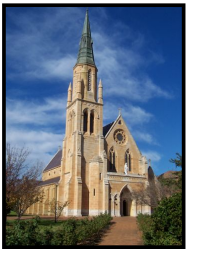


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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



We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on Wiradjuri country. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.



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Monday:

10.00am - 4.00pm

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9.00am - 4.00pm

**50 days of Easter Season from Easter Sunday
to Pentecost.**

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A 21st May 2017

FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love for me. **R.**

SECOND READING: Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and he will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: John 14: 15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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



From the PP's desk

This Sunday in Gulgong we welcome the students and families of All Hallows School for the Parish/ School Term Mass and morning tea. We also have the Commitment/Enrolment of the students who will receive the sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation.

The priests will be at 'Shalom' Carcoar for their seminar this Tuesday and Wednesday.

This weekend we are doing a count of those attending Mass for the Diocese.

Fr Tony



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Leaving collection this weekend 20/21st May.

Envelopes available for those who wish to use the Credit Card facility. All money assists the people of Mudgee.

PLEASE BE AWARE.

With the colder weather the heaters in Mudgee Church are now turned on. Please be careful especially with the younger children as they are very hot. The side aisles are not heated and maybe a better option.

Day by Day

Monday, 22nd May

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

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

Tuesday, 23rd May

Priests Seminar, Carcoar

9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting

Wednesday, 24th May

Feast of our Lady Help of Christians

Priests Seminar, Carcoar

9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

9.30am St Mary's Friendship Group

Thursday, 25th May

9:10am Mass Mudgee

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

12noon Mass Gulgong AH K/1/2

3.45pm Confirmation lesson for State school children

Friday, 26th May

Feast of St Philip, apostle

11:45pm: Rosary in the Church Mudgee

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

12:30pm Mass

Saturday, 27th May

Baptism Mudgee

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 28th May - The Ascension of the Lord

9:00am Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy

9.30am Rosary Rylstone

10:00am: Mass Rylstone

10:30am: Mass Gulgong.

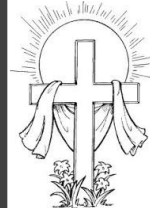
Next Weekend Readings
Acts 1:1-11;
Eph 1:17-23;
Mat 28:16-20

Liturgy Roster: 27th/28th May

Commentator	D.Cunningham	S.Bennett
Readers	J.Unsworth B.Carrigan	R.Disher J.O'Brien
Special Minister of Communion	A.Baker D. Salomoni L.Nicholson	M.Gilbert R.McKeown P.O'Brien
Offertory Procession	D.Bennett C.Carberry	Disher Family
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	K.Isbester C.Carberry	M.Charlesworth G.McDermott
Altar Servers	H.Vo A.Duncan A.Burgoyne S.Hawes	J.Nipperess S.Marchant D.Yule
Counters	E.Goodlet 22/5	J.Cavanagh 29/5

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	28th May 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	28th May 2017
Commentator	D.Kelly		
Reader	E.Donnelly	Readers	K.Morrissey L.McPherson
Offertory	L.Hope H.Tuxford	Intercessions	H.Roberts
Special Minister of Communion	R.Saliba J.Thatcher	Special Minister of Communion	M.Turner
Sacristan	C & E Holland	Sacristan	K & C Morrissey

Masses and prayers requested for the following:



We pray for the recently deceased especially Stan Brown, Robin McInness (member of the Shalom Community, Carcoar), Marie McInroy (Bathurst), Therese Billmon, Barry Simpson.

A Memorial Service for Barry Simpson was celebrated in Mudgee on Wednesday. Our prayers are with the family.

We remember the anniversaries of Bill Milton, Norman McVicker, David McLean, Yvonne Kelly, James & Allen Robinson Ana Kapista.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Carmel Van Straalen, Stuart Ogg, Melinda Drew, Andrew McPhee, Tom Sheridan, Carissa Gleeson, Jason Seis, Dorothy Davidson, Annie Weiss, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Rosa Maria Santos and the residents of all the nursing homes.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

Christians in Africa.

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.



Marriage: Our congratulations to **Shannon Robinson** and **Christopher Tremain** who celebrated the sacrament of marriage in St Mary's this weekend.

