

*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.



## Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time - 16th September 2018

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Owen Gibbons  
**Seminarian**  
Mr Nam Le  
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**Parish Office Hours**  
**Monday**  
10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm  
Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**  
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**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**  
Principal: Ms Katrina Isbester Ph 02 63741582

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50: 5-9  
*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 114: R. v. 9

**All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **(R)**

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R)**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **(R)**

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **(R)**

**Second Reading:** St James 2: 14-18  
*Faith without good works is dead.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 8: 27-35  
*You are the Christ ...  
The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*



**M e m o r i a l Acclamation:**  
When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.



**Confirmation ...  
Strengthens us to  
defend the faith and  
to spread the Gospel  
courageously.  
Pope Francis**

## Confirmation

### Welcome to

*Bishop Michael McKenna and  
Deacon Charles Applin as they join  
Fr Owen for the celebration of  
Confirmation in Mudgee and Gulgong  
this weekend.*

*We welcome the candidates and their families.*

*May they continue to deepen their faith in the Gospel, and be guided by the good example of those around them.*



*Each moment of your life,  
may you feel the Lord's embrace.  
May you sense His guiding presence  
in each challenge that you face.  
May His peace and light be with  
you,  
and may you realise how deeply  
loved and precious you are  
within His eyes.*

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 17th September

NO SERVICE MUDGE

Tuesday, 18th September

9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting

Wednesday, 19th September

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group  
4.00pm Holy Hour  
5.00pm Mass Mudgee

Thursday, 20th September

8.50am Morning Prayer  
9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Year 4  
1.30pm & 7.00pm First Reconciliation Parent Session in the Church.

Friday, 21st September

11.00am Mass Kanandah Hostel  
11.45am Rosary - Church  
12-12.15 Reconciliation  
12.20pm Mass Mudgee

Saturday, 22nd September

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee  
6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 23rd September

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

9.00am Mass Mudgee  
Commitment enrolment First reconciliation candidates  
**Mudgee Post Confirmation morning tea and cutting of the Confirmation Cake.**  
10.30am Gulgong Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest.  
11.00am Mass Rylstone.

The Pope's Universal Prayer for September.

Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Marriage



**Congratulations to Timothy John David Ley and Briony Elizabeth Henville Campbell** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in St Mary's this weekend.

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd September 2018

Commentator	L.Ryan	A.McLean
Readers	D.Salomoni S.Walker	L.Finter P.Portelli
Special Ministers of Communion	J.Vros F.Melinz G.Brymora	R.McKeown J.O’Farrell L.Rodgers
Offertory Procession	Vo Family	Disher Family
Welcomers	C.Carberry L.Cahill	M.Charlesworth G.McDermott
Altar Servers	J. & G Ryan	A.Disher B.Hanrahan O & H Portelli
Counters	M.Walker 17/9	D.Bennett 24/9

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	23rd Sept. 2018	Kandos Liturgy Roster	23rd Sept. 2018
Leader	S.Parnell		
Commentator	P.Leotta		
Reader	D.Kelly	Readers	K.Morrissey C.D’Ilio
Offertory	E.Donelly G.Ausburn	Intercessions	L.McPherson
Special Minister of Communion	M.Carney C.Holland	Special Minister of Communion	Sr Kath
Sacristan	Z.Drew M.O’Brien	Sacristan	L.McPherson G.English

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

**We pray for the recently deceased especially** Tony O'Farrell, John Tomlinson, Anthony Innes, Joe Swientek, **We remember the anniversary of** Dick Gawthorne, John Mini, Jack Foggart, Bill Washington,  
**We also pray for** Toby Buckley.jack fogart,  
**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Maggie Swientek, Lon Schreck, Ben Fleitmann, Paul Power, Kristi Smith, Colleen Hayes, Pam O'Connor, Anne Stayorer, Jasmine Parada, 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 Donelly, 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.



## Mudgee Parish News

### FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

The first of two sessions for parents with children preparing for their First Reconciliation is this Thursday 20th September, **IN THE CHURCH** at 1.30pm and a repeat session at 7.00pm.

Families with children in the Government schools should register their child at the Parish Office.

**FLAVOURS OF MUDGE NEXT SATURDAY. PLEASE BE AWARE IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE VIGIL MASS THERE IS NO PARKING IN CHURCH OR MARKET STREETS FROM 1.00PM UNTIL LATE EVENING.**

### St Matthews School:

The **CHOOSEMATHS** Student Awards celebrate mathematical achievement, creativity and excellence in Australian schools.

**Congratulations** to - Jessica Nipperess, Lara Disher, Anthea Kearins and Rikeya Alhovirta who received a highly commented in 2017. Having entered the competition again this year, they were selected as one of the top 10 teams in Australia from over 1000 entries. Then students travelled to Melbourne last Thursday to an elaborate Awards ceremony where the girls were named **Best Junior Entry for 2018**. The girls received a \$2000 prize along with the flights, accommodation and the honour of spending the day rubbing shoulders with some of Australia's leading Mathematicians.

## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

Mudgee Pastoral Council wishes to thank all who have contributed to our 'Care packages for the Farmers'. Because of your generosity we have a plentiful supply of goods. We have been advised upon delivery of the hay and other goods the 'Care Pack' is what brings tears to their eyes. Thank you.



