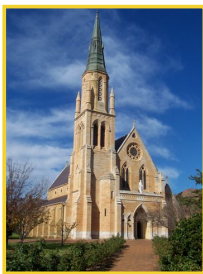


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C - 14th July 2019

Parish Priest

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Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

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First Reading:

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

All: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R.)**

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **(R.)**

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

All things were created through him and for him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

Who is my neighbour?

Memorial Acclamation:

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



REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbour?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'

The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and perhaps especially, those whom we are not inclined to love.

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ST MARY'S PARENTS, PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FLOOR HEATERS WHEN SEATED IN THE CENTRE ROWS OF THE CHURCH WITH SMALL CHILDREN.

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 15th July

NO SERVICE

Tuesday, 16th July

9.00am Mass.

Wednesday 17th July

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

4.00 - 5.00pm Holy Hour Mudgee -

5.00pm Mass (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday, 18th July

9.10am Mass Mudgee

Friday, 19th July

11.00am Mass Kanandah Hostel

12 - 12.15 Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

Saturday 20th July

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 21st July

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

10.30am Rosary Rylstone

11.00am Mass Rylstone

HOLY COMMUNION: The more complete form of participation in the Mass by which the faithful receive the Lord's body from the same Sacrifice is strongly endorsed. Vatican 11, SC 55

It is most desirable that the faithful receive the Lord's Body from host consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the cases where this is foreseen, they partake of the chalice so that even by means of the signs, communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated. *GIRM 85*

Communion under both kinds

Drinking from the chalice is the preferred method of receiving the Blood of Christ because of the Lord's command: Take and drink. If intinction is used, it is the minister who dips the host in the chalice and places it in the communicant's mouth. GIRM 286-287

Liturgy Roster 20th/21st July 2019

Commentator	S.Abbey	Susie Bennett
Readers	I.Byrne A.Fergus	R.McKeown R.Disher
S p e c i a l Ministers of Communion	L.Nicholson G.Hennessy S.Murphy	M.Gilbert C.Dawson R.Gawthorne
Offertory Procession	Eliza English	Hugo George
Welcomers	K.Wall G.Roberts	Confirmation Candidates
Altar Servers	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Gospel Procession	Hugh Portelli	Mia Halpin
Counters	15/7 E. Goodlet D.Bennett	22/7 D.Holden D.Donnely

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 21st July 2019	Rylstone Liturgy Roster	Sunday 21st July 2019
<i>Leader</i>	D.Kelly		
<i>Commentator</i>	C.Gaudry		
<i>Reader</i>	E.Donelly	<i>Readers</i>	T.Ryan H.Roberts
<i>Offertory</i>	E.Donelly G.Ausburn	<i>Intercessions</i>	A.Krusvar
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	R.Saliba C.Gaudry	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	K.Morrissey
<i>Sacristan</i>	R.Saliba H.Seymour	<i>Sacristan</i>	K & C Morrissey

PARISHES ON MISSION

**Saturday 27th July , Kenna Hall, Orange
10.00am - 3.00pm.**

It is an opportunity for each parish of the Diocese to come together and share the wonderful things they are doing already as well as learn from other parishes.

If you wish to be part of our parish group attending this important opportunity please contact the parish office asap.

MUDGEE NEWS

**PARISHIONER PRAYER PARTNERSHIP
WITH OUR YR 12 STUDENTS.**

**Would you like volunteer
to become a**



**Prayer Partner
for one of our HSC students.**

You will have the opportunity to meet the students at the Mass on Friday 26th July at 12.30pm where you will be presented with a Prayer Card which has printed on it the name of the student. After Mass a light lunch will be provided in the Parish Centre. This will give you the opportunity to connect with the students over lunch. It is a great opportunity to travel in prayer with them in the lead up to the HSC exams. You will be invited to join the students again at their Graduation Mass in September as they complete their formal education prior to the start of the HSC.

Please place your name on the lists at the back of the Church.

GULGONG NEWS

PLEASE NOTE: Confirmation Gulgong - Sunday 4th August Mass at **11.00am**.

KANDOS NEWS

**Confirmation and
First Holy Communion**

This year these sacraments will be celebrated on 20th October when Bishop Michael McKenna is visiting Kandos.

A program of preparation for these sacraments will commence in Term 3. Parents who have children who they wish to be prepared for the sacraments are asked to contact Sr Kath at Kandos 63794679 prior to the start of Term 3 when preparation will begin.

*Act as if what you do
makes a difference.
IT DOES.*

Ordination to the Diaconate

Karl Sinclair and Dong Van Nguyen will be ordained as Deacons next Friday, 19th July at 7.00pm in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst.

Parishioners are most welcome to attend the Liturgy. A light supper will be held after the Mass.

Karl will remain in Mudgee until December and Dong has been appointed to Lithgow to assist Fr Garry.

**Congratulations to
Mrs Jenny Allen**

Executive Director of Schools for Catholic Education in the Diocese of Bathurst, who is to be awarded an Australian Council for Educational Leaders Fellowship Award for New South Wales 2019.

ACEL NSW Fellowships are awarded to members of ACEL who have demonstrated outstanding educational leadership and made a significant impact and contribution over an extended period of time to educational leadership and educational outcomes within their workplace and beyond, e.g. at a local, regional, system, state and/or national level.

Fellowships are not awarded simply for the performance of a person's normal employment duties at a high standard - this is taken as a given. Rather they are for a significant, sustained contribution to educational leadership and educational outcomes.

