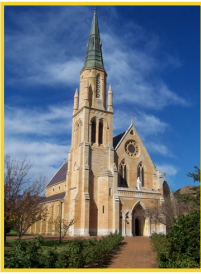


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C - 18th August 2019

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Fr Owen Gibbons

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Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

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First Reading: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

*You bore me to be a man of strife
for the whole world.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 39: 2-,18. R. v. 14

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me; he
heard my cry. **(R.)**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay. He set my feet
upon a rock and made my
footsteps firm. **(R.)**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. Many shall see
and fear and shall trust in the
Lord. **(R.)**

As for me, wretched and poor, the
Lord thinks of me. You are my
rescuer, my help, O God, do not
delay! **(R.)**

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12: 1-4

*Let us bear patiently the struggle
placed upon us.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says
the Lord; I know them, and they
follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

*I have come not to give peace,
but discord.*

Memorial Acclamation:

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



First Reconciliation Commitment/Enrolment

Father: Parishioners, are you
ready to pray for these
children and their parents as
they embark on this new
stage in their life of faith?

Parishioners: WE ARE

REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world.

Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.

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DAY BY DAY

Monday, 19th August

NO SERVICE

Tuesday, 20th August

Memorial, St Bernard, abbot, doctor

9.00am Communion Service

5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting

Wednesday 21st August

Memorial, St Pius X, pope

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

4.00 - 5.00pm Holy Hour Mudgee

5.00pm Mass (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday, 22nd August

Memorial, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Kindergarden

10.30am Mass Gulgong - AH Yr 3/4

Friday, 23rd August

Diocesan Assembly - Wellington

12.30pm Communion Service

Saturday 24th August

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

First Reconciliation Family Activity Mass

Sunday, 25th August

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

9.00am Mass Mudgee - **First Reconciliation Family Activity**

10.30am Mass Gulgong - Parish / School Mass

First Reconciliation Enrolment - Gulgong

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Mass Kandos

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

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."

When preaching takes place within the context of the liturgy, it is part of the offering made to the Father and a mediation of the grace which Christ pours out during the celebration. This context demands that preaching should guide the assembly, and the preacher, to a life-changing communion with Christ in the Eucharist.

Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 138

Liturgy Roster 24th & 25th August 2019

Commentator	A.McLean	S.Bennett
Readers	I.Byrne L.Ryan	C.Berridge J.Keipert
Special Ministers of Communion	D.Cunningham A.Baker	M.Devitt E.Cahill
Offertory Procession	Hannah Bailie Paris Corbett Alyra Kemp	Marcus Stein Will Forester Will Kearns
Welcomers	Lilly Roe Stephanie Rogers	Felicity Goodlet Ava Lewis Lucas Kelly
Gospel Procession	Callum McInnes Katie Doyle	Madison Meurel
Altar Servers		H.Rogers J.Gilbert J.Gilbert S.Marchant
Counters	19/8 E.Goodlet M.Walker	26/8 D.Holden P.O'Brien

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 25th August 2019	Rylstone Liturgy Roster	Sunday 25th August 2019
<i>Leader</i>			
<i>Commentator</i>	E.Donnelly		
<i>Reader</i>	K.Ritar	<i>Readers</i>	K. Morrissey C. Morrissey
<i>Offertory</i>	C.Holland Family	<i>Intercessions</i>	T. Ryan
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	R.Saliba C.Gaudry	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	H. Roberts
<i>Sacristan</i>	R.Saliba H.Seymour	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sr Kath



SmartLoving Marriage Seminar

A weekend mini-retreat for married couples seeking to be all that God calls them to be.
Facilitated by SmartLoving founders, Byron and Francine Pirola

When: Sat 21- Sun 22 September, 2019

Where: St Joseph's Retreat Centre, Baulkham Hills

Cost: \$445 per couple (includes accommodation and all meals)

Information: smartloving.org/marriage-live

Mudgee News:

St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting Tuesday, 20th August at 5pm.

First Reconciliation Family Activity Mass

For the children preparing for First Reconciliation and their family, are invited to attend a Family Activity after mass on either Saturday 24th August at 6pm or Sunday 25th August at 9am.



BAPTISM

We welcome to the Kandos / Rylstone parish family this weekend

Lily Maree Kane and **Charlotte Ebony Kane** daughters of Matthew and Amanda.

Arianna Jessie Simons daughter of Brodie and Alana.

Oscar Louis Alan Simons son of Geoff and Jenna



Marriage

Congratulations to

Brodie Patrick George Simons and **Alana Louise Foxhall** who celebrated the sacrament of marriage in St Malachy's Rylstone this weekend.

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



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Gulgong News:

PARISH/SCHOOL MASS SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST

Commitment /Enrolment First Reconciliation candidates.

