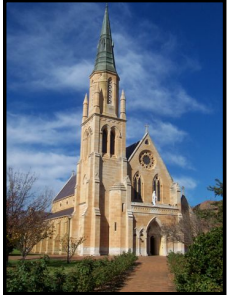


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



# 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.**



## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. - Year A 25th 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: Jeremiah 20:10-13

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Lord, in your great love,  
answer me.**

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. **(R)**

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R)**

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy; and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. **(R)**

### SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-15

*God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10: 26-33

*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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



**Peter's Pence** - leaving Collection this 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.

### From the PP's desk

Congratulations to the 2017 Confirmation candidates. Thank you to all who helped to make this a memorable occasion.

With Fr Antony's move to Coonamble there will need to be changes to the Mass timetable in the three parishes. I would like to plan a meeting in the near future with all three parishes to discuss future Mass options. The Bishop has agreed to changes in the Mass timetable. As I will be away on annual leave all of August it will be necessary to have these changes in place before then.

(Please see printed on the back of the bulletin.)

The work on the church continues and as always with older buildings a few problems have arisen which are not associated with the insurance claim but need to be addressed, therefore there will be some additional costs. Please be aware that Mass will continue to be in the Parish Centre during the week.

The new **Planned Giving envelopes** are available this weekend. Please take them home with you. If you would like to join the Planned Giving please fill out the available Gifting Cards.

Fr Tony

## Day by Day

### Monday, 26th June

Feast of St Thomas

**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE**

**DUE TO THE WORK ON THE CHURCH.**

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

### Tuesday, 27th June

**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE**

**DUE TO THE WORK ON THE CHURCH.**

### Wednesday, 28th June

**9.00am Mass - Parish Centre**

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

**5.30pm St Mary's Pastoral Council meeting**

### Thursday, 29th June

**Feast of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles**

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

**10.00am Mass Gulgong** - AH End of Term K-Yr6

**12.20pm SMCS O'Donovan Centre** - End of Term Mass

### Friday, 30th June

**11:45pm: Rosary in the Parish Centre Mudgee**

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

**12:30pm Mass - Parish Centre**

Next Weekend Readings:  
Kings 4,8-11,14-16  
Romans 6:3-4,8-11  
Matthew 10:37-42

### Saturday, 1st July

2.00pm Mudgee Josephite Associates

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

### Sunday, 2nd July - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy

9.30am Rosary Kandos

10:00am: Mass Kandos

10.30am: Mass Gulgong

## 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.

## Be a Witness of Charity

"A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just"

Pope Francis

Please give generously to the collection for Peter's Pence.



## Liturgy Roster: 1st/2nd July

Commentator	J.Cross	M.McLean
Readers	S.Walker M.Bannister	L.Schreck M.Downey
Special Minister of Communion	A.Baker J.Vros D.Cunningham	R.Gawthorne R.McKeown G.Hennessy
Offertory Procession	Vo Family	E.Csuba M.Knight
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	B.Cluff N.Lynch	E.Csuba M.Knight
Altar Servers	H.Lowe C.McLean E. & F.English	J.Nipperess S. Marchant D.Yule
Counters	S.Robinson 26/6	M.Walker 3/7

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	2nd July 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	2nd July 2017
<i>Commentator</i>	E.Donnelly		
<i>Reader</i>	J.Thatcher	<i>Readers</i>	L.McPherson A.Krusvar
<i>Offertory</i>	C.Holland Family	<i>Intercessions</i>	M.Turner
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	M.Carney J.Thatcher	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	K.Morrissey M.Turner
<i>Sacristan</i>	C & E Holland	<i>Sacristan</i>	H.Roberts



## Masses and prayers requested for the following:

### We pray for the recently deceased especially

Paul Weatherly, Br Brendan Tanner (Bathurst) and Doreen Beath (mother of Fr Laurie Beath)

A prayer service was held in Gulgong on Thursday for the late Paul Weatherly. Please pray for his family.

**We remember the anniversaries of** Mary Gillham, Cyril Carey, Noel Large, Owen Milton and Malcolm Whiteley.

**We also pray for** Patricia McGregor, Olive and James Milton, Ivy Sproule, Bradley Quinn,

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Gwen Ausburn, 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.





The Henry Lawson celebration in Mudgee last Wednesday night. A time of wonderful sharing of the works of Lawson.

### Gulgong News

**All Hallows** - end of Term School Mass, Thursday 29th June at 10.00am. All welcome.

**Gulgong Catholic Women's Group:** June meeting, Tuesday 4th July 2.00pm in the Convent.

**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.**

### Gulgong Convent and Presbytery:

Fr Antony will be departing the parish in September, leaving the presbytery vacant. The empty presbytery could be used for Parish meetings and functions. Any suggestions for the future use of the Convent would be considered even selling it. The convent is a large costly building to maintain on the Parish income.

### Thank you

St Vincent de Paul wish to thank everyone most sincerely for the great response to the request for blankets and doona's for the needy. Donations can still be made at all SVdP centres.

Quarterly edition of the **Catholic Observer** available this weekend. Please take home a **FREE** copy for your family. It has lots of interesting diocesan articles.

Life isn't about getting and having it's about giving and being.

### PLANNED GIVING

#### PLEASE COLLECT YOUR NEW SETS OF ENVELOPES THIS WEEKEND.

If you have not filled out a new card for the 2017-18 financial year we would be grateful if you would attend to this at your earliest convenience. A financial report for each of the parishes will be issued at the end of June.

