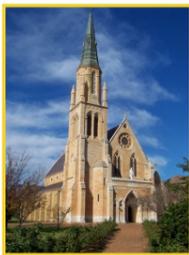


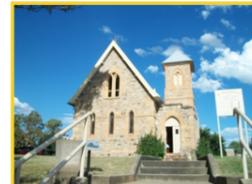
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C - 4th August 2019

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Fr Owen Gibbons

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Monday

10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

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First Reading:

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

What do people gain by all their work?

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

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

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

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DAY BY DAY

Monday, 5th August

NO SERVICE

Tuesday, 6th August

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
9.00am Communion Service
5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting

Wednesday 7th August

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

Thursday, 8th August

Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Year 3
10.30am Gulgong Liturgy - St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
1.30pm Reconciliation Parent Session 1 - Mudgee
7.00pm Reconciliation Parent Session 2 - Mudgee

Friday, 9th August

10.30am Mass Pioneer House Nursing Home
12 - 12.15 Reconciliation
12.30pm Mass

Saturday 10th August

Feast of St Lawrence
12.30pm Requiem Mass Penelope Hoyer (Loneragan)
5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee
6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Commitment/Enrolment

First Reconciliation candidates Mudgee.

Sunday, 11th August

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

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

... a healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change "we must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart". Laudato Si (2015) 218

Liturgy Roster 10th & 11th August 2019

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| Commentator | D.Cunningham | M.Matthews |
| Readers | S.Abbey A.Fergus | M.McLean M.Barrett |
| Special Ministers of Communion | P.Dick G.Hennessy | K.Baker M.Gilbert K.Cassidy |
| Offertory Procession | D.Bennett C.Carberry | Connor & Flynn McLean |
| Welcomers | K.Wall G.Roberts | L.Cahill * |
| Altar Servers | A.Neaverson-Smith | M.& E.Halpin J.Iversen |
| Gospel Procession | | Confirmation Candidates |
| Counters | 5/8 E.Goodlet L.Nicholson | 12/8 D.Holden S & G Robinson |

| Gulgong Liturgy Roster | Sunday 11th August 2019 | Rylstone Liturgy Roster | Sunday 11th August 2019 |
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| <i>Leader</i> | | | |
| <i>Commentator</i> | E.Donnelly | | |
| <i>Reader</i> | R.Saliba | <i>Readers</i> | K & C Morrissey |
| <i>Offertory</i> | W & H Gleeson | <i>Intercessions</i> | Sr Kath |
| <i>Special Minister of Communion</i> | C.Gaudry J.Thatcher | <i>Special Minister of Communion</i> | H.Roberts |
| <i>Sacristan</i> | M & Carney | <i>Sacristan</i> | Sr Kath T. Doorey |

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

Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

*You learn more from failure
than from success.
Don't let it stop you.
Failure builds character.*

SOMEONE IS FORGOTTEN



Dear Friends in Christ,

You would be aware, from media reports, that there is an attempt underway to push through abortion legislation in our State Parliament without adequate consideration of its consequences. I salute those Members of Parliament who are resisting this attempt; and encourage you to support them.

Those who propose the legislation are no doubt sincere in their arguments. However, as so often in this debate, someone is forgotten. That is the human being: unborn, but human, who has no rights when her or his life or death is being decided.

Also forgotten are those medical professionals who would conscientiously oppose such procedures, from whom the law could withdraw protection.

And thoroughly forgotten are the mothers faced with difficult circumstances in their pregnancies, for whom, instead of genuine care, only the bleak option of a termination is offered.

Whatever the outcome of the political debate, we cannot be silent in the face of what is being attempted.

Lord, have mercy on us.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

Pregnancy Help Sydney (PHS) - A 24/7 telephone Counselling line with material assistance provided for pregnant Mothers.
 website: www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com
 email: pregnancyhelp@optus.com.au
 Ph: 9602 6543 (Sydney callers)

Ph: 1300 792 798 (NSW country, Victoria and Queensland)

Gulgong News:

GCWG Next meeting Tuesday 13th August at 2.00pm in the Convent. Donation to Fr Reynold's charity.

Mass Times resume to normal next week. Mass Sunday 11th August at 10.30am Gulgong.

Mudgee News:

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

The first of two parent sessions is next Thursday 8th August at 1.30pm and a repeat session at 7.00pm. **The session will be held in the church due to HSC trail exams in the parish centre.** Families with children in the Government schools are encouraged to register at the Parish office.