PLANNED GIVING - ENVELOPE 13
CAN YOU PLEASE CHECK IF YOU HAVE THE CORRECT SET OF ENVELOPES WITH YOUR NAME ON THE LABEL AND CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE - 63722122

Meeting

Following Mass next Sunday, August 25, there will be a short meeting of Leaders, Commentators, Readers and Special Ministers of Communion with Fr. Owen to clarify a few procedures prior to a Commissioning Ceremony on September 8.

All Parishioners who undertake the above mentioned Ministries are urged to be present at this short meeting.

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY: Leaders, Commentators, Readers and Special Ministers of Communion will be Commissioned at Mass on Sunday September 8.

KANDOS NEWS

**** SACRAMENTS:** Sr Kath is currently preparing children in the parish for the Sacraments. Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 20th October.

Quote: *Expect nothing.
Appreciate everything.*



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St Mary of the Presentation
Catholic Church Mudgee

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Johnson Vattakkunnel (brother of Fr Antony), Lorna Wakeling, Anne Bennett, Penelope Hoyer (nee Loneragan), Mariana Villaseca (Melbourne), Ivan Belir, Blaza Poplasen, Ivan Pavlovic, John Best (Syd)

We remember the anniversaries of

Ben Roberts, Denise Jamison, Bill McRae, John McRae, Vonnie Gilders, Dalmay and Millie Isbester, Allan Heaslip, Garry Gibbons, Hilda Ryan, Jim Balston, Pom Fitzgerald, Slavko Baricevic, Carmen Attard, Vonny Gilders, Rita Rusten, Gwendolyn Baker, Brian Kingdom, William Birchall, Marie Robinson, Bill Hudson

We also pray for the souls of

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Eliza Vasilis, Gweneth Knight, Lance Tito, 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.

Jesus told those he encountered many things in parables. He used stories to illustrate the greatest examples of how best to live your life in the service of others. He challenged his followers by speaking directly about those on the margins and those the world most commonly ignores. Many were astounded by the things Jesus said and did and they left all behind and followed him.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Isaiah 66: 18-21

Psalms 116. R. Mk 16:15

Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Luke 13: 22-30

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS..... Prince of Peace?

Wow. Some Prince of Peace this guy was. Splitting up families, causing division. You sure you want in on this?

Jesus almost sounds sad in this Gospel passage. Maybe this story recalls one of the first times he realised people wouldn't accept his Good News. Maybe that reality crushed him.

I've seen that happen to a lot of young people after youth group meetings, retreats, or community service trips. They feel filled with Good News but run into friends and family members who call them unrealistic, naïve, or Bible-bashers. I've also seen conflict sparked when young people stand up for what's right, in front of friends or classmates.

Yeah, Jesus was right. Conflict is definitely part of the package. The peace Jesus brings isn't a calm in which no one gets angry. Jesus makes it clear he stands for the peace that can come only when all people find respect and justice. But the people who call others to respect all people and to live justly – hopefully, you and me – quite often spark conflict.

So the real question is: How will you deal with conflict as a Christian?

Here are some tips from a guy who has faced it, made some mistakes, and learned from them. First, don't back down from it. Conflict can strengthen relationships if you deal with it non-violently. Every time you stand up non-violently for your beliefs despite conflict, your self-esteem grows. Second, remember that our God is nonviolent. Resolve conflict without name-calling, yelling, or becoming physically violent. That can be hard. But the more you practice, the better you get. Third, you're not alone. Pray for strength to remain faithful, even during conflict, and reach out to other Christians – especially those who can walk with you – for support and advice when times get tough.

So, yeah, conflict is part of the deal for Christians. And it can get ugly. But the Lord had been through it and won't leave you in the lurch.

When have you seen Christian living spark conflict with friends and family?

Dear Young People,
Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!

Pope Francis



**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

at www.shalomcarcoar.com



7th August 2019

Bishop reminds families to ask for help

Twelve months ago, Bishop of Bathurst, Michael McKenna reminded families who were suffering difficult financial circumstances, that they are always able to approach their school principal to arrange relief of their Catholic school fees.

Since that time, very little rain has fallen across the Diocese and the severity of the drought continues to worsen. The Bishop is well aware of the devastating results the drought is having on communities whose livelihoods are dependent on rain.

Bishop McKenna again repeats, "The provision of affordable Catholic schooling, especially for those in need in this time of drought, should not be an added burden to the financial strain of families."

"We certainly do not wish to add to the financial burden families are currently experiencing, as money should not be a barrier to children attending Catholic schools," he said.

"As people of faith, we are praying for rain and for everyone whose lives and livelihood depends on this blessing", said Bishop McKenna.

If your family is suffering financial hardship for any reason and finding it difficult to pay school fees, please contact your school principal for assistance.