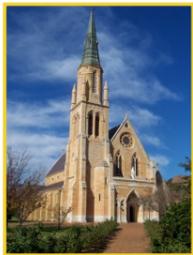


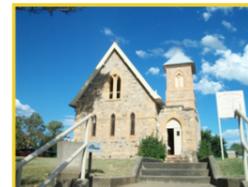
*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



**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 custodians of the land on which we live, work and pray. We walk on Wiradjuri country. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.**



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 27th January 2019**

**Parish Priest**

Fr Owen Gibbons

**Seminarian**

Mr Karl Sinclair

**Deacon** Charles Applin (Kandos)

**Parish Secretaries**

Mrs Patti Kiddle

Mrs Kristie Newman

**Pastoral Council:** Mrs Julie Keipert (President)

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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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**First Reading:**

*Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10*

*They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.*

**Responsorial**

Psalm: 18: 8-10, 15. R. Jn 6: 63

**All: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R)

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R)

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

(R)

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! (R)

**Second Reading:**

*1 Corinthians 12: 12-30*

*Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21*

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

**Memorial Acclamation:**

Save us, Saviour of the word, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**REFLECTION**

The prophet Isaiah had drafted a manifesto for divine action in the world. Jesus of Nazareth is divine action in the world, and no doubt his fellow villagers in Nazara would have been thrilled that one of theirs would 'set the downtrodden free'.

But, in proclaiming 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', Jesus inaugurated a revolutionary phase within the Jewish tradition. He invited people to relax!! Holiness is not a matter of our striving, but of accepting that we are accepted by the All Merciful God. Good works should follow in response, but good works don't gain our acceptance by God.

How does one best show acceptance of someone, forgiveness of someone, friendship with someone? One relaxes over a meal together. This was Jesus' characteristic way of embodying Divine Acceptance in our world. It still is. We might pause for a moment to relax into the saving fact that we exist in 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', that this acceptance is signified and effected by our sharing in the Bread of Life and the Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion which gives us the energy to help make Divine Acceptance a reality for others.



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**DAY BY DAY**

**Monday, 28th January**

No Service

**Tuesday, 29th January**

9.00am Mass

**Wednesday, 30th January**

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group.

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass

**Thursday, 31st January**

9.00am Mass Mudgee

SMCS - K to 12 Return to school

AHCS Gulgong - Return to School

**Friday, 1st February**

**9.00am SMCS Whole School Mass** - O'Donovan Centre (Gym). All welcome.

10.30am Mass Opal Nursing Home

**Please note: no mass today at 12.30pm**

1.00pm Funeral Service (Gulgong) - Agnus Turczak

1.00pm Mudgee Josephite Associates Meeting

**Saturday, 2nd February**

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Sunday, 3rd February**

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong - Sunday Service in absence of a Priest

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Kandos - Mass

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

**We pray for the recently deceased especially**

Kevin Heferen, Shirley O'Shea and Agnus Turczak  
**We remember the anniversaries of** Carlo Colaiacomo, Angela Colaiacomo, Russell Gibbons, Giovanni Leotta, Rosie Thomson, Paul Stewart, Clive Pilley, Dawn Lloyd, Elaine Morrissey, David Brown, Carmel McDonald, Patrick O'Hare and Dorothy Betts.

**We also pray for the soul of** Joe Swintek and Shirley Villa

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Penny Walsh, Sr Mary Clement, Anton Blazavic,, Joe Saliba, Jennifer Ryan, June George, Tony Petchell, Anne Stayner, Danielle Wolfenden, Sue Melinz, Brendan Stanford, Roseanne Telfer, Ben Fleitmann, Kristi Smith, Anne Troy Whitcombe, Liam Potts, Ursula Smiezek, Jasmine Prada, Dennis Donnelly, Tony Gillham, Melinda Drew, Alma Ristau, Carissa Gleeson, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins, Michael Gillham and the residents of all the nursing homes.

