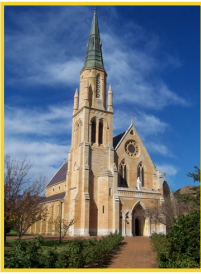


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C - 8th September 2019

#### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

#### Parish Deacons

Deacon Karl Sinclair

Deacon Charles Applin (Kandos)

#### Parish Secretaries

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Mrs Kristie Newman

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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

#### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

##### St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:

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#### First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

#### 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:

*Phlm 9-10, 12-17*

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

#### Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

#### 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 wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

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## DAY BY DAY

### Monday, 9th September

NO SERVICE

### Tuesday, 10th September

9.00am Mass Mudgee

### Wednesday 11th September

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

4.00 - 5.00pm Holy Hour Mudgee

5.00pm Mass (Presbytery Chapel)

### Thursday, 12th September

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr 1 students

### Friday, 13th September

Memorial St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor

10.30am Mass Pioneer House

12 noon Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

### Saturday 14th September

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

### Sunday, 15th September

**Twenty -Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**Mudgee Pre-celebration for First Reconciliation children**

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

10.30am Rosary Rylstone

11.00am Mass Rylstone

### *Pope's Universal Prayer*

### *Intention for September*

#### **Families, Schools of Human Growth**

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



Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning. The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the Church: *"Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven."*

***Instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christo 2016***

## Liturgy Roster 14th & 15th September 2019

Commentator	S.Abbey	M.Matthews
Readers	I.Byrne A.Fergus	R.McKeown R.Discher
Special Ministers of Communion	L.Nicholson G.Hennessy S.Murphy	M.Gilbert R.Gawthorne C.Dawson
Offertory Procession	Volunteer - First Reconciliation Family	Volunteer - First Reconciliation Family
Welcomers	K.Wall G.Roberts	Portelli Family
Gospel Procession	First Reconciliation Family	First Reconciliation Family
Altar Servers	S.Hawes	B.Newman B.Hanrahan E.Bourke
Counters	9/9 D.Holden D.Donnelly	16/9 E.Goodlet J.Potts

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 15th September 2019	Rylstone Liturgy Roster	Sunday 15th September 2019
Leader	S.Parnell		
Commentator	C.Gaudry		
Reader	E.Donelly	Readers	H.Roberts L.McPherson
Offertory		Intercessions	A.Krusvar
Special Minister of Communion	R.Saliba J.Thatcher	Special Minister of Communion	Sr Kath
Sacristan	M & E Carney	Sacristan	L.McPherson G.English

## MUDGE LITURGY ROSTER

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH COMMENTATING, OFFERTORY PROCESSION AND WELCOMING AT MASS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU CAN/WOULD ASSIST.



ARE YOU ANGRY WITH SOMEONE?  
PRAY FOR THAT PERSON.  
THAT IS WHAT CHRISTIAN LOVE IS.  
*Pope Francis*



## KANDOS NEWS:

It is great sadness we advise of the death of Ed Ristau after a short illness. Ed and Alma were long time residents of the Ilford area and parishioners of Kandos Parish. In recent months they moved down the mountains be closer to their family due to their ill health.

Ed will be laid to rest this Monday after a Requiem Mass at 1.00pm at Our Lady of the Way Catholic Church, 15 Troy Street, Emu Plains.

May he rest in peace.

## MUDGE NEWS:

**First Reconciliation** pre-celebration cake and morning tea is next Sunday 15th September beginning with Mass at 9.00am followed by morning tea.

**Advance Notice** - The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th September for the Annual Clergy/Parish Secretaries Seminar.

**SMCS Graduation Mass** for our Year 12 students is Thursday 26th September at 9.10am. Parishioners and those who are prayer partners for the students are most welcome to attend.

## GULGONG NEWS:

### Gulgong Catholic Women's Group

are collecting recyclable bottles. Leave in the bin at the back of the Convent or contact Marlene O'Brien.

\* Social Morning Tea, Thursday 19th September at 10.30am - \$12 pp.

\* RSVP Margaret Evans 63741327 or place your name on the list at the back of the church.

\* Next meeting Tuesday 1st October 2019, 2.00pm in the Convent. New members always welcome.

