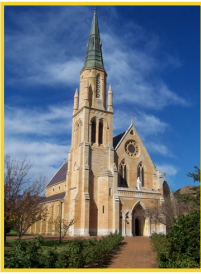


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C - 15th September 2019

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First Reading: Exodus 32: 7-11,
13-14

*The Lord relented and did not
send the evil he had threatened.*

Responsorial Psalm:

*Ps 50: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19. R. Lk.
15:18*

Response:

I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in
your kindness. In your
compassion blot out my
offence. O wash me more and
more from my guilt and cleanse
me from my sin. **(R.)**

A pure heart create for me, O
God, put a steadfast spirit
within me. Do not cast me
away from your presence, nor
deprive me of your holy
spirit. **(R.)**

O Lord, open my lips and my
mouth shall declare your
praise. My sacrifice is a contrite
spirit; a humbled, contrite
heart you will not spurn. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

Timothy 1: 12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile
the world to himself; and the
Good News of reconciliation he
has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32

*There will be joy in heaven over one
sinner who does penance.*

Memorial Acclamation:

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



Centacare Sunday

This Sunday 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.



Invitation St Matthews Yr 12 Graduation Mass 9.10am

Thursday 26th September.

*All Prayer Partners for our students and
parishioners are welcome to join the students
as they celebrate this memorable occasion in
their lives as graduating students of
St Matthews School.*

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 16th September

Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr and Cyprian, bishop, martyr
NO SERVICE

Tuesday, 17th September

9.00am Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.
Mudgee

Wednesday 18th September

9.00am Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

PLEASE NOTE NO AFTERNOON MASS

DUE TO FIRST RECONCILIATION.

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

5.00 pm Sacrament of First Reconciliation Mudgee

6.15pm Sacrament of First Reconciliation Mudgee

Thursday, 19th September

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr 6 students

10.30am Mass Gulgong - AH K/1/2 - First Reconciliation

5.00 pm Sacrament of First Reconciliation Mudgee

6.15pm Sacrament of First Reconciliation Mudgee

Friday, 20th September

Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gôn, priest, Paul Chông Ha-Sang,
and companions, martyrs

11.00am Mass Kanandah Hostel

12 noon Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

Saturday 21st September

St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 22nd September

Twenty -Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Kandos

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

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."



Liturgy Roster 21st & 22nd September 2019

Commentator	L.Ryan	A.McLean
Readers	S.Abbey D.Salomoni	L.Finter P.Portelli
Special Ministers of Communion	G.Brymora D.Cunningham	L.Rodgers K.Scott
Offertory Procession	Vo Family	HELP NEEDED
Welcomers	C.Carberry HELP NEEDED	M.Charlesworth G.McDermott
Altar Servers	A.Mills J.Newman	M.Halpin E.Halpin J.Iversen
Counters	16/9 E.Goodlet J.Potts	23/9 D.Holden L.Nicholson

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 22nd September 2019	Kandos Liturgy Roster	Sunday 15th September 2019
<i>Leader</i>			
<i>Commentator</i>	P.Leotta		
<i>Reader</i>	K.Ritar	<i>Readers</i>	K & C Morrissey
<i>Offertory</i>	D.Germon family	<i>Intercessions</i>	P.O'Connor
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	C.Gaudry M.Carney	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	A.Krusvar
<i>Sacristan</i>	Z.Drew M.O'Brien	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sr Kath

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.

The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation. *Laudato Si (2015) 236*

MUDGE NEWS:

First Reconciliation will be held on the evening of Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th September. All details have been emailed to the families. Please keep these children in your prayers.

SMCS Year 11 Exams will be held in the Parish Centre from 18th to 25th September. When visiting the Parish Office, please use the front door.

Advance Notice - The Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th September** for the Annual Clergy/Parish Secretaries Seminar. Deacon Karl will be available for any emergencies or enquiries.

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.

SMCS Mission Frolic - Friday 27th September beginning with Mass in the School Gym at 12.20pm. This is the last day of the school term.

St Matthews P & F - Flavours of Mudgee .

The SMCS P & F will be hosting a food stall at the upcoming Flavours of Mudgee on 28th September in the Church Grounds. They will be running a raffle of a hamper packed with local produce and wine. Tickets \$5 or 3 for \$10. The Raffle will be drawn 8pm on the night.

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.