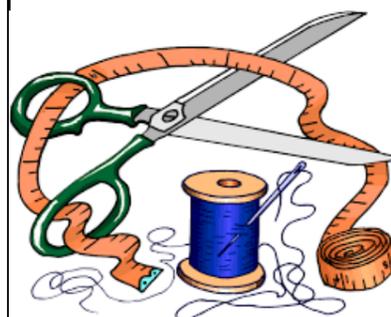


**Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd February 2019**

<b>Commentator</b>	D. Cunningham	M. McLean
<b>Readers</b>	A. Fergus M. Bannister	N. Whitmore L. Ford
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	P. Dick M. Melinz G. Hennessy	S. Bennett C. Dawson J. Keipert
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	D. Bennett C. Carberry	M. Gilbert B. Price
<b>Welcomers</b>	K. Wall G. Roberts	E. Csuba M. Knight
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
<b>Counters</b>	G & S Robinson Tues 29/1	M. Walker 4/2

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>3rd February 2019</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>3rd February 2019</b>
<i>Leader</i>	R. Saliba		Rev Charles
<i>Commentator</i>	P. Leotta		
<i>Reader</i>	J. Thatcher	<b>Readers</b>	P. O'Connor L. McPherson
<i>Offertory</i>		<b>Intercessions</b>	C. D'Ilio
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	J. Thatcher C. Gaudry	<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	Sr Kath M. Turner
<i>Sacristan</i>	M & E Carney	<b>Sacristan</b>	H. Roberts

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



First meeting of 2019 will be on Wednesday 30th January. Come along for a Cuppa and a chat. Starting at 9.30am at the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**The Pope's Universal Prayer for January 2019**

**Evangelization: Young People and the Example of Mary**

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

### Day of Mourning - 26th January

January 26th 1938 marked the 150th anniversary of the landing of the First Fleet in Australia. For some this was a day to celebrate, for others a day to mourn. On that day a group of Aboriginal men and women gathered at Australia Hall in Sydney. The participants at the first Day of Mourning came from across Australia to continue a struggle that had begun 150 years previously.

### Gulgong News:

**Gulgong Catholic Women's Group** next meeting will be 12th February 2019, 2.00pm.  
All welcome.

**Gulgong Catholic Women's Group AGM** will be at 2.00pm, 12th March.  
All welcome.

### Mudgee News:

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

Meeting 9.30am, Wednesday 30th January, at the Parish Centre.

#### Josephite Associates Meeting

First Meeting for 2019 will be held on 1st February. The meeting will be at 1pm in the Parish Centre.

### Kandos News:



Many thanks to Maggie Swientek who donated an organ from her house to the Kandos church. Long-time residents will remember that for many years Joe Swientek, who died last year, was the organist at Kandos. We remember Joe in our prayers and thank Maggie for gifting us with this organ. Special thanks also to the men from the Kandos Men's shed who did the actual job of moving the organ.

### 2019 Sacramental Program



3rd & 4th August - Confirmation  
Mudgee and Gulgong.

Dates for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in Mudgee and Gulgong to be confirmed.

Families with children in Yr 2, Yr 3 and Yr 6 eligible for the sacraments in 2019 are encouraged to please enrol at the Parish Office. In particular families with children who attend the State Schools.



*'There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different people, it is working in all of them.'* 1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13

#### Alter Server Gowns

Volunteers needed to wash and iron the Alter server gowns. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

#### Catechists

If you, or someone you know would be interested in becoming a scripture teacher or assistant in 2019 we would love to hear from you. The lessons are well planned for you and help is always available. Please contact the Parish office for details.

#### Counters

Extra helpers are needed. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.



***"Help one another  
This is what Jesus teaches us.  
This is what I do.  
And I do it with my heart"  
- Pope Francis***

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19 Ps 70: 1-6, 15, 17 R. v. 15 1 Corinthians 12: 31 - 13: 13 Luke 4: 21-30

## Plenary Council 2020

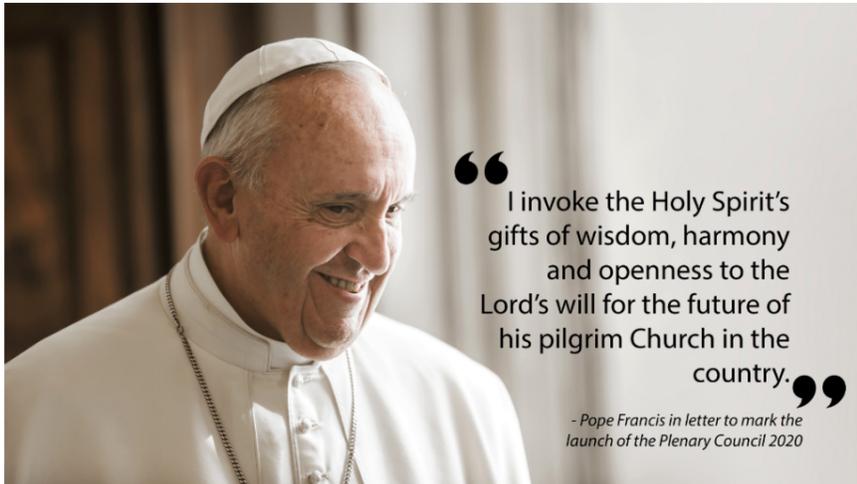
### Listening and Dialogue in Small Groups

