

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.



Trinity Sunday - Year A 11th June 2017

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Parish Office Hours

Monday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 4.00pm

Staff Lunch Break

1.00pm - 2.00pm

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

SECOND READING: Corinthians 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: John 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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



URGENT MESSAGE FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL.



We are in desperate need of blankets/ Doonas/flannelette sheets for families and the homeless. All through our Region there is a shortage, so if anyone is having that clean out or moving they may have these items to kindly donate. They can be dropped off at Vinnies or someone can collect them.

From the PP's desk

Many thanks to all who got into the spirit of Pentecost last weekend and dressed in red. Special thanks to Mudgee Pastoral Council and the parishioners for their efforts in preparing the morning tea and welcoming new people to the parish after Mass on Sunday.

This week we have been advised by Bishop McKenna of Fr Antony's appointment to the Coonamble Parish. Fr Antony will take up residence effective from September. Due to Fr Antony's new appointment it will be necessary to make changes to Mass times and other changes to Parish life for my ability to look after the parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos. I ask for your patience and understanding while we try to work out a solution together.

The repairs to the church roof will take about three months to complete. There will be a lot of dust and some disruption during this time.

This coming Wednesday, 14th June, 7.00pm in Mgr Flanagan Hall, Kevin Pye will host an evening of stories and poetry readings, the works of Henry Lawson. All welcome.

Fr Tony

Day by Day

Monday, 12th June

9:00am: **NO** Liturgy of the Word (Public Holiday)

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

Tuesday, 13th June

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass

Wednesday, 14th June

9.00am Mass: SMCS YR 7

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

4.30pm Confirmation class for State School children Gulgong

Thursday, 15th June

Mudgee and Gulgong Confirmation Retreat Day

9:10am Mass Mudgee SMCS Yr 1: Baptism during Mass.

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

12noon Mass Gulgong

Friday, 16th June

11.00am Mass Kanandah Hostel

10.30am Mass

11:45pm: Rosary in the Church Mudgee

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

12:30pm Mass

Next Weekend
Readings:
Deut. 8:2-3, 14-16
Corinthians
10:16-17
John 6: 51-58

Saturday, 17th June

Baptism Mudgee

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

**6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee
Sacrament of Confirmation.**

Sunday, 18th June - (Corpus Christi)

9:00am Mass Mudgee - Sacrament of Confirmation.

9.30am Rosary Kandos

10:00am: Mass Kandos

11.00am: Mass Gulgong - Sacrament of Confirmation

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

National Leaders.

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimises so many innocent people.



We welcome in baptism this weekend in Mudgee

Miles Geoffrey Goodenough son of Lukas and Kristen.

Jensen Frederick Doherty son of Zac and Danielle.

Lachlan Thomas Humphreys son of Luke and Claudia who is to be Baptised during the school Mass this Thursday.

Liturgy Roster: 17th/18th June

Commentator	Barry Slater	M.McLean
Readers	P.Cannon D.Salomon	N.Maddalena E.Goodwin
Special Minister of Communion	Bishop Michael Fr Tony Fr Antony D.Cunningham	Bishop Michael Fr Tony P.O'Brien D.Salomoni
Offertory Procession	English Family	Bourke Family
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	B.Cluff N.Lynch	E. Csuba M. Knight
Altar Servers	H.Vo J. & J.Newman	C.McLean O.Portelli H.Portelli
Counters	P.Leonard 12/6	L.Nicholson 19/6

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	18th June 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	18th June 2017
Commentator	P.Leotta		
Reader	J.Ritar	Readers	Sr Kath T.Doorey
Offertory	M & R Morrissey	Intercessions	K.Morrissey
Special Minister of Communion	Bishop McKenna Fr Tony	Special Minister of Communion	A.Krusvar L.McPherson
Sacristan		Sacristan	T.Doorey Sr Kath

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Edna Keightley, Ian Carter (Gulgong), Joy Richards (Bathurst), Stan Brown, Ron Lane (Heathcote).

A prayer service was celebrated for Ian Carter on Tuesday. Please pray for his extended family.

We remember the anniversaries of Barry Cunningham, Miriam Byers, Adrian Ryan, Eileen McPherson, Sandy Nash, Stella Snape, Austin Croake, Eric Halpin, Marilyn Hensley,

We also pray for Therese Billmon., deceased members Goldspink family,

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, Julie Collins, Rosa Maria Santos and the residents of all the nursing homes. Special Intentions.

**Letter to the people of Gulgong,
Kandos and Mudgee**

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the care of the people of our Diocese, I need to keep in constant review where our small number of active priests are most needed.

For many years, the people of Coonamble have not had a resident priest. I pay tribute to the generous service of Fathers Greg Kennedy and Reynold Jaboneta who have looked after Coonamble in addition to their responsibilities in Coonabarabran.

From September, Father Antony Vattakkunnel cmi, currently serving in the Parishes of Gulgong, Mudgee and Kandos, will take up residence in Coonamble to care for the people there. I know that this will be a loss for the people of Gulgong especially; as well as an extra burden on Father Tony Hennessy as Parish Priest. I am very grateful for Father Tony's willingness to care for three parishes on his own and ask that everyone give him your co-operation.

I ask you to continue your prayers that God may raise up more priests from our Diocese and that the priests we have may be fully supported.

With every good wish.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

Confirmation

Next weekend in Mudgee and Gulgong the children of the parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Michael McKenna will be the celebrant for the Masses next weekend.

There are 21 children for the Saturday Vigil Mass and 19 for the Sunday Mass. The duration of both Masses will be one hour. Please continue to pray for the children and their families. Please attend the Masses.

