

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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. - Year A 9th July 2017

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Monday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

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9.00am - 4.00pm

Staff Lunch Break

1.00pm - 2.00pm

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9: 9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**I will praise your name forever
my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God, my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **(R)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R)**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **(R)**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:9,11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11: 25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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



NEEDED URGENTLY

PARISHIONERS PREPARED TO
DO TRAINING TO ASSIST
WITH A SERVICE IN THE
ABSENCE OF THE PRIEST AND
LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH
HOLY COMMUNION.

From the PP's desk

The new Mass timetable will take effect from September when Fr Antony goes to Coonamble. It is reprinted on the bulletin this weekend for those who were not here last weekend.

Please read the letter from Bishop Michael inserted in this week's bulletin about Ministry Formation in our parishes. I would like those interested to please contact me.

Apart from the diocesan program we need people to volunteer **NOW** to assist with Services in the Absence of the Priest and Liturgy of the Word in Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos. It is only eight weeks until Fr Antony leaves our region.

A book will be available in each of the churches to help with reporting of sick calls, maintenance, parish events to enable us to keep in touch. Please always call the Mudgee parish office if you have any concerns or there is something that needs immediate attention.

Thank you for your support of Peters Pence collection \$1064 was collected in our region.

The Mudgee Parish Finance Council will meet on 18th July to discuss finances for the year.

Fr Tony

Day by Day

Monday, 10th July

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

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

Tuesday, 11th July

9.00am Mass in the Parish Centre.

NO HOLY HOUR

Wednesday, 12th July

9.00am Mass - Parish Centre

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

Thursday, 13th July

9.10 am Mass Parish Centre

Friday, 14th July

10.30am Mass Pioneer House

11:45pm: Rosary in the Parish Centre Mudgee

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

12:30pm Mass - Parish Centre

Saturday, 15th July

Baptism Mudgee

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 16th July - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass Mudgee

9.30am Rosary Kandos

10:00am: Mass Kandos

10.30am: Mass Gulgong

Next Weekend
Readings:
Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13: 1-23

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY Lapsed Christians.

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.



Baptism: We welcome in Baptism this weekend **Summer Rose Player** daughter of Samuel and Amanda.

"Try to be a rainbow in some's cloud".

Maya Angelou

Liturgy Roster: 15th/16th July

Commentator	L.Schreck	M.Matthews
Readers	I.Byrne S.Connor	J.Tioseco M.Barrett
Special Minister of Communion	S.Walker E.Biddle K.Fitzsimmons	J.Keipert K.Baker A.Rusten
Offertory Procession	K.Isbester *	M.Dunnachie G.McDermott
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	G.& S Robinson	M.Dunnachie G.McDermott
Altar Servers	S & I Place B.Roberts J.Ryan	A Neaverson-Smith O.Neaverson-Smith L.Holden R.Maguire
Counters	D.Bennett 10/7	J.Potts 17/7

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	16th July 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	16th July 2017
<i>Commentator</i>	D.Kelly		
<i>Reader</i>	S.Parnell	<i>Readers</i>	M.Turner Sr Kath
<i>Offertory</i>	D & E Donelly	<i>Intercessions</i>	T.Doorey
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	C.Holland J.Thatcher	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	K.Morrissey L.PcPherson
<i>Sacristan</i>		<i>Sacristan</i>	T.Doorey

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially

Fr Paul Dryden (former Administration Kandos Parish), Katrina Robison (Bathurst), Rae Tompsett (Sydney), Neville Box, Suzanne Sutton, Noel (Max) Stapleton (Sofala).

A prayer service was held in Mudgee on Monday for the late Sue Sutton. Please pray for her family.

We remember the anniversaries of Peter Holmes, Maurice Mathew, Rita Deale, Malcolm Whiteley, Ron Matthews, Arthur Nolan, Fairy McDermott and Marie Gaffney.

We also pray for Julie Walker, Patricia McGregor, Clem Robinson, deceased members of the Goldspink family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Mavis Nolan, John Baggett, Gwen Ausburn, Carmel Van Straalen,, 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.

Two Special Intentions.



Good attendance at weekday Mass in the Parish Centre while the church is under repair.

Gulgong News

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group:

There will be NO meeting for the group in August. Next meeting Tuesday 5th September at 2.00pm

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 First Holy Communion - Sunday 10th September at 10.30am Mass.

Parent Information meeting - Tuesday 25th July at 3.30pm at All Hallows School. Families with children in the State school in Yr 3 who have already received First Reconciliation are encouraged to register by contacting Miss Statham via All Hallows School Office 6374182.

Gulgong Convent and Presbytery:

The empty presbytery could be used for Parish meetings and functions when Fr Antony leaves. 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.

Kandos News

Fr Paul Dryden CM R.I.P.

Fr Paul Dryden CM who served in many Parishes in the Bathurst Diocese passed away on Tuesday of this week aged 86 years and in the 60th year of his Priesthood.

Fr Paul was Administrator at Kandos between 2005-2009 before retiring due to ill health and is well known to many parishioners at Kandos, Rylstone and Ilford. His funeral is to be held at St Anthony's Church 54 Agincourt Road Marsfield Sydney on Tuesday 11 July at 11.00am.

PLANNED GIVING

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR NEW SETS OF ENVELOPES THIS WEEKEND.

A financial statement for each of the parishes will be printed and distributed next weekend.