PRAY  
TOGETHER

READ QUESTION  
AND REFLECT

SHARE AND  
LISTEN

PRAY AND  
RESPOND

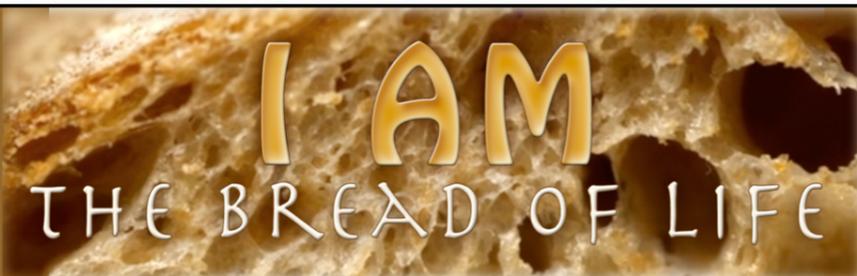


“ I invoke the Holy Spirit's gifts of wisdom, harmony and openness to the Lord's will for the future of his pilgrim Church in the country.”

- Pope Francis in letter to mark the launch of the Plenary Council 2020



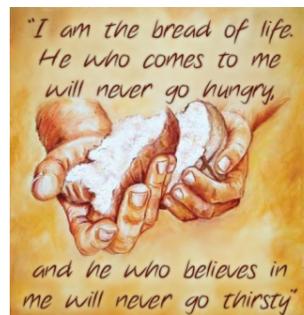
Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



Spend a great weekend at Shalom and explore how making sourdough bread can be a very spiritual exercise as well as a metaphor for other aspects of our lives.

It's going to be a reflective time, but also a relaxing and fun time as you learn how to bake the best sourdough, learn some new meditation prayer styles, go on some lovely walks and enjoy some scrumptious food.

This retreat is for everyone to enjoy and the best part is there is no need to have any technical baking skills or advanced training, or holiness, or to be churched in any way to attend. You can just come as you are and do as much or as little as you want.



**When:** Friday 8th Feb 6pm to Sunday 10th at 3pm

**Venue:** Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar

**Cost:** Suggested Donation of \$200 (all meals and accommodation plus you get to take home your very own baked sourdough)

**To Register: Ph:** 02 63673058

or email: [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com)

or Online at: [shalomcarcoar.com](http://shalomcarcoar.com)



Shalom House of Prayer is a not-for-profit organisation and the suggested donation enables us to cover costs. Anything above this recommended donation makes it possible for us to subsidise those who cannot afford a full donation – it has always been the policy of Shalom that nobody be excluded from a retreat or program due to cost.

# HISTORICAL CONTEXT

## Theophilus

The gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are written by the same person, or at least the same community. They are often regarded as a single work - Luke-Acts - as one flows directly into the other. Both books begin with an inscription to Theophilus. The Greek name, Theophilus, translates as 'lover of God'. Some scholars suggest that the name is a pseudonym for any lover of God or someone in particular whose identity must be shielded. Others argue that Theophilus was an influential Roman who had taken a great interest in the early Christian movement.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wed. 30th Jan**

9.30am - St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

**Thurs. 31st Jan**

SMCS - K - 12 Return to School

AHS Gulgong - Return to School

**Fri. 1st Jan.**

10.00am - SMCS Welcome Mass in O'Donovan Centre (Gym).

1.00pm - Mudgee Josephite Associates Meeting

**Mon. 11th Feb.**

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

**Sun. 17th Feb.**

Catechist Sunday

**Wed. 27th Feb.**

5.30pm - Pastoral Council Meeting



This week we welcome the return of staff and students for the 2019 new school year. A special welcome is extended to new families, students and teachers.