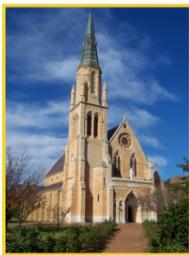


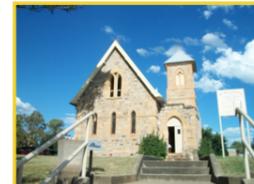
*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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.



## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C - 21st July 2019

### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

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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

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### First Reading: *Genesis 18:1-10*

*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*

### Responsorial Psalm:

*Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1*

**All: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

### Second Reading: *Colossians 1:24-28*

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

### Gospel: *Luke 10: 38-42*

**Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.**

### Memorial Acclamation:

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



### REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

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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, 22nd July**

Feast of St Mary Magdalene

**NO SERVICE**

**Tuesday, 23rd July**

9.00am Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion

5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting

**Wednesday 24th July**

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

4.00 - 5.00pm Holy Hour Mudgee -

5.00pm Mass (Presbytery Chapel)

**5.30pm Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Thursday, 25th July**

Feast of St James

9.10am Mass Mudgee

11.00am Memorial Service Gulgong for John Camilleri

**Friday, 26th July**

Sts Joachim and Anne

10.00am Grandparents Gulgong

12 - 12.15 Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

**Saturday 27th July**

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Sunday, 28th July**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Kandos

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

**Liturgy Roster 27th /28th July 2019**

<b>Commentator</b>	L.Ryan	A.McLean
<b>Readers</b>	S.Abbey D.Salomoni	L.Finter P.Portelli
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	G.Brymora D.Cunningham	E.Cahill L.Rodgers K.Scott
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	T.Parsons	H.Marsh S.Swift C.Wilson
<b>Welcomers</b>	Confirmation Candidates	Confirmation Candidates
<b>Altar Servers</b>	A.Mills J.Newman	A & Littler A.Portelli
<b>Gospel Procession</b>	P.Virgona M.Goodlet	Mia Halpin
<b>Counters</b>	22/7 D.Holden D.Donnelly	29/7 D.Holden J.Potts

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 28th July 2019</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 28th July 2019</b>
<i>Leader</i>			
<i>Commentator</i>	P.Leotta		
<i>Reader</i>	C.Gaudry	<i>Readers</i>	K & C Morrissey
<i>Offertory</i>	E & M Carney	<i>Intercessions</i>	Sr Kath
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	C.Holland J.Thatcher	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	H.Roberts
<i>Sacristan</i>	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sr Kath T. Doorey

The Diocesan Pastoral working group, Building a Community of Love and Service, will host the first "Parishes on Mission". The event has the objective of celebrating the wonderful initiatives being delivered in parishes every day, and to provide an opportunity to share ideas and information. Input on the day will cover many areas including how to welcome and engage with new people, ministry to the marginalised as well as tools for evangelisation.

Speakers will include:

- Lorraine McCarthy, Alpha Australia: "Is there more?"

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

- Sheree Talbot, Beyond Barbed Wire: "When I was in prison you visited me"
- Pastor Gavin Brett, Orange Ministry Centre: "Connecting for Mission"

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.

**MUDGE NEWS**

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

**Next Friday 26th July, parishioners have the opportunity to meet our St Matthews School Yr 12 students at the 12.30pm Mass. Parishioners who have chosen to support the students in prayer 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 parishioners 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.

Prayer partners are required for the 43 graduating students - please place your name on the list at the back of the church.

**Dates for the Diary**

**Tuesday 23rd July** - 5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting Mudgee

**Wednesday 24th July** - Pastoral Council Meeting Mudgee

**Friday 26th July** - Yr 12 & Parishioner Prayer Partner Mass and lunch.

**Saturday 27th July** - 10am-3pm Parishes on Mission

**Tuesday 30th July** - Mudgee Confirmation Retreat Day

**Wednesday 31st July** - Gulgong Confirmation Retreat Day

**Friday 2nd August** - Mudgee Josphite Meeting.



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Keep up with what is happening in the parish.

**GULGONG NEWS**

**All Hallows School  
Grandparents Mass**

Next Friday 26th July 10.00am.  
Join the families after mass for morning tea.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**CHANGE OF MASS ROSTER**

**Sunday 28th July - 10.30am**  
Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

**Sunday 4th August 11.00am.-**  
Confirmation Mass

**Sunday 11th August - 10.30am**  
Mass as usual.

**KANDOS NEWS**

**CHANGE OF MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday 28th July - 11.00am Mass at Kandos.**

**Sunday 4th August 11.00am.-**  
Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

As Confirmation is to be celebrated in Mudgee and Gulgong on Sunday 4th August, there is a need to make this change.

**Confirmation and First Holy Communion:** This week is last opportunity to register for First Holy Communion and Confirmation before the preparation program begins.

