

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.



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. - Year A 16th July 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: Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth give growth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **(R)**

And thus you provide for the earth: you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **(R)**

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R)**

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R)**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13: 1-23

A sower went out to sow.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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

We pray for our Yr 12 students who will begin their trial exams on 31st July.

We need parishioners willing to take up a leadership role in the parishes to assist with Services in Absence of the Priest and Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. Training will need to begin soon to be ready for the start of the new roster in September.

There is a book available in each of the parish churches for the reporting of all things that are important to the parish i.e. sick calls/ anointing, anniversaries, birthdays etc. and maintenance. If there is anything urgent please always call Mudgee Parish Office.

First Holy Communion parent sessions are in the second week of term in Gulgong and Mudgee. Please pray for the children and their families during their time of preparation.

As I am away in August we are grateful to Fr Michael Hickey from Sydney who is willing to offer Mass at Kandos over the 4 Sundays I am away. This will be a great help to Fr Antony who is looking after the three parishes while also trying to pack in preparation to leave our region.

Thank you to the parishioner who gave a donation towards extra costs for the Mudgee church roof. Fr Tony

Day by Day

Monday, 17th July

School Returns All Hallows Gulgong

PUPIL FREE DAY St Matthews

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

DUE TO THE WORK ON THE CHURCH.

11.00am Funeral Prayers Mudgee John Waterhouse.

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

Tuesday, 18th July

SMCS students return

PUPIL FREE DAY All Hallows Gulgong

9.00am Mass in the Parish Centre

NO HOLY HOUR

5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting

7.00pm Finance Meeting

Wednesday, 19th July

9.00am Mass - Parish Centre

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

Thursday, 20th July

9.10 am Mass Parish Centre

10.30 St Matthews & St Mary's Playgroup, Parish Centre

Friday, 21st July

11.00am Communion Service Kanandah Hostel

11.00am Funeral Mass for Mavis Nolan

NO 12.30pm Mass in Parish Centre

Saturday, 22nd July

Baptism Mudgee

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Next Weekend
Readings:
Wisdom
12:13,16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13: 24-43

Sunday, 23rd July

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass Mudgee

9.30am Rosary Rylstone

10:00am: Mass Rylstone

10.30am Mass Gulgong

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.

Liturgy Roster: 22nd/23rd July

Commentator	D.Cunningham	Susie Bennett
Readers	B.Carrigan J.Unsworth	R.Disher J.O'Brien
Special Minister of Communion	L.Nicholson D.Salomoni A.Baker	M.Gilbert P.O'Brien Simon Bennett
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	L.Disher E.Clift E.Bourke H.Rogers
Counters	J.Potts 17/7	J.Cavanagh 23/7

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	23rd July 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	23rd July 2017
Commentator	R.Saliba		
Reader	D.Kelly	Readers	C.D'Ilio T.doorey
Offertory	P.Lenard L.Hope	Intercessions	T.Ryan
Special Minister of Communion	E.Holland M.Carney	Special Minister of Communion	A.Krusvar
Sacristan	R.Saliba H.Seymour	Sacristan	T.Ryan C.Morrissey

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially

Mavis Nolan, John Waterhouse, Edward Laurendet (Syd), Fr Paul Dryden, Katrina Robison, Rae Tompsett (Sydney).

A private Prayer Service was held for Katrina Robison on Tuesday at the Lawson Room, Eastaugh & Carroll. Please pray for her children and extended family.

We remember the anniversaries of Hugh Lenard, Peter Holmes, Adam David, Janine David, Arthur Nolan, Brian Bennett, Val Rheinberger, Ellen Lucas, David Malone, Michael Price and Catherine O'Meara.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:

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. Special Intentions.



Baptism: We welcome in Baptism this weekend **Tatum Mark Goonrey** son of Truman and Lucy-Anne.



There has been much progress on the church roof this week.

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 63741582.

Kandos Sunday Mass during August.

We have been very fortunate Fr Michael Hickey from Sydney has agreed to offer Mass on the weekends of August while Fr Tony is on holidays. The Mass will be in Kandos Church to make it easier for Fr Michael so he is familiar with the setting each week.

Demystifying Islam

Tackling the tough questions.

**Friday 21st July, 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Town Hall Theatre Mudgee.**

A peaceful and friendly way of understanding true Islam.

