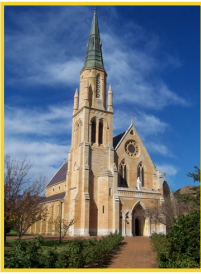


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C - 20th October 2019

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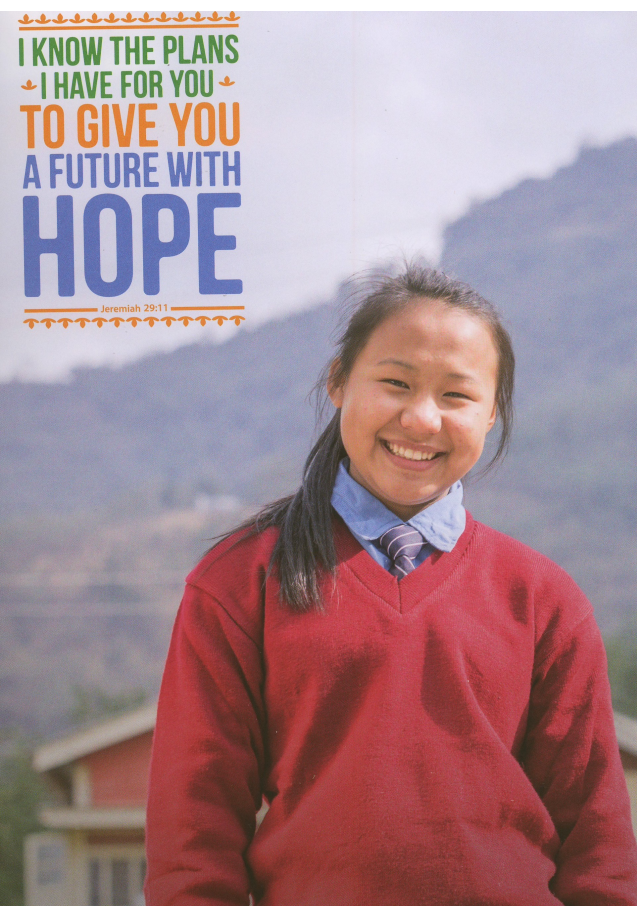
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MISSION SUNDAY

Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal.



The Eden Gardens Children's Home has been supporting the physical and spiritual needs of children for nearly 50 years, allowing them the opportunity to dream big and achieve their goals.

The home currently provides 250 children from disadvantaged backgrounds with basic needs, such as food and water, education and a safe home, as well as faith formation through activities like daily Mass, praying the rosary and catechism.

However, with challenges such as lack of water, the home urgently needs to update their infrastructure to continue providing practical and spiritual support to the children.

Today, in the midst of this Extraordinary Missionary Month celebration, you have the opportunity to support the children at the Eden Gardens Children's Home, and similar projects around the world, by becoming a monthly giving partner. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need.

Catholic Mission is the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies. Locally and globally, they answer the call to love God and love our neighbour, and work to establish the Reign of God through building communities of missionary disciples of Jesus who share their faith by proclaiming the Word, serving people in need, acting for justice and creation, and adopting child-focused development programs.

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 21st October

NO SERVICE

Tuesday 22nd October

9.00am Mass Mudgee

Wednesday 23rd 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, 24th October

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Year 4 Mass

10.30am Mass Gulgong - AH Years 3/4

Friday, 25th October

12.00noon Reconciliation Mudgee

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

Saturday 26th October

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 27th October

Thirtieth 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 October

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

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

Liturgy Roster 26th & 27th October 2019

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| Commentator | A.McLean | Susie Bennett |
| Readers | S.Walker J.Newman | C.Berridge N.Whitmore |
| Special Ministers of Communion | D.Cunningham A.Baker | Simon Bennett Kevin Scott |
| Offertory Procession | K.Wall G.Roberts | R & S Loneragan |
| Welcomers | HELP NEEDED | J.Potts M.Dunnachie |
| Altar Servers | E & M English B.Scotti | B.Nemman B.Hanrahan E.Bourke |
| Counters | 21/10 E. Goodlet D. Bennett | 28/10 D.Holden D.Donnelly |

