

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.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. - Year A 18th June 2017 'Corpus Christi'

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Monday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 4.00pm

Staff Lunch Break

1.00pm - 2.00pm

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Praise the Lord, Jerusalem,
praise the Lord.**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. (R)

He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with the finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. (R)

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; He has not taught them his decrees. (R)

SECOND READING: Corinthians 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

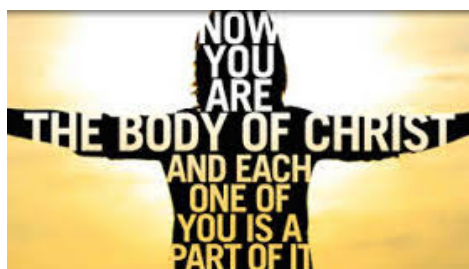
Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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

Welcome to Bishop Michael for the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend in Mudgee and Gulgong.

Fr Antony's appointment to the Coonamble Parish will take place from September. With Fr Antony's move there will need to be changes to the weekend Mass schedule. Parish meetings will take place to help find a reasonable solution, with one priest for the three parishes it will not be possible to please everyone.

Thank you to those who filled out new pledge cards for Planned Giving last weekend. We would be grateful to all current and new givers to fill out a card for the new financial year.

The repairs to the church roof will continue for three months. There will be no access to the church on Monday or Tuesday - we are unable to celebrate Mass on these days.

Thanks to all who supported Henry Lawson recital on Wednesday.

Fr Tony

Day by Day

Monday, 19th June

Feast of St Thomas

**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
DUE TO THE WORK ON THE CHURCH.**

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

Tuesday, 20th June

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5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting.

Wednesday, 21st June

9.00am Mass - Parish Centre

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

Thursday, 22nd June

9:10am Mass Mudgee SMCS YR 5 - Parish Centre

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

12noon Mass Gulgong

Friday, 23rd June

11:45pm: Rosary in the Parish Centre Mudgee

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

12:30pm Mass - Parish Centre

Saturday, 24th June

Baptism Mudgee

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Next Weekend
Readings:
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

Sunday, 25th June - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy

9.30am Rosary Rylstone

10:00am: Mass Rylstone

10.30am: Mass Gulgong

4.00pm Mass Mudgee Youth & Post 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.

Patrick Andrew Harris son of Benjamin and Sally.

Emersyn Grace Davies daughter of Matthew and Sarah.

Liturgy Roster: 24th/25th June

Commentator	M.Melinz	M.Matthews
Readers	P.Robinson S.Connor	J.O'Brien R.Disher
Special Minister of Communion	I.Byrne D.Cunningham L.Nicholson	P.O'Brien S.Bennett A.Rusten
Offertory Procession	D.Baker C.Carberry	Disher Family
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	C.Carberry K.Isbester	G.McDermott M.Dunnachie
Altar Servers	H.Vo A.Duncan A.Burgoyne S.Hawes	O.Portelli H.Portelli C.Wilson R.Wilson
Counters	L.Nicholson 19/6	S.Robinson 26/6

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	25th June 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	25th June 2017
<i>Commentator</i>	E.Holmes		
<i>Reader</i>	S.Parnell	<i>Readers</i>	T.Ryan K.Morrissey
<i>Offertory</i>	G.Ausburn L.Hope	<i>Intercessions</i>	L.MPherson
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	R.Saliba E.Holland	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	H.Roberts
<i>Sacristan</i>	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn	<i>Sacristan</i>	A.Krusvar

Masses and prayers requested for the following:



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

We remember the anniversaries of David Roth, Sandy Nash, Georgina Macallef, Joe Dennis, Kerin Corporal, Leo Robinson,

We also pray for Patricia McGregor, Therese Billmon., deceased members Goldspink family, Roger, Yvonne & Michael Kelly,

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Paul Weatherly, 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.



*** Gulgong Catholic Women's Group fund raising work.**

*** The good spirit amongst the children at the Mudgee and Gulgong Confirmation Retreat Days.**

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

Youth Mass and Post Confirmation Celebration.

The Parish of St Mary of the Presentation welcomes all the Confirmation candidates and their families to join with the youth to attend Mass at 4.00pm, next Sunday 25th June.

Following the Youth Mass, Pizza and the cutting of the Confirmation Cake will take place.

KANDOS NEWS

PARISH MEETING FOR KANDOS AND RYLSTONE PARISHIONERS: Sunday 25th June after Mass in Rylstone to discuss and plan for change of weekend Mass time from September and other celebrations.

