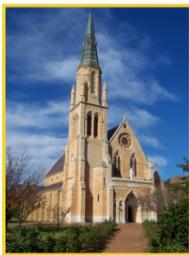


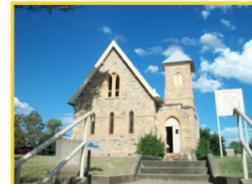
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



**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.



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C - 17th November 2019

Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

Parish Deacons

Deacon Karl Sinclair

Deacon Charles Applin (Kandos)

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Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

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First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 97: 5-9. R see v. 9

Response: *The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

Thessalonians 3: 7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

Memorial Acclamation:

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



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Sun of Righteousness

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengthener in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'.

It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
NEXT WEEKEND
REMEMBER TO WEAR SOMETHING WHITE TO MASS.**

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 18th November

NO SERVICE

Tuesday 19th November

9.00am Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion Mudgee

Wednesday 20th November

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

6.30pm Mass at the Cemetery - Mudgee

Thursday, 21st November

9.10am Mass - Mudgee SMCS Yrs 2 & 6

10.30am Mass - Gulgong AH - Yrs 5 & 6

Friday, 22nd November

9.30 Mass at the Cemetery - Rylstone

12.00 noon Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass - Mudgee

2.00pm Funeral Prayers Nate Darcy

Saturday 23rd November

Feast of St Andrew

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 24th November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year C

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Kandos

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion

5.00pm Youth Mass - Mudgee

Liturgy Roster 23rd/24th November 2019

Commentator	L. Ryan	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Readers	P. Cannon S. Walker	C. Devitt M. Dunnachie
Special Ministers of Communion	G. Brymora D. Cunningham	M. Devitt M. Gilbert
Offertory Procession	Vo Family	R. Loneragan S. Loneragan
Welcomers	C. Carberry L. Cahill	HELP NEEDED
Altar Servers	E. English M. English B. Scotti	A. Walker L. Hockley N. Santucci
Counters	18/11 E. Goodlet S & G. Robinson	25/11 D. Holden M. Walker

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 24th November 2019	Kandos Liturgy Roster	Sunday 24th November 2019
Leader			C. Applin
Commentator	P. Leotta		
Reader	J. Thatcher	Readers	K & C Morrissey
Offertory	M & C Gaudry	Intercessions	Sr Kath
Special Minister of Communion	J. Thatcher C. Gaudry	Special Minister of Communion	A. Krusvar
Sacristan	M & E Carney	Sacristan	Sr Kath

Pope's Universal Prayer Intention for November

Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.



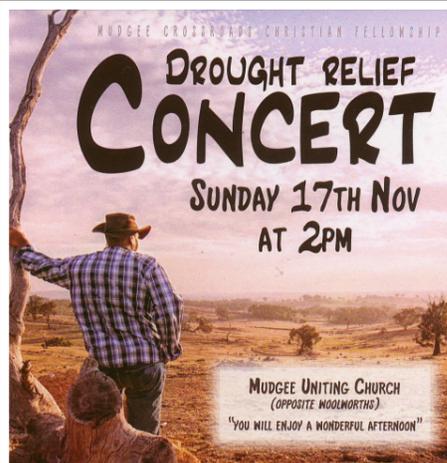
Quote for the week

*Courage is resistance to fear,
Mastery of fear, not absence of fear.*

Mark Twaine

Inhale Courage

Exhale Fear



**Mudgee Crossroads Christian Fellowship
Drought Relief Concert
this Sunday at 2.00pm
at Mudgee Uniting Church**

(opposite Woolworths)
in support of our local farmers .

You will enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music'

Entry: Adults \$10 Children \$5

(includes afternoon tea.)

All proceeds to the Mudgee We Care Shop to assist local farmers. Come along and support this local initiative.



**NAM, CONG AND DUONG
TO BE INSTALLED AS
ACOLYTES**

This Sunday 17th November at 10am Mass in the Catholic of St. Michael and St. John, Bathurst, Bishop McKenna will install Nam Dinh Le, Cong Van Hoang and Duong Van Ha to the Ministry of Acolyte.

We offer Nam, Cong and Duong congratulations and ask for your continued prayers as they mark this important milestone on the journey towards priesthood.

(From Catholic Diocese of Bathurst website)

GULGONG NEWS:

Gulgong St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - Leaving collection this weekend.

Funds raised will support those in the Gulgong community who are struggling in these difficulty times. If you would like to support the work of Vinnies and don't have cash with you today you can bring along next week sealed in an envelope or alternately drop in at the SVdP Centre.

Gulgong Cemetery Mass

**Monday 25th November at
6.00pm in Gulgong Cemetery.**

Please bring a chair or rug to sit on. In the event of rain the Mass will take place in the church.

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

**Life is a journey when we stop,
things don't go right.**

Pope Francis



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

MUDGE NEWS:

**Mass at the Cemetery next Wednesday
20th November.**

Please bring a chair or rug to sit on. In the event of rain the Mass will take place in the church.

**Feast of Christ the King 23rd/24th
November.** Remember to wear white.

**Morning Tea after Sunday Mass. Please
bring a plate.**

**St Vincent de Paul have for sale from
this weekend after Mass ...**

Christmas Cards - Pack of 10 (mixed designs)
- \$6.00

Columban Calendars - \$9.00

Also available at the St Vincent de Paul store
in Market Street.

