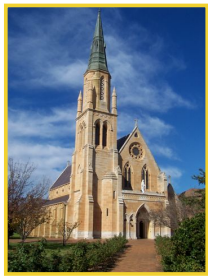


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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.

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 17th February 2019

### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

### Seminarian

Mr Karl Sinclair

**Deacon** Charles Applin (Kandos)

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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

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### First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8

*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

### Responsorial

Ps 1: 1-4. R. PS 39: 5

**All: Happy are they who  
hope in the Lord.**

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **(R)**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **(R)**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R)**

### Second Reading:

*1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20*

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven Alleluia!

### Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

*Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

### Memorial Acclamation:

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



## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.

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### DAY BY DAY

#### Monday, 18th February

No Service

#### Tuesday, 19th February

9.00am Communion Service

#### Wednesday, 20th February

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group. AGM

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass

#### Thursday, 21st February

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr 5

10.30am Mass Gulgong - All Hollows Yr 3/4

#### Friday, 22nd February

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

#### Saturday, 23rd February

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

#### Sunday, 24th February

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Kandos Sunday Worship in Absence of a Priest.

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



**We pray for the recently deceased especially**

Li Hua Jiang, Barry Fittler, Aileen Hill (Oberon), Paul Hallaran (Tamworth), Sr Kath English RSJ, (Bathurst), Agnes Turczak, Arthur Tatham,

**We remember the anniversaries of** John Robinson, Vince Adam, Isabel Waterton, Robert Moritz

**We also pray for the soul of** Kathleen Rose Fitzgerald (nee McNair) and Joe Swintek.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Von Butler, Sr Janet Heath (North Richmond), Penny Walsh, Sr Mary Clement, Anton Blazavic, Joe Saliba, Jennifer Ryan, Tony Petchell, Anne Stayner, Danielle Wolfenden, Sue Melinz, Brendan Stanford, Roseanne Telfer, 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 'Tex' Gillham and the residents of all the nursing homes.

### Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th February 2019

<b>Commentator</b>	D. Cuuningham	S. Bennett
<b>Readers</b>	L. Nicholson M. Bannister	C. Berridge J. Keipert
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	I. Byrne P. Dick	P. O'Brien K. Scott C. Dawson
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	S & M Milton	M. Dorney L. Ford
<b>Welcomers</b>	L. Cahill K. Isbester	J. Potts M. Dunnachie
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
<b>Counters</b>	D.Donnelly 18/2	J.Potts 25/2 D.Holden
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		K.Espada

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>17th February 2019</b>	<b>Kandos/Rylstone Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>17th February 2019</b>
<i>Leader</i>			
<i>Commentator</i>	R.Saliba		
<i>Reader</i>	C.Gaudry	<i>Readers</i>	K. Morrissey C. D'Illio
<i>Offertory</i>	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn	<i>Intercessions</i>	A. Krusvar
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	C.Holland J.Thatcher	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	Sr Kath
<i>Sacristan</i>	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn	<i>Sacristan</i>	A. Krusvar

### The Pope's Universal Prayer for February 2019

#### Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Quote for the week ....

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

### WHOSE JOB?

This is a story about four people named *Everybody*, *Somebody*, *Anybody* and *Nobody*.

*There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.*

*Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.*

*It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done!*

***So if you are Everybody,  
Somebody, Anybody or Nobody  
we need your help!***



***Yes, You Can!***



### MUDGE PASTORAL COUNCIL

#### AGM

**Wednesday 27th March.**

***Please step up!!!***

Some of our members are due to step down after serving a 3 year term on the Council. Please consider being part of this vibrant group who work so hard for the pastoral care of our parish community. We would like to hear from you. Please give this some thought. Nominations for these positions will be called for in the next few weeks.

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Would you consider becoming part of our ministry team - Eucharistic Minister, Proclaimer of the Word, Welcomer at Mass or assisting as a Sacristan? or would you consider helping out with the church grounds, or gardens?

If you would like to know how to get involved in any of the ministries talk to Fr Owen. Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email (see front of the bulletin).

