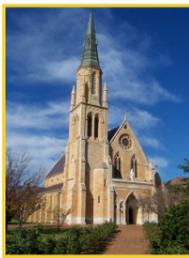


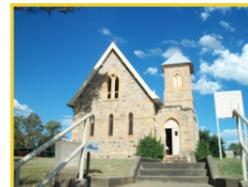
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



First Sunday of Lent Year C - 10th March 2019

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 90:, R. v.15

All: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R)

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R)

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.(R)

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R)

Second Reading: Romans 10: 8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Memorial Acclamation:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

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DAY BY DAY

Monday, 11th March

No Service

Tuesday, 12th March

9.00am Mass

2.00pm Gulgong AGM Catholic Women's Group

Wednesday, 13th March

9.30am St Mary's Craft Group

4.00 - 5.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Communion Service

Thursday, 14th March

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr3

9.15am Conversions about Catholics

11.00am Funeral Prayers Veronica Butler - Gulgong

Friday, 15th March

10.00am Lenten Group - Kandos

11.00am Mass Kanandah Hostel

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

Saturday, 16th March

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 17th March

Second Sunday of Lent Yr C

9.00am Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy

10.30am Gulgong -

Sunday Service in the Absence of the Priest.

10.30am Rosary Rylstone

11.00am Rylstone - Mass

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th March 2019

Commentator	L. Ryan	S. Bennett
Readers	S. Walker D. Salomoni	R. Disher R. McKeown
Special Ministers of Communion	J. Vros F. Melinz G. Brymora	P. O'Brien M. Gilbert C. Dawson
Offertory Procession	Vo Family	R & S Loneragan
Welcomers	C. Carberry L. Cahill	Portelli Family
Altar Servers	S. Hawes	A & Littler A. Portelli A. Disher
Counters	11/3 S & G Robinson E. Goodlet	18/3 P. O'Brien D. Holden
Children's Liturgy		17/03 L. Ford K. Coughlan

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	17th March 2019	Kandos/Rylstone Liturgy Roster	17th March 2019
<i>Leader</i>	S.Parnell		
<i>Commentator</i>	P.Leotta		
<i>Reader</i>	J.Ritar	<i>Readers</i>	P. O'Connor K. Morrissey
<i>Offertory</i>	D.Germon Family	<i>Intercessions</i>	M. Turner
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	C. Gaudry C.Holland	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	A. Krusvar
<i>Sacristan</i>	Z.Drew M.O'Brien	<i>Sacristan</i>	L. McPherson G English

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Veronica Butler, Therese David, (Syd), Gloria Windle, Geoff Matthews (Syd), Cliff Miller and Sr Mary Clement, RSM.

We remember the anniversaries of Mona Cafe, John Babbage and David Kiddle.

We also pray for the soul of Marta Smieszek, Joe Swintek, Marakovic Family and Ivan & Agneza Fero.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Barbara Robertson (Newcastle), Jean Doorey, Von Butler, Sr Janet Heath (North Richmond), Penny Walsh, Anton Blazavic, Joe Saliba, Jennifer Ryan, Mia O'Dwyer, Tony Petchell, Anne Stayner, Sue Melinz, Roseanne Telfer, 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' Gillham and all residents in our Nursing Homes.



We welcome to the Parish Family **Sonny Joel Kelly** son of Mitchell and Amy baptised in St Mary's this weekend.
and
Elodie May Morrison daughter of David and Anna, baptised in St John the Baptist, Gulgong this weekend.



Pope's Universal Prayer Intention for March

Evangelization – Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Gulgong News:

Annual General Meeting

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group, this Tuesday 11th March, 2.00pm in the Convent.

Farewell Morning Tea for Susan Lightowlers, next Thursday 14th March 10.30am, Mayne Steet Cafe`. Cost \$12 pp. Please RSVP to Phyllis or place your name on the list at the back of the Church.

Kandos News

Sunday Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion.

In September last year, Bishop McKenna promulgated the new rite for Sunday Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion.

There will be a training session in the new rite at Kandos Church on Friday 22 March 2019, from 10a.m to 2 p.m.

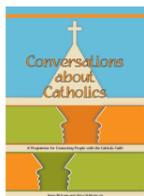
All Leaders, Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend, as well as any other parishioners who are interested.

It is intended to hold another training session in Gulgong in the near future.

For catering purposes, please advise Sr. Kath if you will be attending.

**Conversations About Catholics
This Thursday 14th March**

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.



Join us in these relaxed sessions.....
Please contact the Parish Office on 6372-2122 to RSVP.

Mudgee News:

LENTEN GROUP: There are a few parishioners who wish to be part of a Lenten Group during the day - if you would like to take part please contact the Parish Office so we organise a suitable day to host the sessions.

**Annual General Meeting
St Mary's Pastoral Council
Wednesday, 27th March at 5.30pm**

The Parish Pastoral Council meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. If you are elected and accept a position on the council it is expected that you will attend the monthly meetings.

You are cordially invited to nominate yourself or other persons to a three year term within an election to be held for that purpose.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the Church. Information on the nominees will be provided for parishioners prior to an election should that be necessary i.e. if more than 3 new members are nominated for these positions. The results of the election will be posted and successful candidates notified.

In the event there are five or less nominations for the Pastoral Council the nominees will automatically be elected.

The success of the Parish Pastoral Council and its contribution to the growth of the parish depends on the contribution of the members. You are encouraged to apply your talents for the good of your Parish

Nomination forms available from the Parish Office.

