

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.



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C - 25th August 2019

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First Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21

*They will gather all of your
people from all nations.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 116. R. Mk 16: 15

*Response: Go out to all the
world; and tell the Good News.*

O praise the Lord, all you
nations, acclaim him all you
peoples! (R.)

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

*The Lord disciplines those he
loves.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way,
the truth, and the life, says the
Lord; no one comes to the
Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

*From east to west they will
come to take their place in the
kingdom of God.*

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

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REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.

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DAY BY DAY

Monday, 26th August

NO SERVICE

11.30am Requiem Mass Gulgong -

Maree Michelle Gruppetta

Tuesday, 27th August

Memorial, St Monica

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

11.00am Graveside Service Gulgong -

Colin Edward Gardiner

Wednesday 28th August

Memorial, St Augustine, bishop, doctor

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

4.00 - 5.00pm Holy Hour Mudgee

5.00pm Mass (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday, 29th August

Memorial, The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Year 2

Friday, 30th August

8.00pm SMCS Father's Day Bre

12 noon Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

Saturday 31st August

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 1st September

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Father's Day

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong -

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Mass Kandos

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."

Sing **ALLELUIA!** Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one

who loves', and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over.' GIRM 39

Sing Alleluia

Liturgy Roster 31st August & 1st September 2019

Commentator	D.Cunningham	M.McLean
Readers	L.Nicholson M.Bannister	M.Dorney J. O'Brien
Special Ministers of Communion	I.Byrne P.Dick	P.O'Brien J.Keipert M.Devitt
Offertory Procession	William Holden Tyce Pettitt	Bridie Ramien Stephanie Rogers
Welcomers	Hannah Bailie Adele Flynn	Lauren Marchant Matt Lacko
Gospel Procession		Diezel Fitzgerald Madison Meuret
Altar Servers	Eliza English Matilda English Bianca Scotti	Alexander Walker Lilly Hockley Natalie Santucci
Counters	26/8 D.Holden M.Walker	2/9 E.Goodlet D.Bennett

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 1st September 2019	Rylstone Liturgy Roster	Sunday 1st September 2019
Leader	P.Leotta		
Commentator	D.Kelly		
Reader	R.Saliba	Readers	L.McPherson T.Ryan
Offertory		Intercessions	P.O'Conner
Special Minister of Communion	M.Carney J.Thatcher	Special Minister of Communion	A.Krusvar Sr Kath
Sacristan	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn	Sacristan	H.Roberts



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

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL - SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER



Next Sunday, 1st September, we celebrate Father's Day. This is also the weekend that we hold our annual Father's Appeal for the retired clergy within the Diocese.

'CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED'

'Each year, on Father's Day, we have a special collection in support of our retired priests. They have given years of service to God's people and many continue, as health and strength allow, as ministers of Word and Sacrament. They continue to help our local church with their prayers.'

I encourage you to give generously to this appeal.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

BAPTISM

We welcome to the parish family this weekend

Lennox Patrick Freeman son of Luke and Elise.

Hamish Emmanuel Mallinson son of Shaun and Marjorie.



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



*A smile
is the universal language
of kindness.*

Mudgee News:

Friday 6th September at 1.00pm -
Mudgee Josephite Associates.

Second Parent Information Session
for First Reconciliation - Thursday
5th September at 1.30pm and a
repeat session at 7.00pm.

Gulgong News:

MEETING

There will be a short meeting of Leaders, Commentators, Readers and Special Ministers of Communion with Fr. Owen today after Mass. This is 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.

GCWG MEETING

First Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on 3rd September.

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY:

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

PLANNED GIVING GULGONG - 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

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WANTS FROM YOU
AND BE BRAVE!"**
Pope Francis



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Catholic Church Mudgee

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Maree Grupetta, Colin Gardiner and John Best (Syd).

We remember the anniversaries of Maria Bolterstain, BJ Harris, Nell Goodman, Pom Fitzgerald and Jim Balston.