HSC TRAIL EXAMS

Monday 5th - Friday 16th August

St Matthews students will sit these exams in the Parish Centre over the next two weeks. Please be aware when visiting the Parish Centre entry is via the front entrance only. It would be most appreciated if noise was kept to a minimum during this time.

Please keep all the students in your prayers.

HSC Prayer Partners -

Thank you from the students and staff to all parishioners for your support as prayer partners in the lead up to their HSC exams.

The lunch after Mass was well attended last Friday and enjoyed by all. It was a great opportunity for them to get to know their support partner over lunch.

POST CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST

All candidates will return for the celebration Mass and morning tea and cutting of the Confirmation cake. Families are invited to bring a plate for sharing.

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Penelope Hoyer (nee Loneragan), Mariana Villaseca (Melbourne), Patrick Woods, Alex Lynch, John Camilleri, Liliana Diaz, Kathleen Windle and Rita Camilleri.

We remember the anniversaries of Warren Roche, Toby Buckley, Sigfried Braun, Eljude Icao Bagan, Edna Catherine Power, Bill McRae.

We also pray for the souls of

Max Pilley, Mgr John Frawley, Georgina Micallef, Ford Micallef, Charlie and Rita Saliba, Joe Swientek, Swientek and Smieszek family and friends, all deceased family and friends.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Eliza Vasilis, Lorna Wakeling, 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.

Plenary Council 2020:

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to what the Spirit is saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports



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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalm 32: 1,12,18-20,22 R.v.12

Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48

Congratulations to the Confirmation Candidates in Gulgong.

Dean Andrews

Eve Gaudry

Madison Furney

Congratulations to

Dean and Ashiya Andrews

who are receiving First Holy Communion.



Congratulations to the Confirmation Candidates in Mudgee

Dillan Cavanough O'Byrne

Jack Colley

Eliza English

Toby Forrester

Hugo George

Edward Gooley

James Hale

Mia Halpin

Vincent Mckid

Thomas Mastrone

Sophie Marchant

Jake Muller

Alistair Neaverson-Smith

Tileah Parsons

Halle Potter

Amelia Reid

Fletcher Roe

Scarlet Swift

Cassidy Spriggs

Phoebe Virgona

Makayla Wright

Jacinta McDonnell

Portia Medley

Mia Riley



Prayer for Confirmation

God of all ages,

You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice.

Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that you have begun in them.

Teach us to reverence what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord.

Eden Azar

Amali Bennett

Abbey Burgoyne

Maddie Campbell

Phoebe Copps

Charles Geddes

Macey Goodlet

Olivia Griffin

Sienna Hawes

Lily Holden

Thomas Kearins

Ruby Maguire

Heath Marsh

Connor Mclean

Fylnn Mclean

Josie Meyers

Archie Newman

Jessica Newman

Hugh Portelli

Michaela Purtle

Jaymie Rowlands

Iszak Stewart

Yasmin Stewart

Josie Wilkinson

Charlotte Wilson

Jackson O'Sullivan

Cooper Bourke



National Vocations Awareness Week: 4th August - 11th August

This weekend we focus on vocations of singles and married couples and pray they continue to be blessed in their mission.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father,
As people chosen and baptised by you,
We realise our call to serve everyone.

Open our hearts to listen, discern, discover and fulfil our vocation in life with strength and courage, faithful in our love and committed in our service.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ,
Our Lord and Saviour.
Amen



**Shalom House of Prayer:
Gone Fishin' - Men's Weekend Retreat at Shalom:**

23 - 25 August 2019

This weekend is for blokes only ... To get away and take some MEN time to reflect on the values in your life and who you aspire to be.

It is about having the time to stop and reflect through some simple meditation exercises on what you need most in your life right now.

There will also be walks and talks about the methods and strategies blokes use to cope with life's many challenges.

It is not about being particularly holy, religious or prayerful...just come as you are.

So come fishing, with some good company, a bit of fun, and maybe a few beers over the BBQ in the beautiful surrounds at Shalom and historic Carcoar.

When: August Friday 23rd 6pm to Sunday 25th 2pm

Where: Shalom 7 Collins St Carcoar **Cost:** \$200

For Bookings: phone 02 63673058 or

email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com