- **Peter's Pence** - leaving Collection next weekend. It is an annual collection held throughout the Catholic world around the time of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. The funds raised for Peter's Pence go to the Holy Father, who distributes them for the necessities of the universal Church and as charity to those most in need.

Be strong enough to stand alone,
smart enough to know when you need
help, and brave enough to ask for it.

The Uniting Church in Australia
40th Anniversary.
1977~2017

Thursday 22nd June,
Mudgee Uniting Church
7.00pm - supper following.
Guest speaker: Rev Claire Wright.
All welcome.
RSVP Lynne Waller 0402 948 514

Gulgong News

PLEASE NOTE: NO POWER AT GULGONG NEXT SUNDAY 25TH JUNE DUE TO LINE WORK. MASS WILL BE AT THE NORMAL TIME AS THE POWER DISRUPTION IS FOR SOME HOURS.

Gulgong CWG Fund Raising

1st Prize Raffle: R.Bill; **2nd :** Col Evans
1st 100 club: 1st Maria Leotta
2nd: Joyce Brett; **3rd** Jacinta Thatcher.
2nd 100 club: 1st prize: Colleen Page

The ladies extend their sincere thanks to everyone for support. profit made \$537.00

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

Goolma parishioner meeting after Mass to discuss the future of Goolma Church.

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.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. An initiative of the Pastoral Council is to reintroduce the RCIA Program in the parish. Currently we are seeking interested parishioners to be part of the RCIA team (leaders). The commitment is for a twelve month period - if there are people seeking to become Catholic the sessions/instruction will be each week until Easter 2018. It is also a great opportunity for anyone wishing to enhance their own faith journey. If you are interested in being part of the team please contact the Parish Office 63722122.

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.

Reflection on the Gospel

Christ's Really Here – Are You?

I know a young man who went through a time so tough that he entered a rehabilitation program for people suffering depression. He took only a few things with him. One was a picture of him with his closest friends. I believe he took that because it reminded him how much they cared, and those memories gave him strength and comfort during his tough times.

Don't we have pictures or letters we keep close for lonely nights or painful days? We find them when we need a reminder that people really do care. I don't know about you, but the people I love seem really present when I see them in a picture or read letters they wrote to me.

If that makes sense to you, then you are on your way to understanding Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. Early Christians scared some people because they talked about eating someone's body and blood. Obviously, that's not what Christians do. But Christ is fully present in the forms of bread and wine, even though you cannot physically observe it.

Remembering a close friend who isn't physically present can remind you that you are loved and cared for. Your friend's presence can still be very real at those times. How much more can Jesus Christ – who is truly present in the Eucharist – offer us comfort, strength, and challenge when we eat and drink at the Eucharistic table.

Here's something else to think about. This week don't ask whether Christ is really present during the Mass. Ask yourself whether you are really present. Let's say you call a friend on the phone for help. He or she can be really present as a good listener and adviser. But if you aren't really present – if you don't pay attention or open your mind – then you're likely to miss the support your friend is offering. The same is true during the Eucharist. Focus in the coming weeks on being really present during Mass. Greet the people sitting next to you. Listen and respond to the prayers and readings. Sing the songs. As you receive the body and blood, pray for strength and guidance in problems you face. I guarantee you'll meet a great friend there just waiting for you.

When have you found strength, hope, comfort, or peace during a Mass?

*If we eat Jesus' Body and drink his Blood, we will live forever.
Why would anyone not receive Communion?*

Would you miss receiving Communion if it wasn't offered every week during Mass?

For younger children: Why do you look forward to receiving Communion?

Congratulations to the Candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in Mudgee and Gulgong this weekend.



May you have the strength of the SPIRIT, the power of PRAYER and the force of FAITH

To live in SERVICE, to LOVE, with all your heart and to let God lead you, always. Amen.

Calling young Australians to be part of an international conversation.

Young people across Australia are being called to share their views about life, faith, and their experience of Church through an online survey recently published by the Australian Bishops.

The survey seeks to capture the opinions and perspectives of young people as part of a national consultation process that will inform an international conversation in Rome next year.

Pope Francis will lead the international conversation at the Vatican. Representatives from all over the world will be invited to Rome to share their experiences and views at a meeting in October 2018.

Australians aged between 16 and 29 years are encouraged to complete the survey. The questions cover a range of topics including: the experience of being listened to, using social media and technology, friendships and influences in today's world, opportunities for engagement with Church activities such as, outreach programs, youth masses, community leadership or parish events. Go to www.bathurst.catholic.org.au to fill out the survey.

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.