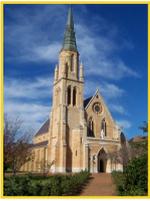


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 24th February

Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

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Monday

10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

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First Reading: *Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23*

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Responsorial 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8

All: The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R)**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **(R)**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R)**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Memorial Acclamation:

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

Happy 90th Birthday

Our very best wishes are extended to Sr Catherine O'Brien RSJ celebrating her 90th Birthday this week. Sr Catherine, is fondly remembered by Gulgong parishioners having spend many years in Pastoral Care in the parish. Sister is now resident in Bathurst.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being.

Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

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DAY BY DAY

Monday, 25th February

No Service

Tuesday, 26th February

9.00am Communion Service

7.00pm Finance Council meeting - Presbytery

Wednesday, 27th February

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

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass

3.30pm Liturgy Meeting

5.30pm Pastoral Council

Thursday, 28th February

9.10am Mass Mudgee -

11.00am PLENARY COUNCIL MEETING MUDGEE

Friday, 1st March

NO Opal Nursing Home

11.00am Requiem Mass Sr Mary Clement RSM, OAM

Cathedral of St Michael & St John Bathurst

12.30pm Communion Service

Saturday, 2nd March

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 3rd March

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong Sunday Service in the Absence of the Priest.

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10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Kandos Mass

Marriage

Congratulations to *Nicholas Milakovic* and *Sarah Anne Holmes* and also to *Carl William Thomas Merchant* and *Whitney Dawn Skinner* who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in St Mary's this weekend.



We welcome into our parish family **Darbey Howard O'Sullivan** son of Patrick and Katana and **Scarlett Robbie Baker** daughter of Joshua and Anna who were baptised this weekend.

Commentator	A. Flynn	S. Bennett	
Readers	P. Cannon G. Brymora	C. Berridge J. Keipert	
Special Ministers of Communion	D. Cunningham K. Fitzsimmons	P. O'Brien K. Scott C. Dawson	
Offertory Procession	A & M Wilson	M. Dorney L. Ford	
Welcomers	V & F Solti	J. Potts M. Dunnachie	
Altar Servers	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	
Counters	J. Potts 25/2 D. Holden	L. Nicholson 4/3 E. Goodlet	
Children's Liturgy		K. Espada	
Gulgong Liturgy Roster	3rd March 2019	Kandos/Rylstone Liturgy Roster	3rd March 2019
<i>Leader</i>	J. Thatcher		
<i>Commentator</i>	E. Donnelly		
<i>Reader</i>	C. Leotta	Readers	A. Krusvar H. Roberts
<i>Offertory</i>		Intercessions	K. Morrissey
Special Minister of Communion	M. Carney C. Gaudry	Special Minister of Communion	L. McPherson H. Roberts
<i>Sacristan</i>	C & E Holland	Sacristan	H. Roberts

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially

Sr Mary Clement, RSM, OAM, Lois Heazlewood (Albury), David Watson, Li Hua Jiang and Barry Fittler.

We remember the anniversaries of Nancy Caughey, Jean Croake and Raymond Power.

We also pray for the soul of Marta Smieszek, Joe Swintek, Marakovic Family..

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:

Jean Doorey, Von Butler, Sr Janet Heath (North Richmond), Penny Walsh, 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 Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Dennis Donnelly, Tony Gillham, Melinda Drew, Alma Ristau, Carissa Gleeson, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins, Michael 'Tex'

**Requiem Mass for
Sr Mary Clement
Friday 1st March 2019.**



The parish is offering to organise a bus to Bathurst for the funeral next Friday. If you are interested in travelling on the bus please contact the Parish Office by next Tuesday 63722122. We would need 20 people to fill the bus otherwise we could car pool. Leaving from the Church at 8.00am to allow for a short break before Mass.

Mudgee News:

Mudgee Josephite Associates monthly meeting changed to Friday 8th March , 1.00pm after Mass.

**Gathering of New Families/parishioners
Friday evening 8th March at 6.00pm**

an invitation is extended to new families to the parish to join us for an informal dinner to welcome you to Mudgee Parish.

Please RSVP by 6th March
office.mudgee@cdob.org.au
or by phone 63722122.

Gulgong News: ROSTER: Due to health reasons, two people have withdrawn from the ministry of Commentator. If anyone would like to become a commentator, or any of the other ministries and be included in the new roster which will take effect on May 12, please see Peter Leotta after Mass. The roster needs to be finalised in the next couple of weeks.

World Day of Prayer

Focus Country: Slovenia

Theme: 'Come everything is Ready'

GULGONG

Friday 1st March 2.00pm - World Day of Prayer at St John the Baptist, Gulgong.

KANDOS

St James Anglican Church, Rylstone
2.p.m, Tea/Coffee to follow.

MUDGEE

Sunday 3rd March at 3.00pm Baptist Church. We require a volunteer to do a reading. Please contact the Parish Office.