Mudgee News

Welcome to

Oliver Neaverson-Smith

Alastair Neaverson-Smith

who were received into the Catholic Church last weekend.

Children's Liturgy is held at the 9.00am Mass in Mudgee each Sunday during school term.

Fund raising lunch for our **Seminarians**: 12 Midday Thursday 8th June, 3 Acacia Grove. Please RSVP to Sandy Walker 63722441 by 31st May.

Gulgong News

Goolma Mass - Saturday 29th July at 9.30am Mass will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier, Goolma.

Congratulations to Kristie Thomet who was welcomed into the Catholic Church in recent weeks.

Gulgong Confirmation Mass, Sunday 18th June will be at **11.00am**.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal - Leaving collection this weekend.

Prayer for Children Receiving the Sacraments

*Loving God,
Pour out your blessing
Upon our beloved children,
That during this time of Sacramental
preparation
They may grow closer to you
And come to know your special love
for them.*

*May this time of preparation be a
time of blessing*

*For our families and our community,
And unite us all in your great love.*



**Mass and Morning Tea
for New Parishioners.
Pentecost Sunday 4th June
9.00am**

**Don't forget to wear RED to
Masses on this weekend.**

All parishioners are invited to come along and make this a whole parish event.

**RSVP: 31st May
Parish Office or Ph 63722122**

*The posies of flowers made by the
ladies for the Mass
last Friday as we
remembered
families who had
lost a child. Many
thanks ladies!*



St Patrick's Church, Wellington Centenary

The Centenary of the Opening and Blessing of St Patrick's Church, Wellington NSW, will be celebrated on Sunday 20th August with 10.00am Mass followed by lunch.

This is also the Bi-centenary weekend of celebrations for European settlement at Wellington.

RSVP to the parish 6845 2061 or email: office.wellington@cdob.org.au



Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do... but how much love we put in that action.

Mother Teresa

Calling for Expressions of Interest - Pilgrimage to Vietnam

The Catholic Diocese of Bathurst is calling for expressions of interest from interested members of the community to participate in a pilgrimage to Vietnam in January 2018. This pilgrimage is an opportunity to experience the culture and spirituality of Vietnam and its people. The proposed pilgrimage will be for 11 days and will be escorted by two of our Seminarians, Dong Nguyen and Nam Le.

Highlights will include;

Saigon, Daklak, Hoi An, Hue, Vinh via La Vang Shrine, Vinh Diocese, Ninh Binh and Hanoi: the capital of Vietnam.

The cost of the pilgrimage is estimated to be approximately \$3,000 per person and will include most meals and all travel.

If you are interested in more information about this proposed pilgrimage, please contact Deacon Josh at the Chancery by the 30th June 2017.

Please note: numbers are limited to 25 pilgrims.

Contact details: Deacon Josh Clayton

email: ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au

Mobile: 0458 261 513

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 25 May and Thursday 1st & 8th June Confirmation lessons for State school children - Parish Centre.

Tuesday 30th May 2nd Parent Information session for Confirmation - Mudgee 1.30pm and a repeat session at 7.00pm.

Sunday 4th June: Pentecost Sunday Mass and Welcome Morning Tea for new parishioners Mudgee.

17/18th June Mudgee Confirmation Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm and Sunday 9.00am Mass.

18th June Gulgong Confirmation Mass 11.00am.

25th June 4.00pm - Mudgee Post Confirmation and Youth Mass.

Kandos News

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal - Leaving collection this weekend.



"I have come in order that you might have life-life in all its fullness" – John 10:10

Centacare is the expression of the social mission of the Church in our diocese. Centacare has been providing vital services to the families and communities in our diocese since it was established in 1988 as a not-for-profit charitable institution. With Jesus Christ as inspiration and guide, Centacare Bathurst provides professional social services to empower communities, families, children, and individual adults to thrive.

Centacare's services include: counselling, relationship and marriage counselling, family mediation, school counselling, marriage and relationship education and enrichment programs, services to Aboriginal families and communities, works with families with young children to promote healthy parenting and education, and outside of school hours care.

