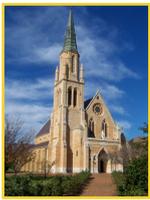


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C - 6th October 2019

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First Reading:

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

The just one shall live.

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Response:

*If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'
(R.)

Second Reading:

Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

The Spirit makes us strong.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

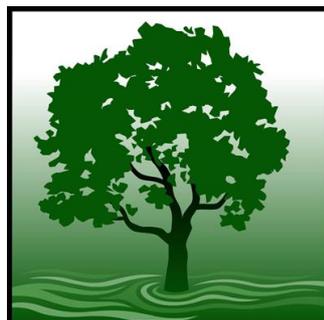
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

The apostles asked for increased faith.

Memorial Acclamation:

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



GOSPEL REFLECTION

How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another?

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? These fishermen and nobodies chosen as disciples by Jesus must surely have had moments of realisation that they were not the sorts of young men normally chosen by Rabbis to be disciples. They must have looked around at the disciples of other teachers and seen that, by comparison, they weren't really in the same league. So they ask Jesus to increase their faith. What they're saying is: make us more like the sorts of people we think we should be. Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

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DAY BY DAY

Monday, 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary, memorial
NO SERVICE

Tuesday, 8th October

9.00am Mass Mudgee

Wednesday 9th October

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group
4.00pm Holy Hour (in the Church)
5.00 pm Mass (in the Church)

Thursday, 10th October

9.10am Mass Mudgee

Friday, 11th October

10.30am Mass Pioneer house
12.00noon Reconciliation Mudgee
12.30pm Mass Mudgee



Saturday 12th October

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee
6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 13th October

Twenty -Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

9.00am Mass Mudgee
10.30am Mass Gulgong
10.30am Rosary Rylstone
11.00am Rylstone
Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

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.

October month of the Rosary

The month of **October** each year is dedicated to the Most Holy **Rosary**. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the **Rosary** is celebrated annually on **October 7**.

Praying the Rosary

Join us for a Nation wide Rosary chain, Saturday 12th October 2019 prior to the Saturday Vigil Mass.

Liturgy Roster 12th & 13th October 2019

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| Commentator | D.Cunningham | M.Matthews |
| Readers | S.Abbey * | M.McLean M.Barrett |
| Special Ministers of Communion | P.Dick G.Hennessy | K.Baker K.Cassidy |
| Offertory Procession | D.Bennett C.Carberry | C.Berridge N.Whitemore |
| Welcomers | K.Wall G.Roberts | HELP NEEDED |
| Altar Servers | S.Hawes | A.Walker L.Hockley N.Santucci |
| Counters | 9/10 E. Goodlet M. Walker | 14/10 D.Holden P.O'Brien |

| Gulgong Liturgy Roster | Sunday 13th October 2019 | Rylstone Liturgy Roster | Sunday 13th October 2019 |
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| <i>Leader</i> | | | |
| <i>Commentator</i> | D.Kelly | | |
| <i>Reader</i> | C.Leotta | <i>Readers</i> | C.Morrissey T.Ryan |
| <i>Offertory</i> | M.McGregor L.Hope | <i>Intercessions</i> | Sr Kath |
| <i>Special Minister of Communion</i> | M.Carney C.Holland | <i>Special Minister of Communion</i> | |
| <i>Sacristan</i> | C & E Holland | <i>Sacristan</i> | K & C Morrissey |

New Roster: A new roster will be available next week for October - February. Be aware we only need two Special Ministers of the Eucharistic whilst Deacon Karl is with us. During October **only** we require **THREE Special Ministers - please volunteer by placing your name with the Commentator prior to Mass if you can assist.**

Pope's Universal Prayer Intention for October

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

The secret of your future

is hidden in your daily routine.



Make the month of October a special moment of prayer, fasting and service in this time of drought.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to invite you to make this month of October a special moment of prayer, fasting and service in this time of drought. In the month of the Rosary, this simple and powerful prayer is especially suitable.

Jesus has told us to pray for what we want, and to persevere in that prayer. We do want rain, so we should keep praying for it. We also need to pray for one another: and in that prayer seek the wisdom to know how best to be of service to those who are suffering the most from this slow-moving natural disaster.

Our Diocesan drought fund is supporting the work of Centacare in reaching out to families who are doing it tough. If you are able to contribute, the details are here: <http://www.centacarebathurst.com.au/Home>

For those finding the current level of fees in our schools difficult to meet, assistance is available by contacting your local principal. Other measures will also be put in place shortly, to further alleviate financial pressure on families.

O GOD, Lord of all creation, by whose power the whole earth came to be, look upon our parched land, we pray, and bestow upon it abundant rain...

**+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst**



*Let us be protectors of Creation,
Protectors of God's plan
Inscribed in nature,
Protectors of one another
And of the Environment.*

**An Extraordinary celebration of
Global Missionary Month -
October 2019.**



The 2019 Catholic Mission World Mission appeal highlights the missionary work of Jesuit priests Fr Raymond De Souza and Fr Rajesh Lobo, who are following the call to serve children from disadvantaged areas, broken families, and other situations of need in the remote mountainous state of Nagaland in north-eastern India.