Last chance to register for the annual **Diocesan RISE Youth Festival!**

This year **RISE** Youth Festival will occur from 11th-12th October 2018 at St Joseph's Heritage and Conference Centre, Perthville.

**RISE** is a chance for young people in **Year 6 to Year 9** to spend time together, have fun and learn more about their faith. Registrations are now opened at [www.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au)

Cost of the Festival is \$120. For more information visit [www.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au) or contact Deacon Josh via email

### Gulgong News

#### St John's Parish congratulates

Baylee Denny Sigrid Germon  
Flynn Gorrie Tyson Perry  
Holly Shaw



on receiving their Confirmation this weekend.

**The All Hallows School Hummingbirds School Choir** recently visited Happy Days and the Preschool to entertain the children.

### MUDGE MINISTRY FORMATION

Formation for Ministers of the

Word will take place

on Monday 24th Sept 2018 at

5.00pm

AND REPEATED

on Saturday 29th Sept after 6.00pm

Mass

in the Church

PLEASE REPLY TO THE PARISH

OFFICE BY

PHONE 63722122 OR EMAIL

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BY 20th SEPT

## ST MATTHEWS

**YR 11 EXAMS** Please note the students will be doing their exams in the Parish Centre over the next two weeks. We ask that you be aware of this when visiting the Parish Office.

**Yr 12 Graduation Mass**, will take place on Thursday 27th September at 9.10am in the Church. Parishioners who have been praying for the students in the lead up to the HSC exams are welcome to this Mass. After the Mass the students will attend their final assembly before beginning their study period. The HSC exams begin Wednesday 17th October.

### In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2018 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commencing in Melbourne, 23rd October, travel through Victoria and South Australia, conclude in Sydney, 3rd November 2018.

Cost ex Sydney: \$3,230.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals) Single Supplement: \$700.00

For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417683123 or Sr Annie Bond (02) 89124818 or email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au)



### Something funny.....



## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Psalm 53 R.v.6

St James 3: 16-4:3

Mark 9: 30-37

**PLENARY COUNCIL CANDLE AND OUR LADY OF THE CENTRAL WEST ICON** will be in Mudgee beginning Wednesday 10th October for one week. During this time there will be prayer and reflection.

It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### **Centacare Sunday, 16th September Diocesan Drought Relief Fund**

Given that much of the Diocese is still in severe drought, this year Centacare is focusing on supporting families and communities impacted by the drought. We recognise and acknowledge that recovery will not be easy or quick. As part of the Diocesan initiative, Centacare has earmarked \$100,000 of its reserve funds to assist families and communities in their journey to recovery. Centacare will provide ongoing psychosocial assistance and will be with the community for the long haul. Anyone requiring assistance can contact Centacare on 1800 231 118.

The diocesan Drought Relief Fund is facilitated by Centacare, and the immediate proceeds will be directed to Rural Aid Australia, which is currently undertaking several drought relief initiatives, including the 'Buy a Bale' project.

**Ways to donate: In person** - Centacare offices at 107 William Street, Bathurst or 28 Cobbora Street, Dubbo;  
By phone: 1800 231 118 or 6331 8944; or

**Online:** [www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUND](http://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUND)

Website - [bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://bathurst.catholic.org.au).

### **World Youth Day Panama - 2019**

Bishop Michael is inviting our young people to join him for World Day in Panama.



The diocese will be leading a group of young people over 18 years for an eighteen day pilgrimage from 14th January - 1st February 2019. The pilgrimage will include an

immersion experience in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, followed by World Youth Day week in Panama.

Further information check the diocesan website [www.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au)

### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

#### **DIOCESE OF BATHURST**

Applications are invite for the position of

#### **YOUTH MINISTER**

#### **Full-Time Temporary Position**

**Commencing 29.1.2019 - 20.12.2019**

at each of the following schools within the Diocese of Bathurst  
(six positions)

- \* MacKillop College, Bathurst
- \* James Sheahan Catholic High School, Orange
- \* St John's College, Dubbo \* La Salle Academy, Lithgow
- \* St Matthews Catholic School, Mudgee
- \* St Raphael's Catholic School, Cowra.

For further information including the full job description and application form see the website [www.mudgee.catholic.org.au](http://www.mudgee.catholic.org.au)

### **IN FOCUS**

#### **The Hard Truth**

There is no Christianity without a cross. And if we want to follow, we have to take up the cross. That's the hard truth.

Taking up the cross doesn't mean coping well with sickness or bad luck. We take up the cross when we choose sacrifice we could avoid in order to help others.

*Here's a brief story.*

Mark was a volunteer when our school helped house homeless families for a week. We needed volunteers to come Sunday morning to help serve breakfast. Mark came early, even though Saturday night had been a big night for him with mates. Mark was the only student to show up. He was tired. But he chose to sacrifice. And homeless families had a better day because of it.

Living as a Christian means choosing little sacrifices like Mark's on a daily basis. Taking up the cross means giving up your life each day in little ways. You take up your cross when you help someone without having to be asked. You take up your cross when you reach out to the unpopular kid in the yard. You take up your cross when you sacrifice time with friends for time at the soup kitchen or homeless shelter.

Like Peter, each day we must decide who we think Jesus is. We show that he is our Messiah (the one who came to save us) when we choose to sacrifice for others. Oddly enough, it is through those little sacrifices that we really save our own lives – and add to the lives of others.

***When have you chosen a sacrifice – taken up a cross that has shown others who Jesus is to you?***

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