#### MUSIC

If you are a singer or musician please make your self known to Karl after Mass.

### Mudgee News:

**St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group** 9.30am, each Wednesday in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

The Annual General Meeting of St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group will take place on Wednesday 20th February at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

**Liturgy Meeting** Wednesday 27th March 3.30pm.

**AGM St Mary's Pastoral Council** Wednesday 27th March 5.30pm.

**Conversations About Catholics** four sessions beginning Thursday 14th March, 9.15am in the Parish Centre.

### Prayer for Catechist Sunday

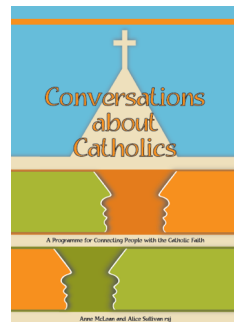
O God, our heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these Catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family.

We life them up to you in thanksgiving and give thanks for their ministry.

May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as Catechists.

May we all be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to our communion in faith, the Church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen



### St Mary's Parish Mudgee Conversations About Catholics

*Whatever your story may be..... new to St Matthews Catholic School, partner of a Catholic, not been an active church-goer for a while, need some "brush up" on the rituals etc of the Church, want to know in what Church activities your child may be participating..... Join us in these relaxed sessions.....*

**Four sessions of conversations about many aspects of the Catholic faith, tradition and rituals starting Thursday 14th March, 9.15am in St Mary's Parish Centre.**

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 102: 1-4, 8,10, 12-13. R. v. 8 Corinthians 15: 45-49 Luke 6: 27-38



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sun. 17th February**

Catechist Sunday

**Wednesday 20th February**

**10.00am** St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 27th February**

**3.30pm** Liturgy Group Meeting

**5.30pm** St Mary's Pastoral Council

**Wednesday 6th March**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

9.15am SMCS Yr 7 and Grandparents Mass

**3rd March - 8th March**

Catholic Schools Week

**Tuesday 12th March**

2.00 Gulgong Catholic Women's Group Annual General meeting at the Convent.

## Sacramental Program Dates 2019

**First Holy Communion: 1st June Mudgee**

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm

**Sunday 2nd June Mudgee**

Mass 9.00am

**Sunday 26th May Gulgong**

10.30am Mass

**Confirmation Mudgee**

**6.00pm Vigil Mass Saturday 3rd August**

**9.00am Sunday 4th August**

**Confirmation Gulgong.**

**11.00am Mass Sunday 4th August**

**First Reconciliation Mudgee**

**18th/19th September.**

**Gulgong to be Confirmed.**



## Does God Play Favourites?

One of the biggest challenges I face in working with high school students is to never play favourites. It's tough. I'm human. So naturally I like some students more than others. But I work hard to avoid giving certain students special rights or doing special favours for particular students.



God sees things differently. And Luke's Gospel this week tells us who God's favourites are: the people who are poor, who mourn, who face persecution for doing the right thing. Sure, God loves everyone equally, but the Scriptures show time and time again that God's actions favour the powerless and people who suffer. We know that because God continually sends people – like Moses and Jesus – to help them.

*Blessed* in this Gospel means "favoured". Jesus tells his disciples that God is working to construct a world that favours the powerless. God's Reign will change things so that the people on the bottom will have what they need. That's bad news, he says, to people who abuse power, don't share wealth, or cause others pain.

Jesus favoured people without power by hanging out with them, eating with them, and challenging customs that caused them to suffer. We need to take our cue from him by giving people who suffer the highest priority in our lives. We show God's favour to those who are powerless by serving them, learning from them, and working for a just society. We show God's favour to people who mourn by comforting them. By doing these things, we also show people who abuse power, hoard power, or hurt others that it's time to change.

**Who inspires you by how they  
favour poor people or those who mourn?**



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

You are invited to join a small group for Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Encounters. Register your interest with the parish office on 02 63722122. We are gathering to pray, talk and listen to one another about our experiences of faith, and the Church. Read more about this at [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au).

**Our first discussion group will be**

**Thursday 28th February at 11.00am in the Mudgee Parish Centre.**

