



The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of
St Mary's Mudgee, St John the Baptist Gulgong,
St Dominic's Kandos / St Malachy's Rylstone.



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.



Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - 5th August 2018

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Monday

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First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 77

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. **R.**

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. **R.**

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**

Second Reading:

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

Memorial Acclamation:

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

Prayer for Rain

Look down in pity our plight we pray. It is not only the plants that are silting but even the animals and people on this place are parched and dry – and send us the rain that we so desperately need. Open the windows of heaven we pray with the sweet rainfall that we so desperately need and water our land we pray - and we will give You all the praise and glory due to Your holy name. Amen

“For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your descendants and My blessing on your offspring.”
(Isaiah 44:3)

“Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its fruit.” (James 5:18)

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours.

Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.

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DAY BY DAY

Monday, 6th August

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
10.30am Requiem Mass John McRae

Tuesday, 7th August

9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Mudgee

Wednesday, 8th August

Solemnity - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group
4.00pm Holy Hour
5.00pm Mass Mudgee

Thursday, 9th August

8.50am Morning Prayer
9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr 5

Friday, 10th August

Feast of St Lawrence
10.30am Mass Pioneer House
11.45am Rosary - Church
12-12.15 Reconciliation
12.20pm Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr 8 students
***Please note the Friday Mass will be celebrated 12.20pm permanently.**

Saturday, 11th August

Memorial St Clare
5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee
6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee
Confirmation Commitment Mudgee

Sunday, 12th August

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
9.00am Mass - Mudgee **Confirmation Commitment**
10.30am Mass Gulgong **Confirmation Commitment**
11.00am Rylstone Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th August 2018

Commentator	*	M.Matthews
Readers	K. Fitzsimmons C. Bourke	M.McLean Susie Bennett
Special Ministers of Communion	P. Dick M. Melinz *	K. Baker M. Gilbert R. Gawthorne
Offertory Procession	K. Isbester *	G. McDermott M.Dunnachie
Welcomers	K. Isbester *	E. Csuba M.Knight
Altar Servers	Jade Newman Jessica Newman G. Lane J. Wilkinson	P. Lonergan K. Hauville Angus Littler Angela Littler
Counters	D. Donnelly 6/8	J.Potts 13/8

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	12th August 2018	Kandos Liturgy Roster	12th August 2018
Leader			
Commentator	C.Gaudry	Readers	L.McPherson H.Roberts
Reader	K.Ritar	Intercessions	M.Turner
Offertory	W & H Gleeson	Special Minister of Communion	
Special Minister of Communion	M.Carney R.Saliba	Sacristan	A.Krusvar
Sacristan	M & E Carney		

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially John McRae, Steve Varga (Syd), Christopher Maw, John Little, Darren Tuxford, Jean Nicholls, Beth Thatcher (Tumut)

We remember the anniversaries of Bill McRae, Warren Roche, Toby Buckley, Allan Heaslip, Marie Gaffney, Enid Devoy, Joseph Woods.

We also pray for Kenneth Doorey, Alan Forwood, Helen Crowley.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Colleen Hayes, Jarrod Emeny, Troy Whitcombe, Bill Yates, Trevor Williams (Wangaratta), Fr Tim Cahill, Sr Monica Sparks, Alma Ristau, Liam Potts, Rosemary Mitchell (QLD), Ursula Smiezek, Jasmine Prada, Dennis Donnelly, Tony Gillham, 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. For those seeking SPECIAL INTENTIONS.



We welcome to the parish community **Carter Jay Woods** son of Adam and Stacey who was Baptised this weekend.

Pope's Intention for August .. The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Care packs for the wives of our farmers

We are receiving overwhelming support for our "Farmer's wives" appeal. *If you know of anyone who might need a boost during this prolonged drought please contact the Parish Office or Julie Keipert, 63732264*

This includes the Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong Kandos/Rylstone. The support is being offered to all denominations - so please if you know of anyone who would appreciate a little 'pick me up' gift.

We are asking for small donations of soaps, shampoos, conditioners, perfumes, hankies, chocolate, or anything personal. A basket is available at the back of the church for a three more weeks if anyone would care to share a gift.

GULGONG NEWS:

Confirmation Commitment/Parish & School Mass next Sunday 12th August. Parish morning tea to follow.

ROSTER: The new Liturgy Roster is on the table at the back of the Church. If you have nominated for any of the Ministries, please take a copy.

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group Social Morning Tea, Thursday 16th August 10.30am, Mayne Street Cafe. Cost \$12 pp. RSVP 14th Aug to Phil 0447741256 or place your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

GARAGE SALE
Saturday 11th August
9.00am - 1.00pm
at the Gulgong Presbytery
Bayly Street, Gulgong
Range of furniture, pictures, crockery etc.

Pope John Paul 11 wrote:

"The whole of the Christian life is like a great pilgrimage to the house of the Father, whose unconditional love for every human creature, and in particular for the prodigal son, we discover anew each day.' In the old testament the Jewish people realised that God loved them like a father, and Jesus taught his followers to call the Father 'abba', a word which means 'daddy'.