RSVP usman:mahmood.au@gmail.com

NEVER WORRY ABOUT NUMBERS. HELP ONE PERSON AT A TIME, AND ALWAYS START WITH THE PERSON NEAREST YOU.

- MOTHER TERESA



Congratulations to Carmel and Ron Taylor who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last weekend.

Farewell 's for Fr Antony

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Gulgong Catholic Women's Group: morning tea at Mayne Street Cafe 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 on a Sunday.

PLEASE BE AWARE

Anyone who is visiting the nursing homes, hospital or to the sick at home on behalf of the parish to give communion/ or pastoral care **MUST ADVISE THE PARISH FIRST.**

We are required to keep a list of people being visited.

If you have not had a police check previously you must do this now. This is diocesan policy and a Government requirement of nursing homes and hospitals.

Please contact the parish office for further details.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples - set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset... your Marriage! **Weekend date: 18th to 20th August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW**

Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or

Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or

adrian.janet1@bigpond.com



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.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT SESSIONS:

The first of the two meetings is Tuesday 25th July at 1.30pm and a repeat session at 7.00pm in St Mary's Parish Centre. It is expected each child will be represented at the meetings. Families with children in the State schools are invited to contact the parish office ASAP to enrol their child for the sacraments.

Youth Group Training Day at Carcoar was attended by St Matthews students. We thank them for this effort during their school holidays.

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.

Timetable for September

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

When there are 5 Sunday's in the month - Mass will be at Kandos.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 7 - 9 December 2017.

With seven months to go, online registrations are officially opened for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) which will be held in Sydney from 7-9 December 2017.

Among the first to register were a number of the Bishops of Australia while gathered in Sydney for their biannual Plenary Meeting.

The Festival registration process can be completed at ACYF 2017- Diocese of Bathurst Registration. For those under 18 years of age you will need to contact your school REC or Deacon Josh Clayton:

Email: ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au

Mobile: 0458 261 513.

Early bird registration closes on 18 August 2017. Individuals over 18 years can register as part of a local group or directly as an individual participant. All aged under 18 years must register as part of a group.

The Festival is expected to be the largest gathering of Catholic young people in Australia since World Youth Day 2008. It aims to draw more than 15,000 young people from every State and Territory to explore, deepen and celebrate their Catholic faith on local soil. Organisers are pulling out all stops to ensure the Festival will bring alive a rich variety of speakers, entertainers, workshops and formation opportunities for our young people. For further information contact Daniel Salamoni via email d.salamoni@bth.catholic.edu.au or checkout the website

www.acyf.org.au

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Catholic Diocese of Bathurst Ministry Formation Program



The Diocese of the Bathurst is introducing a new initiative known as **The Ministry Formation Program (MFP)**. The program intends to inspire and equip men and women to work in different forms of ministry across the Diocese. This formation will give them a basis for ongoing development to support the mission of the local church. This will enhance existing ministries for parish liturgies, hospital, aged care and prison visitation and catechesis of adults and children. It will enable us to expand services in areas such as funeral and bereavement teams and university ministry.

The MFP is aimed at men and women who are willing to undertake a program of spiritual, academic, human and pastoral formation part time, over a period of 18 months to two years. Successful participation of this program will result in a recognised qualification within the Diocese of Bathurst.

The first part of the program will be an enquiry and introductory session with Bishop Michael and the formation team, to be held on:

**Saturday 26th August from 10.30am – 12.30pm at St Mary's
Parish Centre, Mudgee**

There will be an opportunity to participate by video conference for those wishing to participate from other locations.

Each session will offer the opportunity to find out more and will give you information about the next steps involved in participating in the MFP. All sessions will be held from 10am - 12.30pm.

For more information, please contact Deacon Josh Clayton on 6334 6400 or via email: ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au

To RSVP to the above event, please contact the Bathurst Chancery Office on 6334 6400 or via email: reception@bathurst.catholic.org.au at least three days prior to the date of the session.

Historial Context Matthew's community.



The gospel of Matthew is written at a time and particular context in which the community audience were feeling the effects of having been ostracised from the Jewish community. They were confounded by the fact that other Jews could not accept the reality of the Jesus message as they had. This parable, and the accompanying conversation with the disciples in which they are blessed for their understanding would have been a comfort for the Matthew community. Although they were frustrated, they were being told through this story that not everyone is ready to hear the message that they had heard and accepted.