Mission Sunday, 20th October 2019

Gospel Connections

God's in Charge ... You're Free!

It's very predictable. Often when I talk with a group of high school students, I ask who would like more freedom from parents. Most hands shoot up.

It's normal for young people to thirst for freedom, just like it's normal for parents to get nervous about granting it. But this week's Gospel is all about freedom – the freedom that comes when you realise God's in charge and you're not.

Our culture is pretty competitive. Who will get the best grades? Who will win the game? Who will look the best? It's easy for life to become nothing but one long final exam where success means everything. And that's when life becomes pretty meaningless. Jesus offers us so much by reminding us that we're God's servants.

But how's that better? After all, who wants to be a servant when they grow up?

It's better because it frees us. God's in charge. We can't solve the world's problems. That's God's job. So don't worry about being a successful Christian. God asks you only to faithfully do what you can, remembering that God's love doesn't depend on your success.

We're free. We're free to take risks for our faith because we don't need to worry about success. A lot of young people have inspired me by that willingness. "What have I got to lose?" they've said as they've signed up for service trips or joined youth groups. And the more you risk things for God, the Master, the more you'll get what the Apostles wanted in this week's Gospel: more faith. Risking for faith is like lifting weights – it builds spiritual muscle.

What a gift God has given us by taking charge. In a world where you might feel responsible for so much, enjoy the freedom that comes from being God's servant.

Does your fear of failure ever stop you from taking risks for your faith?

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Kings 5:14-17

Psalm 97: 1-4, R. cf. v. 2

Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17: 11-19

**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

Pamela Burns, Jack Gillham, Allen Foo, Aileen & Jack Gaudry, Bessie & Harold Evans, Jim & Edna Baldwin, James Palmer.

We also pray for the souls of Vince, Rita, Kristy, Jessica and William Torossi, deceased members Tradgety family, Rita Camilleri, Charlie & Rita Saliba.

Bernarda Zambrano Rogas, 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, Julie Collins, 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 Donnelly, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer. All in our nursing homes and those seeking special intentions.

Baptism

We welcome to the parish family this weekend **Priscilla Moreda Miller** daughter of Paul and Tongta.



Mission Adventure?

Communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seek volunteer medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development.



Contact Palms and find out how **sharing your skills** can immerse you in a world of **deep cultural discovery**
Call us Mon-Fri on 02 9560 5333 or see palms.org.au

Just a thought!

If you are more fortunate than others, build a bigger table not a taller fence.

WELCOME

We welcome back

Fr Brien Murphy

who will assisting in Mudgee, Kandos / Rylstone and Gulgong while Fr Owen is on

Annual Leave.

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.

Diocesan Drought Support

Most of the region covered by the Bathurst Diocese is severely affected by the ongoing drought. While our communities are strong, they need our support during this difficult time.



Knowing that it will take years for farmers and communities to recover; and that droughts are becoming more common, we need to provide both immediate and long-term help to ensure communities build a level of resilience to ongoing drought conditions. To this end, the Diocese has set up an appeal, which will be managed by Centacare Bathurst. In the immediate future, donations to this appeal will be forwarded to Rural Aid, a well-known charity which already has several drought-relief initiatives underway, including the 'Buy a Bale' project.

Centacare Bathurst has also earmarked \$100,000 of its reserve funds to assist families and communities in their journey to recovery. Centacare will provide ongoing psychosocial assistance and will be with the community for the long haul.

Centacare offices in Dubbo and Bathurst will offer counselling services to those affected by drought, free of cost, and hope to establish a telephone counselling service, considering the costs associated with travel. Centacare can be contacted on **1800 231 118**.

SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS TRAINING

The Diocese of Bathurst will be hosting workshops throughout the year with the aim being to equip individuals in safeguarding best practice.

This training is open to individuals of all denominations from across the Diocese. Those who are involved in child-related activities are required to attend.

The next session will be held in **GULGONG, Monday 4th November 9.30am-3pm in the Convent, Bayly Street, Gulgong.**

To register for the Safe Church Awareness Training, please complete the registration form available at the Diocesan Website or contact the parish office.

Workbooks, morning tea will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch.

For further information contact the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst via email: admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au or phone: 02 6334 6400.

Any person who is involved in any form of ministry within the Church is strongly advised to participate in one of the awareness training sessions if they have not already done so.

A PILGRIM'S WALKING RETREAT - THE CARCOAR CAMINO.

Friday 11th October 6pm to Sunday 13th October at 3pm 2019

COME & ENJOY A 2-DAY RETREAT FOLLOWING THE WAY OF THE PILGRIM WALKING THE SHALOM LABYRINTH AND AROUND THE BEAUTIFUL CARCOAR VALLEY

This retreat is about reconnecting with your spirituality and your God through the Pilgrim's Camino and the Christian labyrinth. You can do as much or as little as you want as we explore the designs, paths, patterns and our life's journey through meditative walking and contemplative prayer exercises.

Cost: \$200 (Includes all meals and accommodation)

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