Every day we say the Our Father prayer, and every day we offer the sacrifice of Jesus to the Father (at Mass).

May we reflect more deeply on the love of our Heavenly Father for us all.

Mudgee Parish News

FINAL CALL PARISH MINISTERIES

We are needing to finalise the roster this week.

If there is anyone who has not filled out their form and would be willing to help in some way please fill out your form today available at the back of the church.

Save the date.....

Parish Council wish to invite the women of our church community to

Ladies Lunch "Soup & Slice" on Friday 31st August at 12.45 in the Parish Centre.

Cost \$5pp

This will follow the regular Friday Mass at 12.20pm. Please write your name on the board at the back of the church with your phone number/email or contact Julie Keipert 63732264.

Men's breakfast, Saturday 3rd November, 8am at the Parish Centre

Come along, bring a friend, have a yarn details to follow.

CLOSING THIS MONDAY

Position Vacant

Assistant Parish Secretary

St Mary's Parish, Mudgee

Part-Time 12 hours per week

Due to changes in staff we require a new staff member.

We are looking for an Assistant Parish Secretary to perform a variety of administrative and clerical duties. This also includes providing support to our Priests, Staff, Volunteers and Parishioners.

For a copy of the job description please email

office.mudgee@cdob.org.au

Please address applications to the Parish Priest, Fr Owen Gibbons

Closing date, Monday 6th August, 2018

Please include Resume and 2 Referees in the covering letter which addresses the Major Accountabilities.

Something funny

A teacher was testing the children in her Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven.

She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "NO!"

Now she was smiling. Hey, they're getting it, she thought! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" she asked.

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

She was just bursting with pride for them. "Well," she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Kings 19: 4-8 Psalm 33 R.v.9 Ephesians 4: 30-5:2 John 6: 41-51

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2018

"It will not fill our hearts if we keep standing by the window
with the excuse of waiting for the right time,
without accepting this very day the risk of making a decision..."

Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now!"

POPE FRANCIS

For more information about vocations
in the Diocese of Bathurst, contact
Fr Carl Mackander ph: 6845 2061
pp.wellington@cdob.org.au

National Voacations Awareness Week.

The Diocese of Bathurst needs more priests and religious. Each one of us can do something about this. Firstly, pray each day. A simple prayer may be the cause of one person saying 'yes'. Secondly, talk about the possibility of a vocation to others. Lend your voice to the call of the Lord.



To assist those most affected by the severity of the current drought gripping most of NSW, the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst has offered practical support to those experiencing hardship.

Bishop of Bathurst, Michael McKenna travels widely throughout the Diocese and is well aware of the devastating results the drought is having on communities whose livelihoods are dependent on rain. The Bishop said "The provision of affordable Catholic schooling should not be an added burden to the financial strain of families, especially for those in need in this time of drought."

Bishop McKenna reminds families who are in difficult financial circumstances, for any reason, that they are always able to approach their school principal to arrange relief of their school fees.

"We certainly do not wish to add to the financial burden families are currently experiencing, as money should not be a barrier to children attending Catholic schools", he said.

This practical initiative is in addition to the request from Bishop McKenna for a Day of Prayer for rain and for those suffering from the drought.

"As people of faith, we are already praying for rain and for everyone whose lives and livelihood depends on this blessing. Last Sunday, the Diocese was united in a Day of Prayer for those intentions", said Bishop McKenna.

If your family is suffering financial hardship for any reason and finding it difficult to pay school fees, please contact your school principal for assistance.

IN FOCUS

I Am the Bread of Life

People who are hungry always "think" with their stomachs. This keeps them locked within a primitive experience of their humanity and may make them seem uncivilised or unreasonable to those of us whose bellies are round with our last meal. Hungry people ARE unreasonable; that is, they cannot reason their way past the ache of real need.



Being hungry is not a virtue. If it were, the poor would all be holy, the rich would all be evil. But that's obviously not true. The state of our hearts can't be measured by the size of our wallets. But the condition of our hearts CAN be measured by our willingness to share what we have. When we seek to alleviate the distress of those in need, we do two things right. We lift up someone locked down by hunger so that he or she too might rise to a greater and fuller life. And we also expand our hearts through the practice of generosity so that we might experience "the food that endures for eternal life". It's a win-win situation. For as long as we work only for the food that perishes and hoard that for ourselves, we prolong the misery of the world and will not know the joy that belongs to those whose hearts are free to give.

Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life. The person who aligns with me hungers no more and thirsts no more, ever".

When have you been the recipient of someone's generosity in sharing time, warmth, or food with you? How can you share those things with those in need, near or far?

Take a refresher course in the corporal works of mercy: Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Clothe the naked. Shelter the homeless. Visit the sick. Visit the imprisoned. Bury the dead. Reflect on ways to participate in these works regularly.