We will not be printing Planned Giving Statements this year as they are not able to be claimed as a tax deduction. However, should you wish to have a copy we are most willing to print this for you. Please contact the parish office and it will be attended to and sent out the following week.

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. This allows us to have some idea of a budget for the year.

Thank you for your contributions to Planned Giving. We appreciate what you do.

Farewell's for Fr Antony

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group: morning tea at Mayne Street Café Thursday 24th August.

Gulgong Parish Farewell: Light Lunch after Mass Sunday 27th August.

Mudgee: Lunch after Mass on Friday 25th August (There isn't enough time between Mudgee and Gulgong Sunday Mass to have a celebration with Fr Antony a Sunday.

Kandos to be advised.

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

For further information contact Daniel Salamoni via email

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or checkout the website

www.acyf.org.au

JUNE CLERGY REPORT

NO WEDDINGS

2 FUNERALS MUDGE

1 FUNERAL GULGONG

3 BAPTISM'S MUDGE

4 SICK CALLS.

Mudgee News

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

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.

Social Justice Group: If there is anyone interested in being part of a Social Justice Group in Mudgee please contact the Parish Office.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

25th July:

- First Holy Communion parent session 1 Mudgee at 1.30pm and 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- First Holy Communion parent session Gulgong 3.30pm at All Hallows.

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

29th July - 9.30am Goolma Mass. Discussion on future of the Church.

10th September 10.30am Gulgong First Holy Communion.

9th Sept.6pm Vigil Mass /10th Sept. 9.00am Mass Mudgee First Holy Communion.

FUTURE MASS TIMEABLE FROM SEPTEMBER

The suggestion of a Saturday morning Mass in either Gulgong or Kandos/Rylstone is not suitable for the majority of the people. With most parishioners in these places being senior citizens the evening Mass doesn't work with night driving and the cold in the winter. There has been some discussion about changing weekend Mass times in Mudgee, this is just not possible at this time. Mudgee requires both the Saturday and Sunday Masses as the size of the parish is much bigger than Gulgong and Kandos/Rylstone. However there will be at some point a need to have a Service in the Absence of the Priest in Mudgee on some weekends and Liturgy of the Word with Communion on weekdays.



At the moment Saturday's in Mudgee are very busy with over eighty baptisms each year occurring mainly on a Saturday and 20 marriages and every so often a funeral.

There are so few active priests in the diocese at this time, with no replacements for holidays etc. Other Parish changes could occur in order to facilitate the excess work load of one priest with three Parishes.

By having Mass on alternate Sunday's this will enable the priest to do a Baptism at either Kandos/Rylstone or Gulgong on that Sunday when required, and Mudgee at 1.00pm if necessary.

These times have been discussed with the Bishop and met with his approval.

We now need to train people who are able to lead the Service in the Absence of the Priest in readiness for the new Mass Roster from September.

Timetable

Mudgee: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm; Sunday 9.00am
Weekday times to stay the same for now.

GULGONG and KANDOS/RYLSTONE

This will work on alternate weeks -

Week 1 - Sunday 3rd September

Mass Kandos 11.00am Mass

Service in the Absence of the Priest in Gulgong at 10.30am.

Week 2 - Sunday 10th September

Mass Gulgong at 10.30am

Service in the Absence of the Priest Rylstone 11.00am

Week 3 - Sunday 17th September

Mass Rylstone 11.00am

Service in the Absence of the Priest in Gulgong 10.30am

Week 4: Sunday 24th September

Mass Gulgong at 10.30am

Service in the Absence of the Priest Kandos 11.00am

Strength in Weakness

Life can be very burdensome for some people. There are all kinds of burdens - worry, responsibility, disappointments, hurts, bitterness, guilt, illness, unemployment, a difficult relationship, addiction...

Today those who do menial jobs are poorly paid and generally taken for granted. They are valued, not for themselves, but only for the service they provide. They are noticed only when they are missing.

The Irish writer, John McGahern, tells of an incident which happened when he was writer in residence at Trinity College, Dublin. A woman came in one day a week to clean his room. In less than an hour she'd have everything shining and in its proper place. She was a charming woman and often they talked as she cleaned. She told him how she waited each morning for the bus at six o'clock that took the cleaners to Trinity, and that she was able to be home in time to cook the family dinner.

Of the professor who occupied the room before McGahern she said, 'I cleaned his room for fourteen years, and he never once spoke to me. I used to say "Good morning," at first, but after a while I didn't say anything. They say he's one of the cleverest lecturers in the whole university, but I say he has no manners'.



How a little sensitivity, a word of appreciation, would help to make a heavy burden light. It makes the world of difference when people are recognised, and treated with kindness and respect.

It is said that old people are not lonely because they have no one to share their burden. They are lonely because they have only their own burden to bear. Perhaps the same is true of others.

An eighty-five-year-old woman was being interviewed on her birthday. 'What advice would you have for people your age?' the reporter asked.

'Well,' said the woman, 'at our age it is very important to keep using all our potential; otherwise it dries up. It is important to be with people, and, if it is at all possible, to earn one's living through service. That's what keeps us alive and well'.

'May I ask what exactly you do for a living at your age?'

'I look after an old lady in my neighbourhood,' she replied.

The strong should share the burdens of the weak. However, we shouldn't burden ourselves beyond the limit of grace, humanity and survival. Anyone of us can bear the burdens of only a few.