

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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C - 28th July 2019

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Monday

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First Reading: *Genesis 18:20-32*

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

Responsorial Psalm:

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

**All: Lord, on the day I called
for help, you answered me.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R.)**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading: *Colossians 1:24-28*

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 10: 38-42*

Ask, and it will be given to you.

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

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

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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, 29th July

10.30am Graveside Service Kathleen Windle
1.00pm Requiem Mass Alexis Lynch
3.30pm State School Confirmation Class

Tuesday, 30th July

9.00am Mass
9.00am Confirmation Retreat Day Mudgee

Wednesday 31st July

9.00am Confirmation Retreat Day Gulgong
9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group
4.00 - 5.00pm Holy Hour Mudgee
5.00pm Mass (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday, 1st August

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Year 5
11.00am Requiem Mass Pat Woods

Friday, 2nd August

10.30am Opal Nursing Home Mass
12 - 12.15 Reconciliation
12.30pm Mass
1.00pm Mudgee Josephite Associates

Saturday 3rd August

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee
6:00pm Confirmation Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 4th August

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

9.00am Confirmation Mass Mudgee
11.00am Confirmation Mass Gulgong
10.30am Rosary Kandos
11.00am Kandos
Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

Liturgy Roster 3rd & 4th August 2019

Commentator	A.McLean	M.McLean
Readers	L.Nicholson P.Cannon	N.Whitmore M.Cassidy
Special Ministers of Communion	S.Murphy	J.Keipert
Offertory Procession	Holden Family	Virgona Family
Welcomers	F & V Solti	L.Cahill C.Berridge
Altar Servers		
Gospel Procession		
Counters	29/7 D.Holden J.Potts	29/7 D.Holden J.Potts

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 4th August 2019	Kandos Liturgy Roster	Sunday 4th August 2019
Leader			
Commentator	M. O'Brien		
Reader	S. Parnell	Readers	K & C Morrissey
Offertory		Intercessions	Sr Kath
Special Minister of Communion	M.Carney C.Holland	Special Minister of Communion	H.Roberts
Sacristan	C&E. Holland	Sacristan	Sr Kath T. Doorey



Deacon Karl Sinclair with Bishop Michael McKenna, Bishop Peter Vien and Deacon Dong Van Nguyen.

Ordination of Deacons Karl and Dong

In his homily, Bishop Michael said "It is a great joy to have everyone here in the act of worship to God as the Lord gives us two new deacons for our Diocese. Today, Karl and Dong move into a new way of serving God; a new way of relating to the rest of the church in the specific ministry of deacon. God willing, in six months time or so, they will be ordained as priests, but they will continue to be deacons until they day they die".

Both men recently completed studies at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. Deacon Karl is currently on placement at St Mary of the Presentation Parish, Mudgee while Deacon Dong is on placement at St Patrick's Parish, Lithgow.

Please continue to pray for Karl and Dong as they continue on their journey to priesthood.

MUDGE NEWS**Parishes on Mission**

A team of parishioners representing our Parish attended the Parish on Mission event held in Orange this weekend. Our Parish theme was "One Community Parish School Engagement". This theme gave us the opportunity to showcase some of wonderful programs and projects that we do well in our parish. thank you to the team who prepared the powerpoint presentation and literature to share with other parishes.

Confirmation Retreat Day

On Tuesday 30th July, the Confirmation Candidates will be attending a retreat in the Parish Centre. They will be joined at lunch time with the remaining Year 6 students from St Matthews, who have journeyed with them through this time of preparation. We are asking volunteers to help with the lunch preparation and serving. Please contact the Parish office.

THANK YOU!

Thank to Louise Nicholson and her team of hard workers for all the work in preparing and setting up for the Year 12 lunch which was shared with their Prayer Partners on Friday. SMCS Yr 12 Trial Exams begin on 5th August. We wish them well.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 30th July - Mudgee Confirmation Retreat Day

Wednesday 31st July - Gulgong Confirmation Retreat Day

Friday 2nd August - Mudgee Jospehite Meeting.



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GULGONG NEWS**AH School Confirmation Retreat Day** this Wednesday.

Confirmation will be celebrated in Gulgong next Sunday 4th August at 11.00am

GCWG meeting 13th August 2.00pm in the Convent - donation Fr Reynold's charity.

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.

Positive mind**Positive vibes****Positive life****Pope's Universal Prayer****Intention for July**

Evangelisation: 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 Pat Woods, Alex Lynch, John Camilleri, Liliana Diaz, Kathleen Windle and Rita Camilleri.

We remember the anniversaries of Brian Kelly, John McRae, Mavis Nolan, Brian Duffy, Lorna Milton, Lyn Pilley and Brien O'Farrell.

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 in Mudgee.

**William Terence Hudson**

Son of Benjamin and Ashlea

Dominic Andrews, Ashyia Jane Andrews, Dean Michael James Andrews children of Kellie who will be baptised in Gulgong

Marriage

Congratulations to **Daniel Augustine Delahunty** and **Rebekah Irene Robison** who celebrated the sacrament of marriage in St Mary's his weekend.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Psalm 89:3-6,12-14,17 R.v.1

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Luke 12:13-21

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea, and forgiveness in his justice sealed for us on Calvary. There is plentiful redemption through the blood that Christ has shed; there is a joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is the most wonderfully kind. But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own, and we magnify his strictness with the zeal he will not own.

Restless souls, why do you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep? Foolish hearts, why do you wander from a love so true and deep? If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word; and our lives would be illumined by the goodness of the Lord.



Text: Frederick William Faber 1814-1863, alt.
Tune: IN BABILONE 87.87D; Oude en Nieuwe Hollanste Boerenlieties c. 1710

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

– by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus teaches us to ask, to seek, and to knock. If we do, we are promised that we shall receive, we shall find, and doors will be opened for us.

Does this mean that prayers are a type of magic and that all we have to do is pray and we can control the outcome of the world? If not, what do you think it means?

Jesus teaches us to pray: 'Forgive us our sins, for we too forgive all who do us wrong.'

Is there anyone who has done you wrong whom you cannot forgive? What gets in the way of your forgiveness? If all our sins are forgiven anyway, why should we even try to resist temptation? Why not just continue to sin if we can always be forgiven?

What would Jesus say to that proposition?



From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us.

Pope Francis



GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

You'll Get What You Need

A few years ago, the staff at the school where I worked gathered to pray for the recovery of a teacher with cancer. He recovered dramatically. About a year later, the staff gathered again to pray for another teacher fighting cancer. She died from the disease within the year.

So why did God answer one prayer and not the other? Or, if God answered both prayers, why the different outcomes?

This week's Gospel will help us understand. Jesus says God doesn't always answer our prayers by giving us what we want. First, Jesus compares God to a person who gives his friend what he needs. Then he says God will answer our prayers by giving us the Holy Spirit.

What do you expect from prayer? Most of us pray for things we want, but God often gives us something we need – the courage and commitment to do God's will in tough times. You might want a good test result, but what you need are better study habits. So the answer to your prayer might be a teacher challenging you to work harder. You might pray for God to spare a loved one from an illness. God might answer by strengthening you with the Spirit so you can comfort your sick loved one. You might want a better life for the poor. And God might answer your prayer by calling your attention to an opportunity to serve those on the margins in your community.

Sure, our prayers might work miracles for others. But more often our prayers work miracles in us. Here's a challenge: keep track of your prayers in a journal, and also keep track of possible changes you see in yourself or your life. Talk with a friend about your search for answers to prayer. See if God makes changes in the world or in you.

Can you remember a time you were inspired to help someone after praying for him or her?

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