

*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.**



## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 10th September 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: Ezekiel 33:7-9

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**O that day you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R)

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R)

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R)

### SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10

*Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:15-20

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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



### *from the PP's desk*

We congratulate the children in Gulgong and Mudgee on receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Father's Day Appeal for the Retired Clergy last weekend.

Fr Antony extends his sincere thanks to everyone for their farewell gifts and good wishes.

Welcome to Deacon Charles Applin who is assisting with ministry in the Kandos/Rylstone Parish.

Congratulations to the organisers and the winners of the Diocesan Christmas Art competition held at St Matthews on Thursday. Sincere thanks to all who supported the exhibition and launch of Caritas Mission Month.

Thank you also to Fr Michael Hickey and Fr Mark McGuigan for their supply work in the Kandos/Rylstone Parish whilst I was away.

*Fr Tony*

**Day by Day**

**Monday, 11th September**

**9.00am Mass**

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

**Tuesday, 12th September**

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass

**Wednesday, 13th September**

Mass 9.00am SMCS Yr 7 - 10

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group in the Presbytery.

**Thursday, 14th September**

Mass 9.10am

**NO Mass** Gulgong

**Friday, 15th September**

10.30am Kanandah Hostel Communion Service (G.H.)

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

**Saturday, 16th September**

Baptisms - Mudgee

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Sunday, 17th September**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

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

10.30am Gulgong

Sunday Worship in the Absence of the Priest

10.30am Holy Hour Rylstone

11.00am Mass Rylstone

**Readings for next weekend**

*Sirach 27:30-28:7    Romans 14:7-9*

*Matthew 18:21-35*

**Saturday 16th/ Sunday 17th September 2017**

<b>Commentator</b>	L.Schreck	A.McLean
<b>Readers</b>	S.Connor P.Cannon	M.Barrett R.McKeown
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	I.Byrne S.Walker	B.Murphy K.Baker M.Gilbert
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	S & S Connor	R & S Loneragan
<b>Organist</b>	E.Cooper	R.Newman
<b>Welcomers</b>	G & S Robinson	Portelli Family
<b>Altar Servers</b>	H.Vo A.Duncan A.Burgoyne S.Hawes	O.Portelli H.Portelli C.Wilson R.Wilson
<b>Counters</b>	J. Potts 11/9	J.Cavanagh 18/9

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>17th Sept 2017</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>17th Sept. 2017</b>
<i>Commentator</i>	P. Lenard		
<i>Reader</i>	J.Ritar	<b>Readers</b>	K.Morrissey M.Turner
<i>Offertory</i>	C.Holland family	<b>Intercessions</b>	A.Krusvar
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	M.Carney J.Thatcher.	<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	L.McPherson
<i>Sacristan</i>	C & E Holland	<b>Sacristan</b>	L. McPherson G.English

**Masses and prayers requested for the following:**

**We pray for the recently deceased especially**

Bertram Joshua Harris, and Nellie Goodman.

A prayer service was celebrated for BJ Harris on Wednesday at Gulgong. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**We remember the anniversaries of Ron Lynch, Dick Gawthorne, Rae Burns**

**We pray for**

**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, 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be **NO** Mass or Communion Service on **Monday 18th** and **Tuesday 19th September** to allow for the completion of the work on the Church.

\* **Saturday 23rd September** - Flavours of Mudgee: Please be aware Church and Market Street will be closed early afternoon.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

**Parishes**

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

**GOOD NEWS**

The prayerful support of the Gulgong people for the family of BJ (Bertram Joshua) Harris.

**GULGONG**

**ROSTER:** Due to the change in Mass times, and the introduction of Sunday Worship in the Absence of a Priest on alternate weekends, it has become necessary to make a new Roster. There is a sheet of paper on the table at the back of the Church for Parishioners to re nominate for the various Ministries. It will remain there until Sunday, September 17 after which time a new Roster will be worked out.

**SWAP:** Next week, Deacon Charles Applin will conduct the Service to familiarise Leaders on how to conduct the Sunday service in the Absence of the Priest.



**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 fantastic opportunity to come together to make new friends and participate in different activities including the very famous **'SO YOU THINK YOU CAN LITURGICALLY DANCE.'**

Register online

[www.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au)  
click on RISE.

Further information contact Daniel Salomoni  
[d.salomoni@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:d.salomoni@bth.catholic.edu.au)

**The Rondalla Philippino Choir**

A 20 member choir from Blacktown will provide the music for the Masses on the weekend Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th September. All welcome to bring visitors to Mudgee Masses to celebrate this event.

\* We need to be conscious Saturday 23rd September is 'Flavours of Mudgee' and the Streets will be closed from early afternoon.



**Deacon Charles Applin**

Deacon Charles was born and educated in England. He is married with four children and eleven grandchildren. After retiring he decided to take up Theological Studies in 2013 and on 5th February 2016 was ordained with Deacon Terry Mahony as the first Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Bathurst. His work includes Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals, Pastoral care of the sick and housebound, Liturgies of the Word and Sunday Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion in the Absence of a Priest.

He will be working in conjunction with Sr Kath and Fr Tony.

**BECOME A PRAYER PARTNER FOR ST MATTHEWS HSC STUDENTS.**



You are asked to take an 'invitation to prayer' from the back of the church to pray for the students as they prepare for their HSC exams in October.

On Wednesday 21st September there will be Mass at 9.00am followed by morning tea where you can meet the students before they leave St Matthews for their study period prior to the exams.

Thank You for your support of the Father's Day Appeal last weekend



for the Retired Clergy which raised \$893.95 in our region.