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

We pray for the recently deceased especially Janine McDonald, Eileen McGuinness (Lismore), Phyllis Archer, Noel Hodges, Walla.

We remember the anniversaries of Doris Carroll, Fairy McDermott, Brian Duffy, Mavis Nolan, Lorna Milton and John Waterhouse.

We also pray for the souls of deceased members Joe Swientk, Swientek and Smieszek families. Charlie & Rita Saliba, Cyril and Christopher Carey, all deceased family and friends.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Margaret Melinz, Alma & Ed Ristau, Marg Doble, Liam Potts, Anna Swientek, Joe Saliba, Anton Blazavic, Jennifer Ryan, Anne Stayner, Sue Melinz, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Denis Donnelly, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer. All in our nursing homes and those seeking

**Art Exhibition for the benefit of the
Jessep Family of Cooyal to be held at
Stoney Creek Studio, 889 Wollar Rd,
Mudgee**

Saturday 27.7.2019 at 2pm

The Jessep's three children aged 6,4 and 2 years have severe allergies which endanger their lives. There is no treatment in Australia and money is being raised to send them to America for treatment. All proceeds of the art sale go to this fund.

**Pope's Universal Prayer
Intention for July**

Evangelization: That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.



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happening in the parish.**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Genesis 18:1-10

Psalms 14: 2-5, R. v .1

Colossians 1: 24-28

Luke 10: 38-42

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

A Story That Needs Retelling

Just days after 9 – 11, an angry mob gathered blocks from a Chicago area mosque. The mob marched toward the mosque to seek revenge for the 9 – 11 attacks. Mob members apparently reasoned that all Muslims are terrorists because a few Muslims used their faith to justify mass murder.

Religious bigotry, which caused so much hatred in Jesus' time, is alive and well. What did Jesus say about it? This week's Gospel tells it all.

Many Jews in Jesus' time shunned Samaritans because they were the descendants of Jews who had married people from different ethnic and religious backgrounds. So Jesus must have shaken this scholar of the Law and his prejudices when he made the Samaritan the good guy in this story.

The mosque I mentioned found protection that night, and later many local Christians spoke out against the religious bigotry that spurred the march. Thus, they retold the story of the Good Samaritan in their own words. Is that a story you're willing to share?

Where have you witnessed religious or ethnic prejudice?

In Focus

My Neighbour

Late for an important meeting, I was running for a bus when I tripped and skidded headlong on the footpath. I hopped back on my feet and caught up with the bus, huffing and puffing and embarrassed. The stares from people in the crowded seats and aisle tipped me off to the fact that my hands and nose were bleeding. I hid my hands in my jacket pocket after trying to wipe the blood from my nose. I felt rather uncomfortable, and in the age of blood-borne diseases, a pariah.

A man I knew very well from church turned his head to look intently out the window. A woman reading her Bible kept her head down reading. A bag lady who everyone had avoided looked at me and reached into one of her shopping bags. She pulled out a fresh, pristine packet of facial tissues. Her face contorted into a chipped-tooth smile as she handed me the little packet. I smiled at her, ever so grateful for her kindness.

I had made jokes about "bag women" in the past and felt guilty. And I'd slipped a few dollars to such women from time to time and felt secretly proud. Today, I finally looked at the woman and saw her for who she was - my neighbour.

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FROM THE DIOCESE

Catholic Education, Diocese of Bathurst invites you to attend **Praying the Mass - Prayer, Nourishment and Transformation** presented by **Professor Gerard Moore**

This short course is a day for teachers in Catholic schools, Catechists and other parishioners and will:

- Engage you as you explore the different parts of the Mass
- Offer some historical background to the liturgy
- Take you into current practice
- Reveal the pastoral sensitivities in our celebration
- Open up the way the Mass is arrayed to transform us and renew us.

It will be repeated in three locations across the Diocese:

BATHURST: 28 August - St Joseph's Heritage and Conference Centre, Tenison Woods Ave, Perthville

ORANGE: 29 August - Catherine McAuley Primary School, Hill Street, Orange

DUBBO: 30 August - St Brigid's Parish Hall, Brisbane Street, Dubbo

Time: 9.30am to 3.00pm **Cost:** FREE

For more information visit www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

Register by contacting Dr Angelo

Belmonte: a.belmonte@bth.catholic.edu.au or phone Ronda at

CEDB on ph: 6338 3000

Position Vacant: Co-ordinator of Mission and Renewal - Catholic Diocese of Bathurst

The Co-ordinator of Mission and Renewal will support parishes in the task of mission and renewal. The co-ordinator will collaborate with parish and Diocesan leaders to assist parishes and individuals to live the mission of the Church and encourage lifelong discipleship.

The Co-ordinator of Mission and Renewal reports to Director of Mission and Renewal, who reports to Bishop McKenna. Initially, this role will be a 2-year contract with a standard probationary period and options for renewal.

Key Areas of Accountability will include:

- Assistance with development and delivery of parish formation programs
- Assistance with the development and delivery of parish and mission projects
- Assistance and collaboration with Diocesan agencies
- Involvement with and support of the Diocesan Pastoral Council

More information and the selection criteria for this position is available at www.bathurst.catholic.org.au. If you are interested in this role, please contact Deacon Josh Clayton on 0458 261 513 by 31 July 2019, who will provide further information about the application process.