**AH School Day of Difference and Talent Quest:** next Thursday 12th September.

Talent Quest at 2.00pm.

**Soccer Gala Day** Friday 13th September in Bathurst.

### Masses and prayers requested for the following:

**We pray for the recently deceased especially** Ed Ristau, Anton Blazevic, Anne Young (Lithgow), Liam Potts.

**We remember the anniversaries of** Ron Lynch, Burt Dalmay, Alan Isbester, John Mini, Jack Fogarty and John Tomlinson.

**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, Dennis McGrath, Margaret Melinz, Alma & Anna Swientek, Joe Saliba, Jennifer Ryan, Anne Stayner, Sue Melinz, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Denis Donelly, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer. All in our nursing homes and those seeking special intentions.



### BAPTISM

We welcome to the parish family this weekend

**Willow Mae Hudson** daughter of Thomas and Nicole.

Success is the sum of  
small efforts.  
repeated day-in and  
day-out.

~ ~

Once you choose  
HOPE  
anything is possible.



## Centacare Sunday - 15th September

On 15th September we celebrate the work of Centacare, the social services arm of the our local church.

This year, our focus is on supporting our communities affected by the ongoing drought. Our Diocesan commitment is to be with our communities for the long haul.

In addition to psychological and social support services, we have been providing material and financial assistance to families, especially in the North-Western part of the Diocese where the impact of the drought is severe.

Any support to the Diocesan Drought Appeal through a tax deductible donation would be greatly appreciated.



**Encounter Myanmar:** Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia. Travelling November 16-29.

**Enquire via email**

**[palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) or call  
02 9560 5333**

### ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website

<http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship> for lay ministry.html

**Closing Date 18 October 2019**

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Psalm 50: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19. R. Lik. 15:18

Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15: 1-32



## Child Protection Sunday 8th September 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we make our annual observance of Child Protection Sunday, may I say a word of thanks to the people in our Diocese who work on our Safeguarding programs.

Also to those who give freely of their time to work in various aspects of the Church's mission; and who participate in the training we organise to keep our children safe.

Once again, I ask everyone in our Diocese to become sensitive and compassionate to our sisters and brothers among us who have suffered abuse in the past.

We cannot change the past, but we can attend to our attitudes and practices today, for a better tomorrow.

+Michael McKenna  
Bishop of Bathurst

### Alpha Team Training Workshop

Alpha is an easy-to-use tool for evangelisation which has been used by thousands of Parishes around the world. Everything you need to run Alpha can be downloaded for free.



Alpha presents the core of the Christian faith, the Kerygma, in a welcoming and friendly way which appeals to millennials and which seeks to address their questions and concerns.

This Training Workshop will look at where Alpha fits in the faith formation process in a Parish and how Alpha can become an integral part of a pastoral plan to evangelise and grow missionary disciples.

**The training will be on Sunday September 15th from 10AM-4:30PM at the Parish Centre. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.**

**For more information contact the Parish Office or take a flyer at the back of the Church.**

### 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.



## An update on Diocesan Safeguarding

The commitment that the Diocese of Bathurst has made to safeguarding, and the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission, has been a priority for 2019.

Bishop McKenna has established a safeguarding committee from all agencies of the Diocese, to assist in the implementation and development of best practice child protection strategies in parishes, schools, Centacare and all other Diocesan entities.

This year a focus has been placed on parish training, with the National Council of Churches' *Safe Church Awareness Workshops* being rolled out across the Diocese. Each parish has had, or will have, a workshop run in their parish. These are timed to allow those in ministry in parishes in to be involved. Workshops have been attended by all priests, deacons and seminarians in active ministry and also by lay people. To date, over 160 people have completed the one-day workshops, totalling over 1,000 hours of training.

This month, a poster will be distributed for display in all parishes, schools and Diocesan buildings. It will give contact details for safeguarding in each agency of the Diocese and will provide information on how to contact others for further assistance in this area.

In our parishes and agencies, there is an on-going process of training and development. Recently, schools have completed their annual training in this area, and our active clergy have completed a session on *Child Protection and Schools*.

As we maintain our work to protect the young and vulnerable, it is important to continue to live each day the vision of care and responsibility given to us by Jesus, and guided by state and national bodies.

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Deacon Josh Clayton**  
September 2019

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