

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 1st October 2017

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from the PP's desk

Welcome to all visitors to the Mudgee region over this long weekend. May you enjoy your stay and all travel home safely.

Thank you to St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group for their generous special donation to the parish.

Thank you too for the support and hospitality to the Rondalla Philippino choir and the stall last weekend.

During this weekend we had the lower pillars in the church cleaned. Shortly we will be able to clean the higher level and hopefully have them painted. This will mean we need to erect some temporary scaffolding to be able to complete this job.

Please continue to pray for the HSC students during their study time. The HSC exams begin on 16th October. We wish them well.

St Mary's hosted the Police Remembrance Day Liturgy on Friday. We are grateful to all the men and women of NSW Police who put their lives on the line each day to protect us.

October Month of the Rosary

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R)**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R)**

The Lord is good and upright He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path he teaches his way to the poor. **(R)**

SECOND READING:

Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

We proclaim your Death, O, Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.



*Congratulations
to*

**William
Kenneth Reiss**
making his

*First Holy Communion this
weekend in Mudgee.*

Saturday 7th/ Sunday 8th Oct 2017

Day by Day

Monday, 2nd October

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE.

Tuesday, 3rd October

2.00pm Gulgong Catholic Women's Group meeting - Presbytery.

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion - Mudgee

Wednesday 4th October

9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion - Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

Thursday, 5th October

9.10am Mass Mudgee

Friday, 6th October

10.30am Opal Nursing Home - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

Saturday, 7th October

Baptisms - Mudgee

Josephite Associates meeting 1.00pm.

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 8th October

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

9:00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass -Gulgong

10.30am Rosary Rylstone

11.00am Rylstone - Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion.

Readings for next weekend

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians

4: 6-9

Matthew

21: 33-43

Commentator	J.Cross	M.Matthews
Readers	I.Byrne C.Bouke	M.McLean Susie Bennett
Special Minister of Communion	D.Cunningham G.Robinson	K.Baker M.Gilbert J.Keipert
Offertory Procession	Vo Family	G.McDermott M.Dunnachie
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	B.Cluff N.Lynch	E.Csuba M.Knight
Altar Servers	I.A & S Place B.Roberts J.Ryan	O & A Neaverson-Smith. L.Holden R.Maguire
Counters	L.Nicholson 3/10	S & G Robinson

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	8th October 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	8th October 2017
Commentator	D.Kelly		
Reader	J.O'Brien	Readers	M.Chadwick H.Roberts
Offertory	M & R Morrissey	Intercessions	M.Turner
Special Minister of Communion	C.Carney C.Holland	Special Minister of Communion	
Sacristan	E.Donelly G.Ausburn	Sacristan	K & C Morrissey

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially

Bruce Wark (Newcastle),



We remember the anniversaries of Patricia Day, Dorothy Mahon, Pamela Burns, Adam Birchall, Fr Tom Brennan.

We also pray for

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Helen Ryan, John Baggett, Gwen Ausburn, Tony Gillham, Evan & Jan Bucknell, Melinda Drew, Andrew McPhee, Tom Sheridan, Carissa Gleeson, Jason Seis, Dorothy Davidson, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins, Rosa Maria Santos and the residents of all the nursing homes, Special Intentions.



Congratulations to

Matthew Winston Hicks and Alannah Maree Young and to

Gavin Douglass Cole and Hannah Patricia Stanford who celebrated the sacrament of marriage in St Mary's this weekend.



We welcome in baptism this weekend

Ava Rose Torresan daughter of Rick and Courtney, **Bethany Alejandra Castillo Nunez** daughter of Bladimir and Diana,

Luca Joseph Crestani son of Lara and Andrew.



As part of the **Centenary of Our Lady's Appearance at Fatima** we have been invited to say the Rosary on the 14th October. 'Reclaiming the public square for God' is the theme. We will commence the Rosary at 5.00pm just prior to the 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Mudgee.

GULGONG

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group - Next meeting Tuesday 5th October in the Presbytery.

Catholic Women's Group October Street Stall has been cancelled.

Catholic Women's Group are having a Morning Tea to farewell Helen Tuxford at the Main Street Cafe, Gulgong on Thursday, 12th October at 10.30am. All Welcome. Place your name on the list at the back of the church or contact Margaret Evans 63741327.

ROSTER: The new Roster is on the table at the back of the Church. Anyone who has nominated for the various Ministries, please take a copy.

MUDGEE NEWS

Mudgee Josephite Associates monthly meeting Saturday 7th October at 1.00pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

2017 Celebrating the Bicentennial of Baha'i Faith.

The Baha'i community is sharing a celebratory, commemorative exhibition at the Mudgee Library from Monday 16th to Saturday 28th October.

Everyone welcome.