We also pray for the souls of 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, Marg Doble, Margaret Melinz, Alma & Ed Ristau, Liam Potts, Anna Swientek, Joe Saliba, Jennifer Ryan, Anne Stayner, Sue Melinz, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Denis Donnelly, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer. All in our nursing homes and those seeking special intentions.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

– by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Life's problems can be seen as challenges that help you to grow well and to learn important skills. As God's creatures are imperfect, so we need to help one another toward a final perfection that is a gift from God.

What difficulty or crisis in your life has taught you a lot? Do you think you have grown from dealing with it? How? Discipline from parents and teachers and coaches is often not desired, yet it is usually given because of love.

What do you think motivates parents and teachers and coaches? Why do they do the things they do for you? What is their purpose as they attempt to give you discipline?

How have you benefited from the discipline and influence of parents, teachers or coaches? Have other adults in your life helped you become a more mature individual? Who are they and what influence have they had?

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29

Psalm 67: 4-7, 10-11. R. cf.v.11

Hebrews 12: 18-19,22-24

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

105TH MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY



"Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!" (Mt 14:27).

It is not just about migrants: it is about our fears.

The signs of meanness we see around us heighten "our fear of 'the other', the unknown, the marginalised, the foreigner ... We see this today in particular, faced with the arrival of migrants and refugees knocking on our door in search of protection, security and a better future.

"Often, we refuse to encounter the other and we raise barriers to defend ourselves, refusing to encounter others is not human. Rather, we are called to overcome our fear and open ourselves up to encounter".

Poe Francis (Sanrofino, 15 February 2019)

It is not just about migrants but also about ourselves, our fears and our hopes.

How is God encouraging and inviting us?

Who are we becoming?

What kind of society are we preparing for those who come after us?



Principal announcement:

Some would be aware of the announcement made on Monday this week of my decision to accept the offer of the position of Head of College at St Stanislaus College, Bathurst, from the start of next year.

It was a decision that was taken with great angst, and was not taken lightly. I am still a mixture of emotions, one of them great sadness as I now prepare to depart the school at the end of the year. For a number of reasons, my family will stay on at St Matthews next year, so I will still remain as part of the St Matthews community. The CEDB has started the process of arranging the recruitment of the next Principal, and I am confident that the school is in a great place to move forward as we approach the building of the new campus. Thank you to all who have generously wished me well and congratulated me on the appointment. I appreciate the support immensely, particularly on what was a difficult day for me personally on Monday.

Jason Hanrahan

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS.....

Remember Your Dinner Partner

Was Jesus talking about the church car park in this Gospel? Watch a church car park after Mass. See who lets others go first and who races to be the first out, cutting off other parishioners.

Or maybe Jesus was talking about the sign of peace. I remember one parishioner who refused to offer it to another because he was angry with him.



Or maybe Jesus was talking about who is welcome at church. I remember a parishioner who was angry when her church let homeless people spend the night in a parish building.

I think Jesus was talking about all of the above in this week's Gospel. You see, going to church, where we eat and drink in Jesus' company, is really pretty easy. It takes about an hour. But after the final blessing, some people think they've done their part for the week and don't connect that "meal" with their behaviour for the next six days.

But following Jesus requires much more. The challenge we face is letting the Sunday Eucharist shape our lives all week long. How does your weekly meal with Jesus shape how you play sports, treat outsiders, live with family, work at your job, and act at school?

There's another challenge in this reading. We might be surprised, Jesus says, by who we meet at God's banquet in heaven. I've met homeless people who never go to church but are more compassionate than some people I know who go to church daily.

So go to church. Eat and drink in Jesus' company. But remember your dinner partner for the rest of the week. And also remember he dines with a lot of people we'll never see in church.

If you were on trial for being a Christian, would the prosecution find enough evidence if they looked only at the way you live your life Monday through Sunday?

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