Mudgee News

Repairs to Mudgee Church & Parish Centre: We ask for your patience while the repairs are taking place. There will be a lot of dust and some inconvenience. Some areas will need to be cordoned off for safety reasons during this time. On occasions we may need to celebrate Mass in the Parish Centre during the week. We ask that you please do not park inside the front yard of the church to allow for the movement of equipment. If it is necessary to drop someone off at the front door, please feel free to do this.

From the Liturgy Group.....

MINISTRIES: Thank you to those who committed to ministries in our Liturgy and Parish recently. As we now organise the roster for the weekend Masses, we are disappointed to find there are many gaps. Maybe when the forms were distributed, you were away, still reflecting on your commitment or forgot to fill in the form. It is important that we have vibrant celebrations with a variety of ministers, so we ask you to especially consider a commitment to being a Commentator &/or Lector. Be assured that training and information will assist you in this ministry. There are sheets at the back of the Church for you to indicate your commitment to any of these ministries, or to phone the Parish Office.

Gulgong News

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

Gulgong State School Classes for Confirmation Candidates, Wednesday 4.30pm in the Convent.

Gulgong Confirmation Retreat Day - next Thursdsay.

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

The Uniting Church in Australia
40th Anniversary.

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Thursday 22nd June,

Mudgee Unting Church

7.00pm - supper following.

Guest speaker: Rev Claire Wright.

All welcome

**Prayer for our Children preparing
for 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.

Amen.

CLERGY REPORT FOR MAY

3 Funerals - Requiem Mass Mudgee
Prayer service Mudgee
Prayer Service Gulgong

1 Wedding - Mudgee

7 Baptisms - Mudgee

4 Sick calls



*M u d g e e
P e n t e c o s t
celebration and
welcome to new
parishioners.*

REPORTING CONCERNS/ISSUES IN THE PARISH: If you have concerns/issues that need to be addressed please contact the Pastoral Council President, Mrs Julie Keipert via email: centura3@bigpond.com or phone the parish office and the staff will relay your message to the Council.

Planned Giving:

Our grateful thanks to all who have continued to support the Planned Giving throughout this financial year.

Without your financial gift to the Planned Giving Program we would be unable to meet the many costs of running a parish: insurance, salaries for parish staff, electricity, rates, maintenance of parish buildings. The basic increasing costs that we all have, together with everything else that needs to be considered. ***'The most vital work of the Church has no monetary value or limits. In simple daily acts of love and proclamation of the Gospel, we "receive without charge and give without charge." But, in this world, buildings need to be constructed and maintained, workers need to be employed, communications and travel costs must be met and priests and religious, whether in health, sickness or old age, need to be cared for. To contribute to the financial needs of the Church is not giving something extra to another worthy cause: it is shouldering our responsibilities as members of that Church.'* Bishop Michael McKenna.**

New Planned Giving pledge cards are available this weekend. Please fill out a new card even if you are already committed to the Planned Giving Program.

We encourage those who are able to use the direct debit or credit card facility available on the back of the card. This saves the cost of purchasing and distributing sets of weekly envelopes.

STORIES AND POETRY

READINGS -

THE WORKS OF HENRY LAWSON.

**Wednesday,
14th June**

**Mgr Flanagan Hall
from 7.00pm.**



Celebrating 150 yrs of Henry's birth.

Sponsored by

Mudgee Valley Writers and

St Mary's.

Tea/coffee/ soft drink supplied.

BYO nibbles.

All welcome.

Reflection on the Gospel

A God of Love

One day two learned men were walking along the seashore, discussing the mystery of God. However, they weren't making very much progress. Suddenly they came upon a small boy playing on the beach. He had dug a hole in the sand and kept running down to the sea, dipping his toy bucket in the water, and running back up the beach to empty the water into the hole.

The two men watched him for a while as he ran back and forth filling and emptying his bucket. They found the scene amusing. They went up to the boy and asked him what he was doing. Very seriously he told them he was emptying the ocean into the hole he had dug in the sand.

The two smiled and walked on, resuming their discussion about God. After a while, one of them stopped and said to the other, 'You know, we were amused just now when that child told us what he was trying to do. Yet what we have been trying to do in our discussion about God is just the same. It is as impossible for us to understand the mystery of God as it is for that child to put the water of the ocean into that hole. Our minds are but tiny thimbles, whereas the reality of God is as great as the ocean'.

As the story says: it is impossible for us to understand God. God is a mystery. But a mystery is not something we can know

nothing about. A mystery is something which is so full of meaning, that no matter how hard we try, we will never get to the bottom of it. Therefore, the story must not be used to justify laziness or superficiality in our efforts to understand something of the mystery of God.

It's possible to know of the existence of God by our own reasoning. At the sight of something or other, a person will know in an instant that these things do not exist through themselves, and that God is.



God is a God of love. Our response can only be one of trust in God and love towards one another. What Paul said to the Corinthians is meant also for us: 'Help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you'.

Once a young girl stood watching a gypsy as he drank from a well in the town square. After drinking, the man continued to gaze into the well, as though looking at someone. He was a giant of a man but had a friendly face. So the girl approached him and asked: 'Who lives down there?' 'God does,' answered the gypsy. 'Can I see God?' 'Sure you can,' said the gypsy. Then taking the girl into his arms he lifted her up so that she could see down into the well. All the girl could see, however, was her own reflection in the water. 'But that's only me,' she cried in disappointment. 'All I see is me'. 'Ah,' replied the gypsy, 'now you know where God lives. God lives in you'.