Parents who have children who they wish to be prepared for the sacraments are asked to contact Sr Kath at Kandos 63794679 this week.

**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.

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

**We pray for the recently deceased especially** Alex Lynch, John Camilleri, Liliana Diaz

**We remember the anniversaries of** Doris Carroll, Hugh Lenard, John Little, Brian Duffy, Mavis Nolan and Lorna Milton.

**We also pray for the souls of** Max Pilley, Mgr John Frawley, Georgina Micallef, Ford Micallef, Charlie and Rita Saliba, deceased members Joe Swientk, Swientek and Smieszek families, all deceased family and friends.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Mariana Villaseca, Margaret Melinz, Alma & Ed Ristau, Marg Doble, Liam Potts, Anna Swientek, Joe Saliba, 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 special intentions.

**Baptism**

We welcome in Baptism this weekend **Anna Jane Harris** daughter of Benjamin and Sally.



**Vincent Sutton**, son of Cori and Camden.

**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.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 137: 1-3, 6-8. R. v .3

Colossians 2: 12-14

Luke 11: 1-13



**Congratulations on your  
Ordination to the  
Diaconate**  
*Deacon Karl Sinclair and  
Deacon Dong Van Nguyen*

Deacons Karl and Dong were Ordained to the Diaconate in a moving ceremony at the Cathedral of St Michael and St John in Bathurst on Friday evening. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they take this next step on their journey to Priestly Ordination.

**REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie  
Calderone-Stewart**

Martha and Mary are often seen as symbols for a balance of hospitality. Martha represents the tasks of preparation – cleaning the house, cooking, setting the table, and the like. Mary represents the personal care of the visitor – listening, paying attention, spending quality time in conversation. Both are important.

If you were invited to someone's home for dinner and the house was a total mess and no food was prepared, but the person cleared the junk off the sofa so you both would have a place to sit and talk, how would you feel?

If you were invited to someone's home for dinner and the gourmet meal was so complicated that you were completely ignored until dinner was on the table, how would you feel?

Some people are the 'perfect blend' of the Martha–Mary examples of hospitality, but others fall off to one side or the other, being more talkers than housekeepers, or being more housekeepers than talkers.

When you have people around, do you tend to be more of a talker or more of a housekeeper? Or do you think you have a good balance, having all the preparations done ahead of time so that the focus of your attention is your guest?

Do you know anyone who has a perfect balance?

**In Focus**

**Take a Hike!**

A few years ago, my wife and I added a new routine to our preparations for family parties that we host. It's made the world of difference. We host relatives and friends at New Year and Easter time every year. A number of years ago the preparations involved in serving the feast and keeping the guests entertained and their drinks refreshed seemed to become a chore. It even got to the point where, as the last guests left, we wondered where the day had gone.

Then one year we made a change. We decided that an hour before the guests were to arrive, we would take a walk. For half an hour or so my wife and I walk the streets around our house, noticing the season, greeting our neighbours, and feeling alive. The break from preparations gives us a new perspective so that when the first guests arrive, we are delighted with the gift of their presence and offer them our own.

Of course, as the time for our walk nears, we always tell ourselves there's way too much to do to squander half an hour before the party starts. But then we remember Martha and Mary and decide to stop being worried and anxious about many things and choose the better part - preparing our hearts for our guests. With that accomplished, the rest seems to take care of itself. Copyright © 2019 GPBS eNews, All rights reserved.

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**Chairs and Working Group members  
for the Plenary Council 2020**



As we move into the Listening and Discernment stage, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking people who are willing to be leaders and partners in the process of discernment. Opportunities are available to apply to be the Chair, or to be a member, of one of six Discernment and Writing Groups. For more information, visit the Office for Employment Relations website [www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au](http://www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au) or contact

Ms Olivia Lee on (02) 9919 7822

or [olivia.lee@catholic.org.au](mailto:olivia.lee@catholic.org.au).

**Applications close on 22 July 2019.**

**Leadership for Mission**

Andrea Dean, Director: Office for the Participation of Women, has advised that *Leadership for Mission*, a two-year graduate program for women aged 25-35 will be conducted again 2020/2021. Over two years (four semesters) participants complete four units in theology through the Australian Catholic University, develop their sense of mission and participate in leadership and faith development activities.

A partnership arrangement between Catholic Mission, Australian Catholic University and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference through the Office for the Participation of Women means that almost the whole costs of accommodation, meals, flights and academic fees are covered. Participants are asked to contribute \$4000 over the two year period, approximately 25% of total costs.

The recruitment period runs through to **14 October 2019** and is looking at enrolling sixteen women from across Australia in the 2020/2021 program. A flyer is attached and further information including application forms can be found at [www.leadership4mission.com.au](http://www.leadership4mission.com.au). If more information is required please contact Andrea Dean, via email at [director.opw@catholic.org.au](mailto:director.opw@catholic.org.au) or by mobile 0487388873.