

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.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. - Year A 23rd 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: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R)**

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **(R)**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **(R)**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

**KANDOS MASS NEXT WEEKEND
11.00AM FOLLOWED BY
FAREWELL LUNCH FOR**

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 13: 24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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

Matthew's explanation



In the gospel passage, following the presentation of the three parables, Jesus explains the parable of the wheat and darnel to the disciples. It is explained in terms of final judgement. (Compare it with Matthew 25:31-46) The parable of the weeds, or darnel and its explanation only appear in the gospel of Matthew - although the parable does occur in the non-canonical gospel of Thomas. The interpretation belongs to Matthew more than it belongs to Jesus. It is an unapologetic direction to his community that living a righteous life in the midst of wickedness will be rewarded.

From the PP's desk

This week the First Holy Communion parent sessions will take place in Mudgee and Gulgong. Please pray for the children during this time of preparation

In September we start the new Mass timetable. In Gulgong there will be a school Mass on Thursday's every second week (opposite week to the Sunday Mass). Kandos and Gulgong parishioners are most welcome when coming to Mudgee for shopping or appointments to attend a weekday Mass as their Sunday worship if they wish. All are encouraged to support their local community as we adjust to the changes.

Welcome back to staff and students of our schools for another busy school term. We welcome back Mr Hanrahan who has been on extended study leave. On Monday 31st July St Matthews Year 12 students begin their HSC trial exams. We wish them well.

Next Saturday I will offer Mass at 9.30am at St Francis Goolma. I will meet with parishioners to discuss the future of the Goolma Church after the Mass.

Fr Tony

Day by Day

Monday, 24th July

NO 9.00am MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

10.30am Requiem Mass Brian Duffy

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

3.30pm First Holy Communion parent meeting Gulgong.

Tuesday, 25th July

Feast of St James

9.00am Mass in the Parish Centre

10.00am Liturgy Meeting

1.30pm & 7.00pm First Holy Communion Parent session Mudgee.

Wednesday, 26th July

Sts Joachim and Anne

9.00am Mass - Parish Centre

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

5.00pm Mudgee Pastoral Council meeting.

Thursday, 27th July

9.10 am Mass Parish Centre

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

Friday, 28th July

12 - 12.15 Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass in Parish Centre

Saturday, 29th July

St Martha

9.30am Mass Goolma

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Commitment/enrolment for First Holy Communion

Sunday, 30th July

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass Mudgee)Children's Liturgy)

Commitment/enrolment for First Holy Communion

10.30am Mass Gulgong

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Mass Kandos

Farewell lunch for Fr Antony after Mass.

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 **Tommie Joseph Kaida** son of Shane and Carlie.

Liturgy Roster: 29th/30th July

Commentator	K.Fitzsimmons	Marianne Matthews
Readers	M.Melinz	J.Keipert M.Dunnachie
Special Minister of Communion	I.Byrne D.Cunningham E.Biddle	R.Gawthorne K.Baker G.Hennessy
Offertory Procession	D.Bennett C.Carberry	HELP NEEDED
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	C.Page K.Isbester	FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY
Altar Servers	H.Lowe C.McLean E.English F.English	S.Keaton B.Hanrahan S.Walker J.Wilkinson
Counters	J. Cavanagh 23/7	E.Goodlet 31/7

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	30th July 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	30th July 2017
Commentator	P.Lenard		
Reader	C.Leotta	Readers	T.Ryan K.Morrissey
Offertory	E & Carney	Intercessions	C. Dilio
Special Minister of Communion	R.Saliba J.Thatcher	Special Minister of Communion	M.Turner H.Roberts
Sacristan	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn	Sacristan	Sr Kath

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially

Brian Duffy, Lorna Milton, Mavis Nolan, John Waterhouse, Edward Laurendet (Syd) Fr Rom Barry CM.

A Prayer Service was celebrated for John Waterhouse on Monday. A Requiem Mass was celebrated on Thursday for Lorna Milton and on Friday a Requiem Mass for Mavis Nolan. Please keep these families in your prayers.

We remember the anniversaries of Brian O'Farrell, Sr Lucia Carroll R.S.M., Siegfried Braun, Olive James, Terence Gaffney, Mildred Gawthorne, Edward Lonergan.

We also pray for Arthur Nolan. Mabel Hundy, Ada and Jack Wilds.

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 Intention Gulgong.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Great response from parishioners at Gulgong willing to take up the training for the Service in the Absence of the Priest.



Gulgong News

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 - Monday 24th 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 News

A farewell lunch is planned for Fr Antony next Sunday 30th July. Mass will be celebrated at St Dominic's at 11.00am followed by lunch in the hall. Cost \$5pp. Please RSVP to Carol Morrissey or Sr Kath by Wednesday 26th July.