Centacare Sunday is observed to acknowledge this important mission of the Church and support it through prayer and financial contribution.

from the Diocesan Pastoral Council subcommittee for Indigenous Catholics

Today, we acknowledge the unique place of Aboriginal culture from a world perspective and within the diverse community that calls Australia "home". We also recognise the conflict and injustices that marked first contact and continue to affect relationships today. In 1986, St John Paul II urged Catholics to "joyfully receive" the contribution of Aboriginal people to the life of the Church. Our Bishop encourages us to build bridges of friendship and reconciliation too. One way is to celebrate important events in Australian Aboriginal history.

Friday 26 May is **Sorry Day**, a tradition which started in 1998 following the publication of Bring Them Home report on Stolen Generations in the previous year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities.

Saturday 27 May marks the **50th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum** recognising Aboriginal people as Australian citizens. It is also the beginning of Reconciliation Week. Saturday 3 June commemorates Mabo and the High Court decision that recognises Australia was not "terra nullius" – nobody's land - but was occupied by Aboriginal people for millennia before white settlement. Parishes are invited to take these opportunities to pray for Aboriginal people and connect where possible.

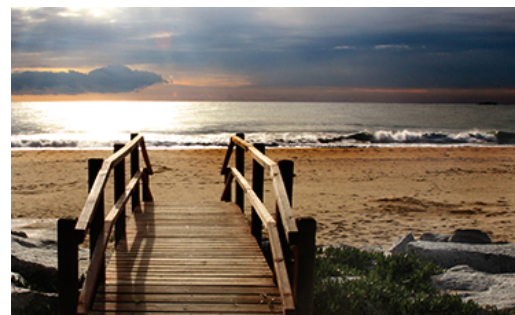
Enabling the Spirit to Work in our Lives as Followers of Christ

Ethiopia is a land that is familiar with hardship, with famines, droughts and wars that increase the suffering of the people. For the love of these people, Bishop Armido Gasparini, an Italian missionary, made Awasa, in southern Ethiopia his home. He and his small band of Comboni missionaries showed the love of God through their tireless work in training catechists, establishing medical clinics in rural areas and providing schools.

From having one parish in the early 1960s, the Church in Awasa has grown to twenty parishes, with many more outstations. There are now hundreds of catechists and the Catholic population has increased enormously. Every day many hundreds of people are treated in the clinics, and thousands of children are receiving an education who would not otherwise have done so. When Bishop Armido retired in 1993, he explained how he could see the difference that Christ had made in the lives of the people.

We cannot all be missionaries in distant countries, but we can take the love of Christ to the people around us. It has never been easy to evangelise, and persecution has been the response to many who have gone before us. When Philip the deacon first went to the Samaritan

town he was by no means assured of a warm welcome. This is shortly after Stephen, another deacon, had been stoned to death. Philip proclaimed the Good News of Christ and by his authentic witness won over the people there. The power he had drawn on to enable him to do his work



was the Spirit of truth. Jesus promised this to all who love him and who keep his commandments.

As Christians, we have received the Holy Spirit in baptism – a power that is not of our own making. This power is the very same that sustained the martyrs in their gruelling punishment and executions; the same that encourages missionaries to endure hardships for the love of other people. It is the Spirit that enables us to find the words to use to describe why we are followers of Christ.

But the Spirit needs our cooperation too. Philip could not have converted the Samaritans if he had not gone to them, not could Bishop Armido have established his schools and clinics if he had not settled in Ethiopia. To have the answer ready for anybody who wants to know about Christianity, we do have to give the matter some attention. We need to know about our faith to share it with others. It helps if we have access to courses, or books or other means of deepening our knowledge. Talking about it with our friends and family can help us put our thoughts into words. Studying scripture and spending time in prayer are also vital ways of preparing for the times we need to explain our belief to others.

How easy it is, when something so dear to us is discussed, to allow ourselves to become embroiled in arguments. Yet it is also in the way we conduct ourselves, and in what we do, that the message is most effectively conveyed. But we need not be discouraged, for even if we do not think we have the right things or been great models of Christian living, it is the Spirit who will work in the hearts of the other people; and we know we can leave the results of our endeavours safely in the keeping of that same Spirit.