***Masses and prayers requested
for the following:***

***We pray for the recently deceased
especially*** Dennis McGrath,

Ed Ristau and Anton Blazevic.

We remember the anniversaries of Dick Gawthorne, Alfredo Ciro Spedaliere, Jack Fogarty, Bill Washington and Gill Barrow.

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 & 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



Jack Mathew Bryant
son of Mathew and Meg.

Lucy Mae McKeown
daughter of Ross & Bridgette.

*The Lord never tires of
forgiving, it is we who
tire of asking for
forgiveness.*

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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

Scriptural context

Parables of the lost

The three parables that appear in Luke 15 are unique to the gospel of Luke – none of the other gospels use these parables. They are used by the gospel writer to further highlight a theme that runs throughout this gospel: the release and acceptance of those who are oppressed and afflicted. It stems from the declaration of Jesus' mission in Ch 4 when he reads from the scroll of Isaiah. More than any other gospel, this one portrays Jesus as having a special care and compassion for those who have been rejected by society.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 112: 1-2, 4-8.R. cf.vv.1, 7

Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16: 1-13

New Executive Director of Schools appointed for 2020

Bishop Michael McKenna has appointed Mrs Christina Trimble as the new Executive Director of Schools for the Diocese of Bathurst.

Mrs Trimble will succeed Mrs Jenny Allen, who retires at the end of this year. Her appointment was made on the recommendation of senior members of the Diocesan Catholic Education Council, with the assistance of a professional recruitment firm.

With a career in Catholic education spanning more than 35 years, Christina Trimble has spent the last five years in a senior executive role with Sydney Catholic Schools, providing her with a great perspective across the K-12 educational learning environments. Prior to this appointment, she had been principal of two Catholic secondary colleges.

Bishop McKenna looks forward to the fine contribution that Mrs Trimble will make. He paid tribute to the excellent work of the retiring Director, Mrs Allen: "Christina will be able to build on a solid foundation laid by Jenny Allen: in educational quality, sound administration and commitment to the mission of the Church".

Mrs Trimble will join the Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst team in early January to ensure a smooth transition prior to Mrs Allen's departure.

REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

The God who spoke to Moses is pained by the depravity of the people yet moved to show them mercy. Who could ever have imagined such a God? The God depicted in the gospel actually searches for what is lost. He seems to abandon the safe ones for the sake of the one who has strayed. She goes to great lengths to find one coin. As a spurned yet loving father, God patiently waits until we come to our senses. Who could ever have conceived of such a God?

Our God seems consumed with an insatiable desire to reestablish a relationship with us after we have turned our backs on God, have chosen to commit our loyalties elsewhere, have thoughtlessly wandered off into danger that threatens our well being, not God's. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer has less to do with us than with the magnanimous character of God. It is almost as if unconditional love is not simply a characteristic of God, but God's very essence and no human frailty or depravity can change this.

Paul insists that it is through Christ that all of this is accomplished. It is through the sacrifice of Christ that the depraved are forgiven, that sinners are saved, that the lost are found. It is through Christ that we are sought by God, and Christ is the very gift of mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the celebration of our return.

God Never Gives Up on You

I remember meeting Harry many years ago as he walked down the street past the church where I worked. Many young people had told me Harry was a problem young person. When I said, "Hi," he said, "You don't want to know me".

That saddened me. Harry, a senior school student, had accepted his reputation and saw himself as a problem.

But God never sees anyone as a problem. Jesus makes that clear in this week's Gospel. In fact, Jesus shows how God goes above and beyond to love people who struggle with faith.

That's hard for humans. We can be quick to label people as problems. Or, we look at our own failures and give up on ourselves, just like Harry did. So if you've ever felt that way, you're not alone.

This Gospel offers two challenges. First, don't write yourself off. Sin doesn't anger God; it moves God's compassion. So turn toward God. Pray. Go to reconciliation. Seek guidance from an adult you trust. Let God's compassion embrace you and your faults. That compassion will help you start over.

Second, don't write anyone else off. Each person has a talent the world needs. Ask God to help you see the potential in people who seem to struggle with sin or failure. You can be God's encouragement to them.

God helped me reach out to Harry when he saw himself as a problem. He eventually helped start a parish outreach program, and his life made a huge difference to other young people.

That's why God never gives up!

**Have you ever felt like giving up on yourself?
Why?**

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