**St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group**

will hold their annual Craft sale on Saturday, 16th September in St Mary's Parish Centre from 9.00am. Please come and support the ladies craft stalls, cake stall and raffle. Money raised goes to charity.



**Parish Diary**

**Sunday Sept. 17th** Mass 9.00am and Post First Holy Communion Celebration Mudgee.

**Wednesday Sept. 20th** Mass and morning tea with SMCS Yr 12 and Kindergarten and parishioners.

**Thursday Sept. 21st** SMCS Yr 12 Graduation Mass 6.00pm.

**Friday 22nd Sept.** Mass 12 noon in St Matthews School Gymnasium followed by the Mission Frolic. Celebrating the Feast of St Matthew.

**Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th Sept.** The Rondalla Philippino Choir from Blacktown will provide the music for the Masses on this weekend.

**St Michael's Parish**

**Dunedoo-Coolah-Mendooran-Elong Elong SPRING FAIR**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**DUNEDOO**

In the park - breakfast till 2pm  
Plants, jumping castle, BBQ, food, stalls, coffee - all welcome

(Stallholders and donations to the white elephant and plant stalls welcome.)

Please phone

Louise Hennessy 0426 211 179)

## **Child Protection Sunday**

Child Protection Sunday is observed across the Australian Catholic Church and runs in conjunction with National Child Protection Week. This year the focus is on the Royal Commission's key element that when children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously, an institution is better prepared to be child safe. The theme is: "See Me, Hear Me".



The Diocese of Bathurst is committed to safeguarding children, young people, vulnerable adults, and indeed, all who participate in the life of the Church at whatever level.

### **Prayer**

*See Me, Hear Me*

*Gracious God provide us with a listening heart that we see and hear the voice of each of our children.*

*We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities.*

*Grant us the ability and time to listen carefully when children come to us seeking help.*

*May our institutions and families respect, listen and do what is required to help all children feel safe.*

*Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded initially by abuse, then again through the failure to be heard. We stand in constant need of your healing and help.*

*Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace, and resilience to seek out assistance when required.*

In the first reading for Child Protection Sunday, the Prophet Ezekiel speaks of "being a sentry to the House of Israel". That image captures well one element of the role each of us has in regard to children.

As Pope Francis outlined before leading the crowds in the Angelus prayer in March last year, it is important to "Listen: this is the key word. Do not forget, listen to the sick and marginalised, or among families." As a sentry, each of us plays a part in listening to what the children have to say, making sure that every child is safe and protected from abuse and harm.

We can see evidence of the strength of our community providing support, protection and opportunities to help keep our children safe by having robust systems in place when they are involved in the activities of the Diocese. This has been bolstered by the introduction of the Diocese of Bathurst's new Safeguarding Policy, released on Thursday 7th September.

## ***Love ... cannot hurt your neighbour***

There's a huge growth industry in mediation services. Perhaps we see it most often in the field of marriage, when couples facing difficulties in their relationship go to a third party – a counsellor or person trained in conciliation skills – in order to get help in dealing with the underlying issues that are causing problems in their marriage.

But couples are not the only people who avail themselves of such services: sometimes it is parents and children who need help, or professional assistance is needed to resolve disputes between employers and employees of their unions; sometimes an outside agency is brought in to settle disagreements between neighbours. We all understand the need for third-party intervention and assistance in our lives – for the help of someone who is objective, dispassionate and skilled in dealing with conflict management.

We often hear phrases such as "tough love" and "speak the truth in love". Though these days may have become somewhat clichéd, they do reflect an important truth: that being a Christian is not the same as being nice. Peace is not the highest value that there is. Injustice and wrongdoing have to be actively named and opposed, not simply ignored or wished away. That is why justice and peace are always linked together – because without justice there can be no real peace, only

appeasement and compromise, which are simple ways of allowing evil to triumph.

Christians have a duty to be people of love. "Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments," as Paul tells us. That sounds simple and clear cut, but it isn't. Love cuts both ways. It is relatively easy to love when that means being generous, caring and compassionate. But the deeper love is one that cares enough to confront, challenge and, it need be, oppose.

Genuine love of neighbour refuses to collude with wrongdoing through silence or inaction. Such love requires real courage, because it is liable to be misunderstood and can easily lead to hostility and rejection. But as a Church we are called to bind and to loosen: to bind the forces of evil that enslaves people; to loosen the bonds of oppression that prevent people from living the fullness of life of God's kingdom. Whether that means opposing individuals or governments, a society's values or sinful economic structures, the challenge of the Gospel means Christians need to love enough to speak uncomfortable truths – in humility, but with courage. And when we do that, we know that Christ promises to be there with us.

***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)

*For further information contact Daniel Salomoni via email*

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**MUDGEE PARISH: REPORTING CONCERNS/ISSUES IN THE PARISH:** If you have concerns/issues that need to be addressed please contact the Pastoral Council President, Mrs Julie Keipert via email: [centaur3@bigpond.com](mailto:centaur3@bigpond.com) or phone the parish office and the staff will relay your message to the Council.

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RISE is all about evangelisation. The festival provides an opportunity for young people to have a powerful religious experience and either kick-start or renew their engagement with their faith.

RISE delivers the challenge to young people to claim the explosion of possibilities that living as part of the community of faith offers. The festival also offers contact with peers who are connected with their faith journey on a personal level, establishing a network of young people across the Diocese and beyond.

Participants are encouraged to continue their participation in the life of the Church through groups in their local parish or school.

Further Details Daniel Salomoni

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***DATES FOR THE DIARY***

**10th September 10.30am** Gulgong  
First Holy Communion.

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

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE HEATERS IN THE CENTRE ISLES AS THEY ARE VERY HOT.  
PLEASE BE PARTICULARLY AWARE IF YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN.