on Pentecost Sunday, 4th June.
- **Next Youth/Family Mass** will also be for the post celebration for Confirmation candidates at 5.00pm, 25th June.
- **Christmas and Remembrance** celebration will be Sunday 4th December (1st Sunday of Advent).

Kandos News

Lenten Group continues this Tuesday at 2.00pm in the small hall at Kandos.
Mass Wednesday 11.00am in Kandos.

Palm Sunday: We encourage parishioners to wear **RED** to Mass for this occasion.

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 contact either Carol Morrissey or Louise McPherson for tickets.



St Matthews' Catholic School Kindergarten Readiness Program 2017 for consecutive Wednesday mornings

9.15am - 11am on the following dates:

24th May, 31st May, 7th June and 14th June.

Open to all children who will beginning school in 2018.

- * All new and existing families are welcome
- * Prepare your child for school
- * Experience the friendly and supportive learning atmosphere at St Matthews.
- * Cost FREE!
- * To register please complete the "Kindergarten readiness Program Registration Form" available on the school website or at the school office
- * www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/Kindegarten-2017-Enrolment

Prayer

The fruit of silence is **prayer**,
The fruit of prayer is **faith**,
The fruit of faith is **love**,
The fruit of love is **service**,
The fruit of service is **peace**.
Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Gulgong News

ROSTER: The new roster is ready and is on the table at the back of the Church. Anyone who has volunteered for the various Ministries please take a copy.

STREET STALL: Our grateful thanks to everyone who helped or supported the Street Stall, \$1094.40 was raised. Thank you and congratulations to the winners of the raffle and 100 clubs.

Prize winners:

Raffle 1st: Helen Gleeson; **2nd** Karl Ritar.

100 Club 1: 1st Angela Shaw, 2nd Mary McGregor, 3rd Col Evans

100 Club 2: 1st D.Bassall, 2nd Lyn Hawkins, 3rd Maureen Hall.

Baptism during the Mass next weekend - please make welcome all visitors.

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Catholic Diocese of Bathurst

Applications are invited for the position of:

Diocesan Coordinator of Special Religious Education (SRE)

- *Permanent, Full time position*
- *35 hours per week*
- *Based in the Chancery of Catholic Diocese of Bathurst*

The role of Coordinator CCD SRE is to assist regional coordinators and catechists on outreach to students and parents in public and private schools throughout the diocese.

The role will be full time, and flexibility is required to meet the needs of Schools, Parishes and Catechists.

The position requires a current NSW Working with Children Check. A teaching degree or experience in school's or management would be an advantage in this role.

To apply please send your Resume and a detailed response to the above selection criteria to:

Vice Chancellor, 18 Keppel St Bathurst NSW 2795; vc@bathurst.catholic.org.au

For more information please call 6334 6400

from the Liturgy Committee

◆ ***Palm Sunday Liturgies (8th/9th April) in Mudgee: Please wear red to Palm Sunday Liturgies***

especially to the Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms and Liturgy of the Word at St John's Anglican Church on the Sunday. Please assemble at St John's Anglican Church before 9.00am. As is the custom of previous years we will assemble at St John's 9.00am for the Blessing of the Palms and Liturgy of the Word and process back to St Mary's for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Children from the parish are invited to participate in the procession with palms and streamers. The donkey will be there.

◆ ***Commissioning of ALL Eucharistic Ministers - Holy Thursday.***

All who are Special Ministers of the Eucharist at parish Masses, school Masses, Nursing homes or to the sick in the home are required to be **Commissioned Ministers**. This takes place every two years at the Holy Thursday Mass. This will occur in Mudgee and Rylstone. Gulgong Commissioning will take place on Sunday 23rd April at the 10.30am Mass. Alternately Gulgong ministers who wish to take part in the Mudgee commissioning on Holy Thursday are most welcome.

◆ ***MINISTRIES for Easter Liturgies Mudgee*** - sign up to assist with Easter Liturgies by writing your name on the whiteboard at the back of the church. There are extra Masses and large numbers of people particularly for Easter Sunday. # We need **extra collectors** for the Sunday Masses please.

◆ Invite someone to come to Easter Services with you. Sometimes people who have been away from the Church for a time just need a friendly invitation to return.

◆ We are encouraging families with children to attend the 10.30am Mass on Easter Sunday as the 9.00am Mass is very popular so maybe consider one of the other Masses. The children will enjoy the Easter egg hunt after Mass.

THE HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE FOR THE REGION

There are brochures at the back of the Church outlining all the dates and times for services over Easter. Take a copy home today.

Advance preparation for Holy Week

◆ The annual Good Friday collection for the Holy Places in the christian church in the Holy Land. Please support.

◆ Donations of flowers or money for the purchase of flowers for the Easter celebrations are welcome.

◆ Easter Mass offerings for family and friends. Please leave at the Parish Office by Tuesday afternoon 11th April if they are to be printed on the Parish Bulletin.

◆ ***Holy Saturday: Guided history tours of St Mary's and the Convent : 11.00am & 2.00pm***

Know more about your Churches history. Gold coin donation towards the printing of a history book on the church prepared by Jenny Maloney.

◆ ***Easter Sunday*** - Easter Hunt for the children after the 10.30am Mass.

**Raffle - to assist small schools.*

** Sale of Goods on Easter Sunday - proceeds to Project Compassion.*

Project Compassion

Total for our region to date.....

\$2571.10

Please support the work of Caritas Australia by contributing to Project Compassion 2017.



Semiti says, "Through the voice of the poor we can become one, and it's very powerful."

Semiti grew up in an informal, or 'squatter', settlement in Fiji. More than a quarter of Fiji's people live in these settlements, with little hope of finding permanent housing and land.

Now Semiti is working together with other residents of informal settlements to make positive changes. He is the Director of the People's Community Network (PCN), which Caritas Australia supports. PCN helps empower landless people in Fiji, enabling them to address the issues that affect their lives.