KANDOS/ RYLSTONE NEWS

Cemetery Mass next Friday at
9.30am. Please bring a chair or rug to
sit on. In the event of rain the Mass
will take place in the church.



**Advent &
Christmas
Daily Reflections
'The Way'**
Available for \$4
each
from the Parish
Office.



**Youth Mass
next
Sunday
24th November, 5pm
Light supper after Mass.**

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

**We pray for the recently deceased
especially** Nate Darcy, Tony Newman,
Jill Baskerville, Anne McDonald and
Ron Wellsmore.

We remember the anniversaries of

Alberto Skoliber, Coral Tompsett,
Kevin Muller, Vince Price and
Heather Holden, Richard Kinsela,
Gary Szymkarczuk, Helen Bryant,
Freda Wall, Mary O'Connor,

**Our thoughts and prayers are with
those who are sick at this time:**

Barbara McCann (Blacktown),
Sylvia O'Brien, Jenny Bremner,
Eliza Vasilis, Julie Collins, Lance Tito,
Marg Doble, Dale Johnson (Melb),
Heather Graham, Margaret Melinz,
Anna Swientek, Jennifer Ryan,
Elizabeth Donnelly,
Anne Stayner, Ursula Smieszek,
Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis and
Mary Cannon and all those in our
nursing homes. For all seeking special
intentions.

The Bread of Life Retreat

Spend a great weekend at Shalom,
Carcoar and explore how making
sourdough bread can be a very spiritual
exercise. It's going to be a reflective
time, but also a relaxing and fun time as
you learn how to bake the best
sourdough, learn some new Ignatian
meditation and prayer techniques, go
on some lovely walks and enjoy some
scrumptious food.

This retreat is for everyone to enjoy and
the best part is there is no need to have
any technical baking skills or advanced
training, or holiness, or to be churched
to attend. You can just come as you are
and do as much or as little as you want.

When: Friday 22nd Nov 6pm to Sunday
24th Nov at 3pm

Venue: Shalom House of Prayer, 7
Collins Street, Carcoar

Cost: Suggested Donation of \$200
(includes all meals and accommodation)

To Register: Ph:02 63673058 or email:
shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

or Book Online at:
shalomcarcoar.com

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Samuel 5: 1-3

Psalm 121: 1-5. R. cf. v. 2

Colossians 1: 12-20

Luke 23: 35-43



**ST MARY'S PARISH ANNUAL PARISHIONER
CHRISTMAS FUNCTION
SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2019.
IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS, 6.00pm.**



All parishioners are invited to attend the annual Christmas function on Sunday evening, 8th December as we celebrate and give thanks for all who have contributed to our parish. We have so much to be thankful for. The simplest things all contribute to making our parish a place of welcome - just a smile or hello to someone you didn't know, a visitor or new parishioner. Everyone contributes in some way - **ALL** are welcome to attend.

As in previous years we invite you to bring a salad or sweet for sharing or BBQ chicken. The parish will provide the ham/rolls/tea & coffee and drink for the children provided. Other beverages BYO.

We would be grateful for any assistance to set-up and clean-up. 'many hands make light work' this way we all get to enjoy the night.

To assist with catering would you please place your name on the clipboards available at the back of the church. Please indicate the number of adults and children attending.

***National Prayer Campaign
for the gift of rain, for people affected by drought,
for support services.***

**Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created
our earth to sustain us and give us life.**

**We turn to you now in faith, hope, and love, asking you to look with
favour on our drought-stricken land,
on our starving animals, on our failing crops.**

**Strengthen, sustain and give new heart
to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought;
be with those who support them.**

**In your loving providence,
send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.**

**Father of all compassion, hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom the promise of new life has dawned,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life:
Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.**

**Our Lady of the southern Cross,
Mary, help of Christians -
Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
Pray for us.**

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

**It's About Perseverance,
Not Perfection**

Progress, not perfection. That phrase is critical to recovering alcoholics. Many cling to it because they are tempted to give up on sobriety when they make a mistake and drink. Don't give up, they remind one another. Perfection is impossible. But God can help you progress, one step at a time, toward a healthy life.

Christians can learn a lot from recovering alcoholics.

We'll never be perfect disciples. We're human and face tough temptations. Wear these clothes – you'll fit in. Drink this – you'll have friends. Cheat – you need the grade. Laugh at them – don't be a loser.

We're going to trip up.

The early Christians faced tough choices too. Luke included this Gospel passage to warn his community about people who claimed that Jesus had returned and "the end was near". This Gospel story also reminds people that Christ stands with us through temptation, persecution, and even failure.

It's tough out there. But remember, Jesus says we secure our lives through perseverance as Christians. That means we need to keep trying. Over time we'll see progress in our Christian living, and we'll worry less about perfection.

***What tempts people to give up on trying to live
the Christian life?***

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**World Day of the
Poor**

The third World Day of the Poor, will be observed this Sunday, November 17, and will

focus on the theme "the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever". Taken from the Book of Psalms, Pope Francis said those words "express a profound truth that faith impresses above all on the hearts of the poor, restoring lost hope in the face of injustice, sufferings and the uncertainties of life".

"The psalm was composed at a time of great economic development that, as often happens, also led to serious social imbalances," the Holy Father wrote.

To read the full message from Pope Francis go to
<https://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/>