| Gulgong Liturgy Roster | Sunday 27th October 2019 | Rylstone Liturgy Roster | Sunday 27th October 2019 |
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| <i>Leader</i> | | | |
| <i>Commentator</i> | E.Donelly | | |
| <i>Reader</i> | J.Ritar | <i>Readers</i> | C.D'Ilio A.Krusvar |
| <i>Offertory</i> | C.Holland Family | <i>Intercessions</i> | L.McPherson |
| <i>Special Minister of Communion</i> | R.Saliba M.Carney | <i>Special Minister of Communion</i> | K.Morrissey |
| <i>Sacristan</i> | Z.Drew M.O'Brien | <i>Sacristan</i> | Sr Kath |

REFLECTION *by Diane Bergant CSA*

The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer.

As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call lectio divina, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth.

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GULGONG NEWS: SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS TRAINING

**GULGONG, Monday 4th November
9.30am-3pm in the Convent,
Bayly Street, Gulgong.**

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.

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.

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group Meeting: Tuesday 5th November (Melbourne Cup Day) at 1.00pm. Please note earlier time.

* The ladies are collecting recyclable bottles. Please leave in the bin at the back of the Convent or contact Marlene O'Brien.

Like us on Facebook
Keep up with what is happening in the parish. Find us at
 St Mary of the Presentation
Catholic Church Mudgee

KANDOS NEWS:

Congratulations to the Confirmation and First Holy Communion candidates who are to receive the Sacraments this weekend at St Dominic's, Kandos.



**Aaron Large
Zara Savage
Lily Kane
Nicholas Morris**

**Joshua Williams
Sophie Marchant
Jocelyn Cafe**



MUDGEE NEWS:

HSC EXAMS will be in progress over the the coming weeks in the Parish Centre. PLEASE be aware when visiting the Parish Office to keep noise to a minimum.

Our best wishes and continued prayers for with the students during this stressful time.

New Roster:

A new roster is available this week for October - February.

We need some volunteers to fill the spaces. Please contact the office.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Ten Steps towards Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World

BE PRESENT TO OTHERS IN THE REAL AND VIRTUAL WORLDS

The speed and brevity of communication on social media platforms can be open to misinterpretation and a superficiality that makes others feel that they have not been truly heard or accepted. Similarly, excessive time spent on social media can deprive families and friends of your 'real' presence in their lives. • Limit the time you spend on devices. • Take a 'digital detox' for your health and wellbeing. Times of abstinence and reflection fit well with the Seasons of Lent and Advent. • Establish device free times in your household, for example at meal times.

Marriage

Congratulations to **Salvatore Spano** and **Eleanor Margaret Hanrahan** who celebrated the sacrament of marriage in St Mary's this weekend.



Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Gweneth Knight (Syd), Sylvia Hood, Barbara Lennon and Patricia Taranto (Syd).

We remember the anniversaries of Mark Barrett, Maria Fatima Lopez Tioseco,

We also pray for the souls of Tony Blazevic, Evica Knezevic, 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:

Sylvia O'Brien, Eliza Vasilis, Julie Collins, Lance Tito, Marg Doble, Dale Johnson (Melb), Margaret Melinz, Anna Swientek, Joe Saliba, Jennifer Ryan, Anne Stayner, Sue Melinz, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Denis Donelly, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer.

October - Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19

Psalm 32: 2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7

Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18: 9-14

TWENTY - NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 120: R. cf. v. 2

Response:

*Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*



I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **(R.)**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Timothy 3:14-4:2

*This is how the people of God become equipped and ready
for every good work*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Memorial Acclamation:

Save us, Saviour of the world,
For by your Cross and Resurrection
You have set us free.

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**.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

God our Father,

You created our earth to nourish us and give us life
and Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us.

We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love
that you look with favour on our drought stricken land.
Our starving animals and failing produce.

Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers
and all those affected by this drought.

In your loving providence send abundant rain soon
And renew the faith of your people
and the face of our land.

We make this prayer with many,
through Jesus Christ
who gives new life to all living things.

Amen

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Pray for us
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Pray for us

Inspirational quote

If you have no struggle
you will have no strength.



"When nature is viewed solely
as a source of profit
and gain, this has serious consequences
for society."

Pope Francis