

*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.**



## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. - Year A 30th July 2017

### Parish Priest

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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: Kings 3:5,7-12

*You have asked for wisdom.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Lord, I love your commands.**

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R)

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R)

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. (R)

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R)

### SECOND READING:

**Romans 8:28-30**

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

### 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: 44-52

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*



### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
For by your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free.



**FIRST HOLY  
COMMUNION  
COMMITMENT  
PARISHIONER  
RESPONSE:**

I promise to support these children in preparing to receive the Lord for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist and we will keep them in our prayers.

### From the PP's desk .....

We wish all the students sitting their HSC Trial exams over the next two weeks all the best and may the long hours of study come to fruition.

While there has been much progress on the roof during the week, the tradespeople need to continue on the job. As we have the HSC Exams in the Parish Centre next week we will be unable to offer Mass during the week as there will be a lot of dust and noise in the Church while the work continues. We do apologise but unfortunately this is the reality.

May parents and parishioners continue to support through prayer the children preparing for First Holy Communion.

While I'm away during August Fr Michael Hickey will celebrate Mass at Kandos each weekend at 10.00am.

We welcome back Children's Liturgy in Mudgee and thank the people who have volunteered to keep this important ministry going.

People who would like to become involved in the Bishop's ministry program are asked to leave their name at the Parish Office. We encourage people to be leaders when no priest is available.

I am looking forward to having a break and catching up with family and friends.

Fr Tony

### Day by Day

**PLEASE BE AWARE HSC EXAMS IN THE PARISH CENTRE OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. THIS WEEK WE ARE UNABLE TO CELEBRATE MASS IN THE CHURCH DUE TO THE CONTINUING WORK.**

**Monday, 31st July**

**St Ignatius of Loyola**

**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE**

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

**Tuesday, 1st August**

**St Alphonsus Liguori**

**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE**

5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting

**Wednesday, 2nd August**

**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE**

**9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group will meet in the Presbytery for next two weeks due to HSC exams.**

**Thursday, 3rd August**

**St Dominic**

**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE**

10.30 St Matthews & St Mary's Playgroup

**Friday, 4th August**

**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE IN THE CHURCH.**

10.30am Mass Opal Nursing Home

12.30pm Mass

**Saturday, 5th August**

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Sunday, 6th August**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

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

10.30am Mass Gulgong

9.30am Rosary Kandos

10.00am Mass Kandos

**Next Weekend Readings:**  
**Daniel**  
**7:9-10,13-14**  
**Peter 1:16-19**  
**Matthew 17:1-9**

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

**Artists.**

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

**"You can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep re-reading the last one."**



### Liturgy Roster: 5th/6th August.

<b>Commentator</b>	J. Cross	M. McLean
<b>Readers</b>	I. Byrne C. Bourke	A. McLean J. Tioseco
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	S. Walker J. Vros E. Day	G.Hennessy S. Bennett S. Bennett
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	First Communion Family	First Communion Family
<b>Organist</b>	E.Cooper	R.Newman
<b>Welcomers</b>	First Communion Family	First Communion Family
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jack Newman Jade Newman Jessica Newman D.Day	O. Portelli H.Portelli C.Wilson R.Wilson
<b>Counters</b>	E. Goodlet 31/7	L. Nicholson 7/8

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>6th August 2017</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>6th August 2017</b>
<i>Commentator</i>	P. Leotta		
<i>Reader</i>	M. McGregor	<i>Readers</i>	L. McPherson A. Krusvar
<i>Offertory</i>	G. Ausburn E. Donelly	<i>Intercessions</i>	H. Roberts
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	M. Carney C. Holland	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	Sr Kath K. Morrissey
<i>Sacristan</i>	C & E Holland	<i>Sacristan</i>	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) and Fr Rom Barry CM.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated on Monday for Brian Duffy. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**We remember the anniversaries of** Max Pilley, Warren Roche, Brian O'Farrell, Bill Tandy, Sr Lucia Carroll R.S.M., Lyn Pilley, Ruby Gawthorne, Patrick Fittler and Emmanuel Farrugia.

**We also pray for** Rosa Sabo, Ana Varga, Evica Knezevic, Ivan Varga.

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



*The demystifying Islam discussion where people were reasonable in their approach. It was a time of sharing views and not an attack.*



### 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. The ladies will host a farewell morning tea for Fr Antony at Mayne Street Cafe on Thursday 24th August.

### All Hallows School Production

*"A Night at the Drive In"* on Thursday 24th August in the Prince of Wales Opera House. Two shows 11.00am or 7.00pm. Seats limited, tickets free but must be pre-booked. Available now from the school.

### Kandos News

Fr Michael Hickey will **celebrate Mass in Kandos** at 10.00am every Sunday during August.

**Thank you** for all the prayers and support from Joyce Doble for her grandson Cameron in Canada who has been given the all clear after a recent MRI this takes him to 4 years cancer free at the ripe old age of 9. May he continue in good health.



May Jesus come to bless you on  
your

First Holy Communion Day  
May you feel His loving presence  
And as you strive to follow in His  
footsteps  
May He bless your life with many  
graces and lasting happiness.

### 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 Parish** will have their farewell for Fr Antony this Sunday as it is the last weekend Father will offer Mass in Kandos before he leaves for Coonamble.

### Mudgee News

**HSC Trial exams** will be held in the Parish Centre starting this Monday 31st July.

### 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.

**Mudgee Readers Festival** would like to invite interested parishioners to sessions with Fr Tony Doherty and Ailsa Piper at the Town Hall Theatre 12th August at 4.30pm and Sunday 13th August at 9.30am. Tickets \$12 available online [www.mudgeereaders.com](http://www.mudgeereaders.com) or the Library Friday 11th August 9.30-5.00pm.

### Catholic Rome Pilgrimages

Discover Rome as a pilgrim and awaken your spirit and celebrate your faith. Tour highlights: Castel Gandolfo with the Pope's summer residence; the Vatican gardens; Pantheon and more. More info: Phone 1800 753 959 or email: [pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org) or visit [www.romepilgrimages.com](http://www.romepilgrimages.com)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**15th August** Feast of the Assumption  
Holy Day of Obligation.  
Mass Gulgong 10.00am (All Hallows students and parishioners.)  
Mass St Matthews School 12.20pm (parishioners welcome)  
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.

### Australian Catholic Youth Festival

**7 - 9 December 2017.**

Online registrations are officially opened for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) which will be held in Sydney from 7-9 December 2017.

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](mailto:ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au)

### 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](mailto: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.

**Baptisms will now occur at Kandos and Gulgong on the Sunday after the Church Service.**

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.**

## The Pearl of Wisdom



Once there was a teacher who desired to make progress in his career and to climb the social ladder. He worked very hard. In fact, his work was his life. He put his best hours and his best efforts into it. He had little time to appreciate his family, and even less for the enjoyment of life. It was clear to everyone where his treasure was.

But then he had a heart attack. He was taken to hospital where he lay for days, drifting in and out of consciousness, and not knowing whether he would live or die. During moments of lucidity he saw these shadowy figures by his bedside. One day those figures came into focus and he immediately recognised them. They were his wife and children who visited him faithfully every day and spent hours at his bedside.

At that moment he saw where his true treasure lay – it lay in his family, his home, in the gift of life, and of course in God. He saw how foolish he had been up to now. And he prayed with all his heart: 'Lord, give me back my life, and I'll be happy'. And he resolved that if he got well, he would turn his priorities upside down.

He made a full recovery. The day he walked out of hospital he was deliriously happy. Everything had been given back to him. Through that painful experience he acquired much wisdom. Prior to this, he was completely focussed on himself and his career. Now he decided to open himself to others and to work for them. And he was happier than he had ever been in his life.

All of us are searchers and treasure-hunters in the sense that we are looking for happiness. The goal is legitimate, but it may be that (like that teacher) we are looking in the wrong place. Jesus said, 'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be too'. So, if we want to know what our treasure is, all we have to do is ask ourselves where our heart is. What is it that we love, that we pursue with all our hearts? There lies our treasure.

The wisdom we are talking about here is not the same as worldly wisdom. It is something deeper and very much more precious. It means knowing what is truly important in life. It means being able to see life from God's point of view, and being able to live the way God wants us to live. If we don't have that, then no matter how many possessions we have, or how successful we are, we will not be happy.

Wisdom is the pearl of great price. Once found no one can rob us of it.

### *Quote for the week:*

Words which do not give the light of Christ  
increase the darkness. *Mother Teresa*