Please post your nomination to:

The Returning Officer
St. Mary's Catholic Church
P.O Box 14, Mudgee NSW 2850

or

Leave in a sealed envelope at the Parish Office.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderon-Stewart

The Hebrews were not happy with their slavery in Egypt. But they were not thrilled with being isolated in the desert either. In some ways, that was worse. But Jesus actually chose to retreat into the desert. He followed the guidance of the Holy Spirit in his life and ended up in the desert for a long time.

Have you ever felt as if you were in a desert, alone and isolated – escaped from an old place perhaps, but not yet arrived at a new place? Which was worse – the place you had escaped from or the desert place? Why? What moved you to get on with your life journey in order to actually arrive at the new place? Or are you still in the desert? How do you know?

Jesus retreated to the desert because the Holy Spirit led him there. Has the Spirit ever led you to a place that ended up being a desert? Did you ever do 'the right thing' and end up alone and isolated? What happened? Were you surprised? angry? at peace? How does the bareness of desert-life give way to the rich fullness of growth-life?

Is there anything good about a desert experience? Without other distractions, all you have is yourself and God. In that situation, is it easier or harder to get closer to God?

Is it possible to become more in touch with God and not become more in touch with yourself? Why or why not? How does being in touch with yourself help your relationship with God? How do you get in touch with yourself?

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The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun lettered a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Genesis 15:5-12, 1,7-18 Ps 26: , 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1 Philippians 3: 17-4: 1 Luke 9: 28-36

Bishop McKenna's Lenten Message ~ 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin our Lenten observance this year, the words of Jesus from last Sunday's Gospel may be ringing in our ears:

How can you say to your neighbour, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye. (Luke 6:42)

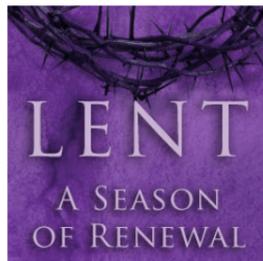
Lent is a time for each one of us to enter that private room of prayer and conscience where God will meet us and speak to our hearts. We cannot see into other people's hearts, but with God's mercy we can begin to see our own. Only by opening ourselves to the Holy Spirit can we begin to recognise those things in our own lives that cloud our vision of reality and truth. And only the forgiveness of Christ can remove the blindness that belongs to sin.

Last year, we began Lent with four days of prayer and fasting for all who have suffered sexual abuse as children, especially in our own church family. Those prayers must continue as long as their suffering endures; so must our work as genuine followers of Christ to build communities that are safe for children and the vulnerable.

Last week, we were stunned by the news of Cardinal Pell's conviction, which he is appealing. I have said that I would refrain from public comment on that case until the appeal process is concluded. Whatever the outcome, these are testing times for all of us who belong to the Church, but Jesus has taught us that authentic faith tested grows clearer and stronger.

Mary, Mother of our Redeemer, Untier of Knots, Our Lady of the Central West, accompany us on this Lenten journey and show us the face of your Son, that in his merciful gaze our eyes may be opened and our faith purified and deepened.

*+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst
Ash Wednesday 2019*



Lent is a time
of grace,
a time to convert
and live out our
baptism fully.

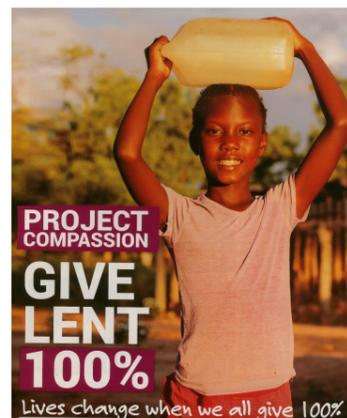


Pope Francis

Project Compassion

First Sunday of Lent

Project Compassion envelopes/boxes available at the back of the Church.



ZIMBABWE - Thandolwayo's story

Life in her village in north-western Zimbabwe wasn't easy for 12 year old Thandolwayo.

Thandolwayo lives with her grandparents and attends the local school which has just 35 students.

Every morning Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres and risked being attacked by crocodiles as she collected contaminated water for her family. She'd then go to school feeling exhausted.

Thandolwayo's grandparents sell pearl millet bran to fishermen and farmers for animal feed. They also sell chickens - but the income it brings isn't enough to support the family.

Thandolwayo's hope to be a nurse seemed almost impossible to realise, until Caritas Hwange helped the village to install two solar powered pumps and two 10,000 litre water storage tanks. The pumps draw the water up from the river to the storage tanks.

Thanks to Caritas' support, water is now on tap in the village, benefitting the whole community - and Thandolwayo can concentrate on her education.

"Now I can bathe every day, the distance to collect water for the family has been reduced," Thandolwayo says. "We now drink clean, safe water and diseases are no longer affecting us."

The plentiful water supply has also triggered new ventures. Water is being used to mould bricks for building houses and to pound maize to sell. Plans are underway to establish a community garden and a fish pond, to generate a better income.

"Hope is important because it makes me work harder so that I achieve what I want to be when I grow up," Thandolwayo says.

Your support of Project Compassion helps people like Thandolwayo to survive.

Planned Giving Statements

Planned Giving Statements will not be printed, however if you wish to have a copy of your giving for the past financial year please contact the Parish Office and we will be happy to prepare a copy for your records. Please note donations to Planned Giving are not tax deductible.



Liturgical & Parish Ministry Mudgee

'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

**MUDGEE 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).

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
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Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

If you are a singer, know
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise ^{ake your self}
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
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Fire before us, You're the brightest
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