**Mudgee Star Weavers** are celebrating their goal of 10,000 stars towards the One Million Stars conversation to end all forms of violence and help demonstrate a more peaceful society, one star at time. Individuals, groups and communities were invited to help weave one million stars by July 2017, which will be used in an installation of woven stars at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018).

This Wednesday a celebration morning tea will be held at Mudgee Library from 10am - 1pm. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration whether or not you have contributed to the star making.

### Advance Notice: Australian Catholic Youth Festival 7 - 9 December 2017.

For further information contact Daniel Salamoni via email

[d.salamoni@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:d.salamoni@bth.catholic.edu.au)

or checkout the website

[www.acvf.org.au](http://www.acvf.org.au)

### Men ALIVE

## MEN'S WEEKEND

5TH-6TH AUGUST

ST LAURENCE'S SCHOOL HALL  
DUBBO

WHEN WAS THE  
LAST TIME YOU FELT REALLY ALIVE?  
REDISCOVER GOD'S PRESENCE AND  
PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE.

RSVP: by Friday 21st July, 2017

Online registration:

[www.menalivedubbo.org](http://www.menalivedubbo.org) or collect a copy from the Parish Office.

### Mudgee News

**PLEASE NOTE: MASS DURING WEEK WILL CONTINUE TO BE CELEBRATED IN THE PARISH CENTRE FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS.** We ask for your patience while the repairs are taking place on the church.

**Mudgee Josephite Associates** meeting Saturday 1st July at 1.00pm in the Parish Centre.

**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.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**29th June** 10.00am All Hallows end of Term School Mass.

**29th June** 12.20pm St Matthews School end of Term School Mass in the O'Donovan Centre.

**30th June** - End of School Term

**18th July, 7pm** - Parish Finance Meeting.

**25th July** First Holy Communion parent session Mudgee at 1.30pm and 7.00pm.

29th July at 6.00pm /30th July at 9.00am First Holy Communion Commitment Mass Mudgee

**29th July** - 9.30am Goolma Mass.

**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: [centaur3@bigpond.com](mailto:centaur3@bigpond.com) or phone the parish office and the staff will relay your message to the Council.

Options for Mass times from September

Option 1	Option 2
<p><b>Mudgee</b></p> <p>Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am Weekday Mass to stay the same at this time.</p> <p><b>GULGONG and KANDOS/RYLSTONE</b></p> <p>Gulgong 10.30am Mass Sunday Kandos/Rylstone 11.00am Mass Sunday <b>This will work on alternate weeks -</b> Week 1 Mass Gulgong Service in the Absence of the Priest in Kandos or Rylstone at 11.00am Week 2 Mass Kandos or Rylstone at 11.00am Service in the Absence of the Priest in Gulgong at 10.30am.</p>	<p><b>Mudgee</b></p> <p>Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am <b>Kandos/Rylstone</b> to celebrate Mass on Saturday morning at 9.00 or 9.30am. <b>Gulgong</b> 10.30am</p> <p>Changing the weekend Sunday mass time is simply to make it easier for the priest. The Bishop says its not good practice to regularly have three masses on a Sunday. There will at times be a need for Mudgee to have a Liturgy of the Word with Holy communion during the week and even on weekends. Other Parish changes could occur in order to facilitate the excess work load of one priest with three Parishes.</p>

Witnessing in Spite of Fear

In the Gospel Jesus calls for witnesses, this is, people who are not afraid to be seen to be followers of his out there in the midst of a special and sometimes hostile world. Fear is one of the things that keeps Christians from a bold and generous witnessing to the Gospel. Three times Jesus said to the apostles, ‘Do not be afraid’.



no power over him. They might be able to kill his body, but they could not and would not kill his soul.

There is also the story of the priest, who during the genocide in Rwanda (1994) sheltered Tutsis in his house. When a mob arrived at his door and ordered him to release them, he refused to do so. They shot him and took the people away.

Fortunately, there are always those in the Church who, by the grace of God, are able to overcome fear and witness to the Gospel in the most difficult and dangerous circumstances.

In some countries to witness to Christ is to place one’s life in danger. But in most countries this is not the case. But the latter countries too need witnesses, because faith and Christian values are being eroded. It may be even harder to witness in the latter countries. What we are likely to face is not so much hostility or opposition, but something which is even harder – a deadly indifference. To witness in this case requires a special kind of courage. It means overcoming our fear of what people will think of us or say about us, and the fear of what it will cost us in terms of letting go of our ego.

Oscar Romero is an outstanding example. When he was made Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977 he was a conservative. But he soon changed when he saw what was happening. Every Sunday he preached at the cathedral. His homilies so electrified the country that national affairs halted when he spoke from the altar. He made public the unspeakable crimes being committed, many by agents of the government.

When Jesus said to his apostles, ‘Do not be afraid,’ he wasn’t saying that they should never feel afraid. He knew that at times they would be afraid. The issue was what fear might do to them. It might paralyse them, or make them so timid as to be unable to fulfil their mission. What Jesus was doing was encouraging them so that they might be able to move beyond fear.

He was under constant threat of death. Some of his best friends were murdered. And still he would not be silenced. Nor would he go into hiding or exile. ‘At the first sight of danger the shepherd cannot run and leave the sheep to fend for themselves. I will stay with my people,’ he said. He was shot dead in March 1980 while saying Mass.

How were they to overcome their fear? He urged them to have complete trust in God, who lovingly watches over the life and death of even the smallest and least valuable of all God’s creatures – the sparrows.

According to Romero it didn’t take courage. All it took was the understanding that his enemies dealt in fear, and that if he was not afraid of them, they would have