Further information at

www.bahai.org.au.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for October. Workers and the Unemployed



That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

GOOD NEWS

* *The large number of visitors to the church as tourists and also many who come to pray.*

* *Our Henry Lawson celebration has made the Australian Writers Group Magazine.*

40th Anniversary of Ordination - Fr Carl Mackander

I will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of my ordination to priesthood in Mudgee, on Sunday 19th November at 10.00am Mass in St Patricks Church, Percy St. Wellington followed by lunch in the school/parish hall. In gratitude for the friendship and support of parishioners in the 7 parishes where I have ministered, and for my home parish of Mudgee, I am inviting you to share the thanksgiving and joy of this celebration. Your presence will be gift enough for me. Fr Carl Mackander.

Please RSVP for the lunch to office.wellington@cdob.org.au or ph 6845 2061 and leave a message.

World Mission Month 2017

World Mission Day is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God's people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times.

Missionary activity is a response to the love with which God loves us. God's love is the spiritual energy that can make harmony; justice and communion grow among persons, races and peoples for which everyone is searching. It is God, who is Love, who leads the Church towards those farthest away and calls us to be renewed from the original source, Jesus Christ, from whose pierced heart flows the love of God.

Catholic Mission around the world has the responsibility of promoting a dignified and fruitful celebration of World Mission Day. **This year World Mission Day is Sunday 22nd October.**

Sunday Mass Regional Timetable

Mudgee: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;
Sunday 9.00am

Sunday 8th October

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Rylstone

Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion.

Sunday 15th October

10.30am Gulgong

Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion.

11.00am Mass Rylstone

Sunday 22nd October

10.30am Gulgong Mass

11.00am Kandos

Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion.

Sunday 29th October

10.30am Gulgong

Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion.

11.00am Kandos Mass

Dates for the Diary

14th October - Rosary 5.00pm - Centenary of Our Lady's Appearance at Fatima.

16th October - start HSC Exams

21st/22nd World Mission Day - special collection within Mass.

24th October - First Reconciliation parent session 1.30pm and 7.00pm (held in the Church due to HSC exams in Parish Centre) - Mudgee.

24th October - Gulgong - 1st Reconciliation parent meeting at AH School.

28th/29th October First Reconciliation Commitment/enrolment and weekend Masses - Mudgee.

26th November - Fr Tony's 30th Anniversary of Ordination.



Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a simple message for this October: let's rediscover the gift of the Rosary.

This prayer has been around for many centuries. It has been prayed by the most learned, as well as by people who could not read or write. It can be prayed by children, by the very old, and everyone in between. It can be prayed when we feel close to God, but also when we feel far away from faith.

This October, I ask parishes, schools and especially families, to gather for the Rosary. I am grateful for the work that Catholic Education, Diocese of Bathurst is doing to promote this in our schools.

This month is being promoted as a time of prayer and penance for marriages and families. It would be wonderful for this prayer to happen, not just for families, but from families. Even to gather for just one decade would bring great blessing for you and all the Church.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Our Lady of the Central West, pray for us and with us.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst



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

For further information contact Daniel Salomoni via email

d.salomoni@bth.catholic.edu.au

or checkout the website

www.acyf.org.au

In Parables

One of the interesting points that emerges from the Gospel is how Jesus does so much of his teaching through storytelling. Paradoxically, Jesus communicates his most telling truths through the medium of fiction. He invites his hearers to use their imagination and follow him into the world of parable. The truth of Jesus' parables does not depend on whether the tales told actually happened – that is not their claim on the hearer; rather, their claim to truth depends on whether they catch something of the unseen reality of the kingdom, or whether they disclose unrecognised truths about people's commitment to God and their relationship with each other.

In the parable we are invited to enter a visual world of dinner parties, sheepfolds, vineyards, welcome households, threatening journeys; a world peopled by rich merchants, mugged travellers, callous judges, awkward neighbours, selfish hosts, good employers, searching housewives, broken families, warring kings, surprised guests, wise and foolish bridesmaids. The point of the parables is not that they make interesting illustrations: the stories tell us it is at the level of our eating, drinking, sleeping, forgiving, choosing, reaching out, journeying, noticing people, answering doors, offering hospitality, sharing bread and listening to midnight stories that our happiness and salvation are being worked out.



In Jesus' parables there is a marked absence of the supernatural: Jesus baptises the ordinary and tells us that in it is the theatre of the ordinary that the drama of the kingdom is lived out. By evoking everyday experience, the parables tell us that we are saved where we are. In the parables we are invited to make a judgement and to come to a decision; they invite us to pay attention, come alive and face things.

All this can be seen in today's Gospel where Jesus confronts the chief priests and elders of the people. He confronts them with a story, a parable which criticises them for being "yes men" whose easy promises are not matched by their performance. Fiction is used to face the problem of religious deception. The story is told of a man who had two sons and who asked them both to work in the vineyard. The first son refuses bluntly, "I will not go", but afterwards regrets his decision and changes his mind. The second son agrees politely and readily, "Certainly, sir", but his instant consent is not matched by his behaviour: he doesn't turn up. Jesus' question, "Which of the two did the father's will?" only allows for one answer. Only one son did anything.

The son whose word was "no" but whose actions became "yes" is held out to us as the one who did his father's will. The story doesn't tell us why he changed his mind or what the change cost him, only that his generosity of spirit had the last word. In time he caught up with the best that we in him. He was late in doing his father's will, but not too late.