

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.



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 20th August 2017

Parish Priest

Fr Tony Hennessy

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Fr Antony Vattakkunnel CMI

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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 56:1, 6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**O God, let all the nations
praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R)**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R)**

SECOND READING:

Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the God News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15: 21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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



MUDGEE FAREWELL LUNCH FOR FR ANTONY

**NEXT FRIDAY
25TH AUGUST**

IN THE PARISH CENTRE.

PLEASE RSVP

ASAP TO THE PARISH
OFFICE.

MASS AT 12.30PM
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH.



REMINDER

Ministry Workshop - Kandos

Wednesday, 23rd August

10.00am to 1.00pm.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER

PLEASE RSVP TODAY

office.mudgee@cdob.org.au

We need to know the numbers of people from KANDOS/RYLSTONE and MUDGEE intending to go to Kandos on Wednesday.

Ministry Workshop Gulgong:

Monday 28th August, 3.45 to 6.45pm. All Hallows School Hall.

Please RSVP to St Mary's Parish Numbers.

**2017 Fathers' Day Appeal in
support of our retired priests -
weekend of
2nd/3rd September**

Day by Day

Monday, 21st August

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

2.00pm Prayer Service Peter Lovett
(Anglican Church, Windeyer).

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

Tuesday, 22nd August -

9.00am Mass in the Parish Centre.

10.30am Funeral Prayer Service James Balston

12 noon Rylstone Cemetery Prayers Doris ‘Dot’ Carroll

Wednesday, 23rd August

Mass 9.00am in the Parish Centre.

9.30am St Mary’s Craft & Friendship Group
Parish Centre. All welcome

10.00 - 1.00pm Ministry Workshop - Kandos

Thursday, 24th August

Mass 9.10am in the Parish Centre.

10.30 St Matthews & St Mary’s Playgroup

12 Noon Mass Gulgong

3.30pm First Holy Communion State
School lesson Mudgee.

Friday, 25th August

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

Followed by farewell lunch for
Fr Antony in the Parish Centre.

Saturday, 26th August

10.30 - 12.30pm Ministry Formation

with Bishop Michael

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 27th August

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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

10.30am Mass Gulgong

9.30am Rosary Kandos

10.00am Mass Kandos

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Artists.

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

Liturgy Roster: 26th/27th August.

Commentator	M.Melinx	Susie Bennett
Readers	S.Connor P.Robinson	J,O’Brien R.Disher
Special Minister of Communion	I.Byrne D.Cunningham L.Nicholson	S.Bennett A.Rusten P.O’Brien
Offertory Procession	D . R a y n e r / U n d e r w o o d / Garland	Little/stoffers/ LynchFamily
Gospel Procession	I.Smeallie	Evie Yule
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	Scotti/Craig families	Lonergan/Macey
Altar Servers	H.Lowe C.McLean E.english F.English	O.Neaverson-Smith A.Neaverson-Smith L.Holden R.McGuire
Counters	M.Walker 21 / 8	D.Bennett 28 / 8

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	27th August 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	27th August 2017
Commentator	P.Hudson		
Reader	P.Lenard	Readers	M.Chadwick L.McPherson
Offertory	W & H Gleeson	Intercessions	Sr Kath T.Doorey
Special Minister of Communion	M.Carney E.Holland	Special Minister of Communion	SrKath M.Turner
Sacristan	R.Saliba H. Seymour	Sacristan	H.Roberts

Masses and prayers requested for the following:
We pray for the recently deceased especially
Peter Lovett (Parkes formerly Windeyer), Mary McGrath, Doris ‘Dot’ Carroll (Kandos), James ‘Jim’ Balston, Gerald ‘Gerry’ Doherty, Annie Weiss (Canberra), Sonia Lopez Tioseco (Philippines).
We remember the anniversaries of Hilda Ryan, Robert George Cox, William Birchall, James Fitzpatrick, Emilia Sfechich and Vonnie Gilders.
We pray for deceased members of the Goldspink Family.
Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Helen Ryan, Terry Ryan, John Baggett, Gwen Ausburn, Tony Gillham, Evan & Jan Bucknell, 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.

Gulgong News

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group:

The ladies will host a farewell morning tea for Fr Antony at Mayne Street Cafe on Thursday 24th August. Please place your name on the list at the back of the church or ph Margaret Evans 63741327.

Ministry Workshop Gulgong:

Monday 28th August, 3.45 to 6.45pm. All Hallows School Hall. Please RSVP to St Mary's Parish Numbers.

Gulgong Parish Farewell for Fr Antony. Light Lunch after Mass Sunday 27th August in the All Hallows School Hall. Ladies please bring a plate.

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 26th August

10.30 - 12.30pm

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

ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au

Kandos News

Ministry Workshop - Kandos

Wednesday, 23rd August 10.00am to 1.00pm. Facilitated by Deacon Charles Applin & Deacon Josh Clayton. Light lunch provided.

The workshop is for everyone. Please collect an invitation from the back of the church.

Please contact Sr Kath or Mudgee office for catering purposes no later than Monday afternoon.

CLERGY REPORT JULY

5 FUNERALS

3 BAPTISM

4 SICK CALLS MUDGE

1 SICK CALL RYLSTONE

Mass/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



Mudgee Farewell for Fr Antony

Father will offer the Mass at 12.30pm on Friday 25th August. Following Mass we will host a lunch in the Parish Centre to say farewell and thank you to Fr Antony.

Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to the Parish Office or by email to office.mudgee@cdob.org.au.

If you wish to contribute a cash donation to Fr Antony as a parting gift please place in an envelope and leave at the parish office.

Contributions of quiche/soup/sausage rolls/sweet welcome. Please contact the Parish office for further details.

FUND RAISER FOR MUDGE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

26th August @ 7.00pm

Trivia with a twist at Mudgee Baptist Church, Bruce Road, Mudgee \$5.00 per person. More Info call Tristan

0429853800 or email:

tristan100fox@gmail.com

NALAG MUDGE

Grief Muster Mustering the Courage to Grieve.

This is a time to honour and celebrate lives lost and to reflect on major changes in our lives.

We will hold a short Remembering Service followed by light refreshments.

A **FREE** community event for Grief Awareness Month 2017.

11.00am Saturday 26th August

Lawson Park,

(near the BBQ area and playground)

Please RSVP to

Email: mudgee@nalag.org.au

Phone: 0488 225 710

A Shalom Long Lunch

The Pioneering Spirit Lives On

Stories from a variety of pioneering ventures spanning two centuries, three continents and four generations.

Sunday 3d September

12 pm - 3.00pm

Shalom House of Prayer, Carcoar.

Speakers:

John & Maggie Saddington.

Come along and enjoy this interesting Sunday afternoon talk and wonderful three-course meal.

For Bookings: Ph 63673058

Email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

Cost: Lunch \$40 per person

EACH ONE OF THEM IS JESUS IN
DISGUISE.

Mother Teresa

Making Your Presence Felt

In 1919 the people of Plymouth in the United Kingdom voted in their new member of parliament. The new MP was born in the United States, but this was not the reason why the majority of the British parliament was antagonistic towards its new member. The new MP was a woman, Nancy Astor, the first woman to gain a seat in the House of Commons. Since Lady Astor believed in making her presence felt in the House, she regularly interrupted other speakers – particularly on the rights of women. When rebuked for her constant interventions, she protested that she had been listening for hours before interrupting. A colleague whispered to her: “Yes, Nancy, we’ve all heard you listening”.



In today’s Gospel we heard a pagan woman listening to Jesus and we saw how she made her presence felt. She comes across as one of the most attractive characters in the pages of the Gospel: a mother who is tormented by the torment of her daughter, a woman who takes to the streets to make her plea to Jesus, who refuses to take his silence for the last word, who organises a one-woman protest in the path of these runaway men. She is the only person in the Gospels who has the wit to outwit Jesus. And in the end, she gets what she wants.

The silence of Jesus suggests a refusal to minister to this woman’s needs. This is how the disciples interpret it, and they plead with Jesus to do them a favour by getting rid of this mobile nuisance who is screaming after them. Jesus explains his exclusive mission: he is sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. This woman, therefore, is not his problem. She is outside the territory of his pastoral concern.

The woman, however, has no intention of bowing to these theological niceties which leave her out in the cold and abandon her daughter to a life of torment. She stops Jesus in his tracks by kneeling at his feet. “Lord, help me”, she says. Jesus responds by telling a harsh parable, one which voices his own people’s traditional attitude to the likes of this woman: “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs”. Only Jews have the right to be treated as “children of God; the Gentiles, like this woman, are dogs”.

The woman is not diverted by this offensive rebuff; rather than getting into a scrap about Jewish – pagan relations, she hangs on to the reason why she is there. She tells Jesus that even the dogs can eat the scraps that fall from the master’s table. The scraps from the table become dog food. And the woman kneeling at the feet of Jesus lets it be known that she will be satisfied with dog food. In her response she has outwitted Jesus in a way that none of his learned opponents ever managed, and he has the grace to give in. The woman gets what she came for: the daughter is healed.

At that is why the Canaanite woman in the Gospel is so important for all of us. She is the teacher of the servants of God. Through her demand for attention and dignity, the voice of God questions us all.

RISE YOUTH FESTIVAL

Ridgecrest Convention Centre

The Youth Ministry Team of the Diocese of Bathurst is excited to announce that the Diocesan Youth Festival is on soon!

After many great years of BLAST, we have developed a new, fresh and exciting identity and our Youth Festival will now be called RISE Youth Festival.

This year, RISE will occur on 27th - 28th September at Ridgecrest Convention Centre, Lake Burrendong. It is a celebration and experience of an explosion of possibilities in their lives.

From the Diocese.....

POSITIONS VACANT

Manager, Financial Services - Bathurst

The Diocese is seeking a Manager, Financial Services who is suitably skilled, experienced and has the ability to manage the implementation of the diocesan financial strategy.

The successful candidate will effectively provide all levels of required day to day support for the financial and administration services of the parishes, diocesan entities and the CDF, and will be a member of the leadership team of the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst. View the full position description at www.bathurst.catholic.org.au. Applications close 18 August 2017. Enquiries should be directed to Mr Patrick Cooper, Diocesan Financial Administrator on 6334 6400.

Catholic Prison Chaplain, Wellington

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and motivated persons for the position of Catholic Prison Chaplain to the newly established Macquarie Correctional Centre, Wellington.

The Catholic Chaplain will be the inaugural chaplain for the Centre, but will work co-operatively with the chaplaincy team at the existing Wellington Correctional Centre. The Chaplain will provide pastoral support to approximately 400 inmates and staff. Full details of the position can be viewed at www.bathurst.catholic.org.au. Applications close 28 August 2017. Enquires should be directed to Mr Tony Eviston, Chancellor on 6334 6400.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of six months. The Diocese of Broome are currently seeking volunteers for the Balgo, Bidadanga and Warmun for the wet season. Accommodation and food is provided. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060

Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

Web: www.broomedioocese.org

Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725