Fr Tony will be on holidays all of August so this is the last Sunday Mass for Fr Antony before he leaves for Coonamble. Fr Michael Hickey will offer Mass in Kandos during the Sundays of August.

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: adrian.janet1@bigpond.com



Farewell 's for Fr Antony

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.

Kandos - Next Sunday 30th July after 11.00am Mass.

Mudgee News

PLEASE NOTE: Mass during week will continue to be celebrated in the parish centre for the next week. We ask for your patience while the repairs are taking place on the church.

HSC Trial exams will be held in the Parish Centre from Monday 31st July. It is hoped by the end of next week we will be able to return to the church for daily Mass.

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.

Mudgee Pastoral Council meeting this Wednesday at 5.30pm in the Parish Centre. On the agenda is the Parish Pastoral Plan: Whiteboard exercise to brainstorm suggestions for work going forward

MUDGEE JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES: The group will not meet for their regular monthly meeting on 5th August. The associates will gather at the 9.00am Mass Sunday 20th August in remembrance of their founding leader, Vonnie Gilders (the first anniversary of her death). Morning tea will follow at Cafe 89.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon. 24th July

First Holy Communion parent session Gulgong 3.30pm at All Hallow School.

Tues. 25th July:

First Holy Communion parent session 1 Mudgee at 1.30pm and a repeat session at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre

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.

31st July until the end of August - Fr Tony on holidays

15th August Feast of the Assumption - Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Gulgong 10.00am

Mass St Matthews School 12.20pm

Mass 12 noon Kandos (Fr Mark)

Mass Mudgee 5.45pm

10th September 10.30am Gulgong First Holy Communion.

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

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 first part of the program will be a series of enquiry and introductory sessions with Bishop Michael and the formation team

Mudgee Saturday 25th August 10.30 - 12.30pm

For more information, please contact Deacon Josh Clayton on 6334 6400 or via email:

ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au

Service 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 and a Service in the Absence of the Priest in Gulgong.

Mass will be in Gulgong on a Thursday at 12 noon on a Thursday on the alternate week to the Sunday Mass. This Mass will also incorporate All Hallows timetable for school Masses.

When we have special Masses in Kandos we hope they will be on the alternate week to the Sunday Mass i.e. Cemetery Mass Anointing Mass of the Sick.

TO BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE THIS NEW TIMETABLE WE NEED PARISHIONERS TO STEP FORWARD TO CREATE A TEAM OF PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO DO THE TRAINING FOR THE SERVICE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRIEST AND COMMUNION SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION.

Quote for the week:

**DIFFICULT ROADS
OFTEN LEAD TO BEAUTIFUL
DESTINATIONS.**

Flawed Goodness

We have a tendency to divide people into two categories: saints and sinners. However, this division is quite unreal. People are not so easily categorised. Human beings are complex and we find that things that are at odds with one another coexisting in the same human being.

Many people were inspired by the story of Oskar Schindler, the German industrialist, who saved over a thousand Polish Jews from concentration camps. One of the people he saved said to him, 'He was our father, our mother, our only hope. He never let us down'. Yet many who saw the film Schindler's List were surprised, if not quite put off, by his vices. He was an endowed man with all the human vices. Hence, he constitutes something of a moral puzzle.

Schindler certainly was no saint. In fact, he was riddled with contradictions. Unfaithful to his wife, he certainly knew how to enjoy the so-called good life – cigars, drink, women ... He was a Catholic, but in name only. He also was a member of the Nazi party, and his avowed aim was to end the war with 'two trunks full of money'. He exploited the Jews as a source of cheap labour.

But there was another side to him, and in spite of his lapses, he always returned to that better side. There was basic goodness about him. As the war went on he became appalled at the horrors of 'the final solution'. At considerable personal risk (he was twice arrested by the Nazis), he protected his workers from death camps, thereby showing that he was undoubtedly a courageous man.

But Schindler was no angel. He was a mere human being, an essentially good human being, even though his goodness was seriously flawed. We wonder what he might have achieved had he not been so divided. And the Nazis, for all the horrific things they did, weren't totally evil either. They were not devils incarnate. They too were human beings, though bad human beings.

Some people don't seem to have any understanding of the divided nature of each human being – of the coexistence in every person of good and evil, strength and weakness, loyalty and betrayal ... As soon as they discover a weakness in someone, they write the person off. Their hero must be perfect. As soon as a flaw or a crack appears, they lose faith in him or her.

But things are not that simple. Human beings are complex – and that includes each of us. We are an extraordinary mixture of good and bad. Moreover, the roots of good are so entwined with the roots of evil that one can't be pulled up without pulling up the other.

We must learn to be patient and lenient, towards ourselves in the first place. We must be hospitable towards all that we are. We must acknowledge the dark side of ourselves, without conceding victory to it. We must struggle on in spite of the weeds, confident that with God's help, the good will finally triumph. It is through struggle that we grow, provided we don't throw the towel in.