

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C - 29th September 2019

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First Reading: Amos 6:1. 4-7

*You who give yourself to
licentiousness and revelry will be
exiled.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

Response:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith
for ever, who is just to those
who are oppressed. It is he
who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners
free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to
the blind, who raises up those
who are bowed down. It is the
Lord who loves the just, the
Lord, who protects the
stranger. **(R.)**

He upholds the widow and
orphan but thwarts the path of
the wicked. The Lord will reign

for ever, Zion's God, from age
to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

Timothy 6: 11-16

*Obey the commandments until
the coming of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he
became poor, to make you
rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

*During your life good things came
your way just as bad things came
the way of Lazarus. Now he is
being comforted while you are in
agony.*

Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your Death, O,
Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come
again.

REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up?

The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

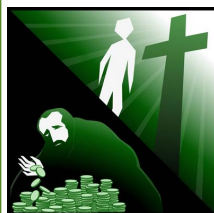
Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.

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Reminder...

**Daylight saving starts
on Sunday, 6th
October.**



DAY BY DAY

Monday, 30th September

St Jerome, priest, doctor

NO SERVICE

Tuesday, 1st October

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

9.00am Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Mudgee

2.00pm Funeral - Rose Douglas

Wednesday 2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

4.00pm Holy Hour (in the Church)

5.00 pm Mass (in the Church)

Thursday, 3rd October

9.10am Mass Mudgee

Friday, 4th October

St Francis of Assisi

10.30am Mass Opal Nursing Home

12.00noon Reconciliation Mudgee

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

1.00pm Josephite Associate meeting

Saturday 5th October

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 6th October

Twenty -Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Mass Kandos

Distribution of Holy Communion in St Mary's

When receiving Communion at the weekend Masses to save confusion about the process

Parishioners from the front seats side isles will come to Communion first working towards the back of the church, followed by the front seats centre isles working towards the back of the church.

Please note....

Holy Hour and Mass at Mudgee on Wednesdays will be now held in the Church.

Liturgy Roster 5th & 6th October 2019

Commentator	Anne McLean	Marie McLean
Readers	Petar Cannon Louise Nicholson	Nick Whitmore Matthew Cassidy
Special Ministers of Communion	Iris Byrne Steven Murphy	Chris Dawson Simon Bennett
Offertory Procession	*Help Needed	Maree Gilbert Betty Price
Welcomers	Vaili Solti Freddie Solti	Maureen Knight
Altar Servers	A. Neaverson-Smith	Hannah Rodgers Josephine Gilbert James Gilbert Sophie Marchant
Counters	30/9 E.Goodlet S & G.Robinson	8/10 E. Goodlet M. Walker

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 6th October 2019	Kandos Liturgy Roster	Sunday 6th October 2019
Leader	R. Saliba		
Commentator	M. O'Brien		
Reader	S. Parnell	Readers	Sr Kath P. O'Connor
Offertory		Intercessions	H. Roberts
Special Minister of Communion	J. Thatcher C. Gaudy	Special Minister of Communion	L. McPherson K. Morrissey
Sacristan	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn	Sacristan	H. Roberts

The **Catholic Observer** is available at the back of the Church. There is an article on our new Deacons, Karl and Dong and an article about Parish on Mission which was held at Orange in July.

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."



We welcome **Fr Brien** who will be in Mudgee, Kandos / Rylstone and Gulgong while Fr Owen is on Annual Leave.



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that, on behalf of Bishop Michael McKenna, I am able to inform you that Mrs Angela Myles has been appointed as Principal of St Matthew's Catholic School Mudgee commencing January 2020.

The interview panel of Fr Owen Gibbons, Jenny Allen, Vince Connor and a parent representative, were unanimous in their support for Mrs Myles. Mrs Myles is currently the principal of St Mary's Catholic College, Kingaroy, Queensland. Prior to this role, Mrs Myles has held the positions of Religious Education Coordinator, Assistant Principal Religious Education and Deputy Principal in large regional Catholic high schools in New South Wales and Queensland. Mrs Myles has been working closely with staff, students and parents in her current school to develop a high functioning K-12 school.

On your behalf, I congratulate Mrs Myles and wish her every success in this important role.