**Ash Wednesday
PLEASE NOTE:
TUESDAY 5TH MARCH
Rylstone, 10.00am Mass**

**Wednesday 6th March
9.20am Mass - Parish/School**
in the O'Donovan Centre,
St Matthews Catholic School.

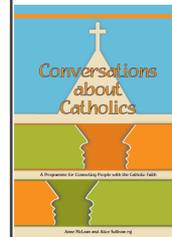
11.30am Mass - Gulgong
Parish /AH School.

6.00pm Mass Mudgee



**Our first discussion group
will be
Thursday 28th February at
11.00am in the Mudgee Parish
Centre.**

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.



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

**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.**

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.....

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 26th February

7.00pm Parish Finance Council meeting.

Wednesday 27th February

3.30pm Liturgy Group Meeting

5.30pm St Mary's Pastoral Council

Tuesday 5th March (for Ash Wednesday)

10.00am Mass Rylstone

Wednesday 6th March

ASH WEDNESDAY

9.20am SMCS Yr 7 and Grandparents Mass. This is a school/parish Mass for Ash Wednesday.

3rd March - 8th March

Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday 12th March

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

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
WEEK 2019 3 - 9 March**

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee T: 6372 1742
All Hallows Primary School Gulgong T: 6374 1582**

Some of the activities planned include Open Classrooms, School Disco, Parent Assemblies, a STEM Afternoon, Staff versus Student Sports, and Enrichment Days. Please contact the schools for further details - we welcome the whole community to these events.

Discover the heart of our Catholic schools



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Sirach 27: 4-7 Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. v. 2 Corinthians 15: 54-58 Luke 6: 39-45



Sr Mary Clement
RSCM, OAM
 5th May 1925 -
 17th February 2019
 R.I.P.

There was a great sense of sadness in the Mudgee community this week when we learnt of the death of Sr Clement last Sunday aged 93yrs. She was a trusted

and loyal friend to many in the Mudgee community.

Sr Clement was born Nancy Lennox, at Rexton Private Hospital, Mudgee on 5th May 1925. She was the 10th child born to her parents James and Teresa.

In 1943 aged eighteen with much opposition from her father, Nancy entered the Sisters of Mercy. She was accompanied to Bathurst by her mother and sister Madge on the Feast of the Assumption. She was told on entry this would not be an easy journey, however faith, prayer and perseverance prevailed.

On the day of her Profession Sister chose for her title "Of Jesus Crucified" and the motto on her ring "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me."

Sr Clement became a teacher spending some time at St Matthews Catholic school. She spent 40 years in education and administration in the Bathurst and Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese before she returned to Mudgee in 1985 to continue her life's work. It was her ambition after joining the convent that one day she would return to her home town. She completed a course in pastoral care in Melbourne and continued her work in a new direction. Sister was a long serving member of the St Vincent de Paul Society, where she spent many hours working at the

Centre and caring for the needy, she visited the sick in their homes, and those who are 'shut in' (unable to leave their homes), who were so grateful for her friendship and a weekly visit. She taught scripture in the Government schools, and visited the hospital and nursing homes to take Holy Communion to the sick, sat with the dying, and spent many hours with families of the bereaved in prayer and friendship.

It was well know Sister liked to have a little punt, and how she would always win a ham or two at the Christmas raffles, she liked to visit the club to play bingo and wouldn't miss the Sunday evening 'big draw' which she won on the odd occasion. Anything she won was for someone else - she told us once she always spoke to God before telling him 'so and so needs this or that' and left it to the providence of God.

Sr Clement received a premier's Award in 1992 and in 2001 for outstanding service to the Mudgee community and was also awarded an OAM for services to Catholic Education and the Mudgee community in a number of areas.

Sr Clement was farewelled from Mudgee in the year of her 70th Year of Profession, October 2016. The time had come for the bush bike she rode around town all those years and finally the gopher where put to rest for good , her ailing health forced her to leave her beloved Mudgee to take up residence at St Catherine's Nursing Home Bathurst, where she away peacefully last Sunday morning.

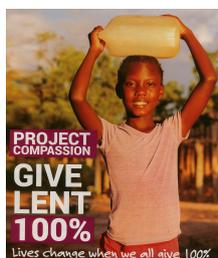
Sister Clement will be laid to rest next Friday 1st March beginning with Requiem Mass at the Cathedral of St Michael & St John Bathurst.

May she rest in peace and be rewarded in heaven for her service to mankind.

Project Compassion
boxes/envelopes
available next weekend.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Give Lent 100%".

You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.



Lives change when we all give 100%.

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Lenten Program 2019

As we enter this Lenten season (March 3rd) we are again offering the Diocese of Wollongong Lenten Program.



If you would like to host a Lenten Group in your home or participate in a group please write your name on the clipboard provided at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Office.

Books will be for sale at Masses next weekend 2/3rd March or from the Parish office. Cost \$8 each.