Regards,

Vince Connor
Consultant to Schools
Catholic Education Diocese of
Bathurst



The LITURGY is the **summit** toward which the activity of the church is directed; at the same time it is the **fount** from which all Church's power flows.
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Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Rose Douglas, Daniel Morris, Joan Swan, Vena Robinson, Valentin Rezard

We remember the anniversaries of Adam Birchall, Nash Miles-Smith, Pamela Burns, Shay Power, Edward Lynch

We also pray for the souls of Bernarda Zambrano Rogas, Toby Buckley, Dennis McGrath, Ed Ristau, Anton Blazevec, 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, Dale Johnson (Melb), Margaret Melinz, Alma Ristau, 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

Eadie Elizabeth Copeland
daughter of Mark and Kristin

KANDOS NEWS:

Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be celebrated in Kandos on Sunday 20th October at 11.00am. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael McKenna.

Quote for the week....

*When nothing goes right,
go left.*



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MUDGE NEWS:

Friday 4th October

Mudgee Josephite Associate Meeting at 1pm in the Parish Centre.

Tuesday 15th October

St Vincent de Paul conference.

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.

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

Praying the Rosary



Join us for a Nation wide Rosary chain.
12th October 2019

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St Mary of the Presentation
Catholic Church Mudgee

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4

Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17: 5-10

Making it Real

Genuine human encounter in our digital world

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognise the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.

Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

where there is shouting, let us practise listening;
 where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;
 where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;
 where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;
 where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;
 where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;
 where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;
 where there is hostility, let us bring respect;
 where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.

Amen.

- A Prayer from Pope Francis, 2018
Message for the 52nd World Communications Day

Gospel Connection

Who's Outside Your Door?

Have you ever noticed that this rich man never did anything wrong? He just went about his life. For whatever reason, he didn't even notice Lazarus. Maybe he was just busy. Who knows?

And that, Jesus says, is the problem. It's not what the rich man did. It's what he didn't do.

Life gets busy. I know some people that work hard all day and then spend the evening driving their kids to all sorts of sports and activities. I know young people that go to school all day and then spend the evening on homework, sports, part-time jobs, or school activities.

But Lazarus lives today. He is the lonely kid at school. He is the hungry child in Africa. He is the refugee in Syria seeking a place to call home. Jesus challenges us to care for him regularly. Make it part of your "busyness," not something you fit in when you find extra time.

Here are some tips. Ask God daily to show you the people others ignore. Read newspapers and surf the internet to learn about the problems that cause suffering in our world. Make community service trips and peace rallies part of your monthly schedule.

God has given you the power to change the world for people who suffer like Lazarus. Who's lying outside your door?

What's one thing you do to keep your focus on people like Lazarus?

MAKING IT REAL

GENUINE HUMAN ENCOUNTER IN OUR DIGITAL WORLD

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2019-20

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2019 – 2020, Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world, affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements of our digital world that may be harmful. These include information overload; social isolation; marginalisation of the vulnerable; consumerism and fake news.

The Statement reminds us that the new digital media cannot be seen as neutral or 'unaffected by any moral considerations'. While many users do not realise it, the core business of social media platforms is to sell advertising and maximise profits. People's personal lives may be reduced to data that is traded for profit or power, and it is used to target and influence us in ways previously unthinkable. Pushing users to more extreme positions and promoting fake news and conspiracy theories sells, but this is at odds with human solidarity.

The Statement amplifies Pope Francis' call to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. We are called not only to love our neighbour, but to bring the love of God to the new global neighbourhood. The Statement points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this new digital world, but active citizens shaping it. All of us – whether we are users, communities, industrial or political leaders – have a role to play in rejecting hatred, divisions and falsehoods. We have a duty to foster a neighbourhood that promotes those human attributes and social values that lend themselves to genuine human encounter – love, understanding, beauty, goodness, truth and trustworthiness, joy and hope.

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"The digital world is a public square, a meeting place where we can either encourage or demean one another, engage in meaningful discussion or unfair attacks ... Access to digital networks entails a responsibility for our neighbour whom we do not see but who is nonetheless real and has a dignity which must be respected ... The encounter between communication and mercy will be fruitful to the degree that it generates a closeness which cares, comforts, heals, accompanies and celebrates."

Pope Francis