

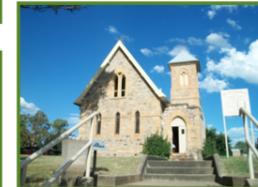
*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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.



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A: 26th January 2020

### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

### Parish Deacons

Deacon Karl Sinclair

Deacon Charles Applin

### Parish Secretaries

Mrs Patti Kiddle

Mrs Kristie Newman

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### Parish Office Hours

#### Monday

10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

#### Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

#### St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:

**Principal:** Mr Angela Meyers

Ph 02 63721742

[stmattsmudgee@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmattsmudgee@bth.catholic.edu.au)

#### All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:

**Principal:**

Ph 02 63741582

<https://ahcpsgulgong.schoolzine.com>

### First Reading:

Isaiah 8: 23-9: 3

*In the Galilean country, the  
people have seen a great light.*

### Responsorial Psalm:

*Psalm 26:1. 4. 13-14.R.v.1*

### Response:

*The Lord is my light and my  
salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my  
help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my  
life; before whom shall I shrink?

(R.)

There is one thing I ask of the  
Lord, for this I long, to live in  
the house of the Lord, all the  
days of my life, to savour the  
sweetness of the Lord, to  
behold his temple. (R.)

I am sure I shall see the Lord's  
goodness in the land of the  
living. Hope in him, hold firm  
and take heart.

Hope in the Lord! (R.)

### Second Reading:

Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

*I appeal to you, my brothers  
and sisters, make up the  
differences between you.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus  
preached the Good News of  
the kingdom and healed all  
who were sick. Alleluia!

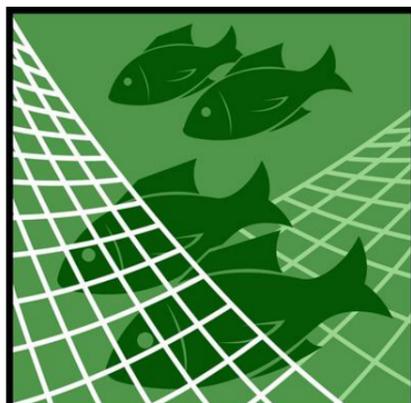
### Gospel:

**Matthew 4: 12-23**

*He went to Capernaum, that  
the prophecy of Isaiah be  
fulfilled.*

### Memorial Acclamation:

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



### Australia Day weekend special collection.

Bishop Michael and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au). Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.

We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources can be found at [www.catholic.org.au/bushfires](http://www.catholic.org.au/bushfires)

**DAY BY DAY**

**Monday 27th January**

Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus

9.00 am AUSTRALIA DAY MASS - Mudgee

**Tuesday 28th January**

Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, priest. doctor.

9.00am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Staff Commissioning

**Wednesday 29th January**

AHS Gulgong - Return to School

5.00pm Mass Mudgee - Presbytery Chapel

**Thursday 30th January**

SMCS - K -12 Return to School

9.10am Mass Mudgee

**Friday 31st January**

Memorial of St John Bosco, priest

9.20am Opening School Mass in the St Matthews Hall  
(Commissioning of Student Leaders)

12pm Reconciliation Mudgee

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

**Saturday 1st February**

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Sunday 2nd February**

The Presentation of the Lord

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion

11.00am Mass Kandos

**Mudgee Liturgy Roster 1st/2nd February 2020**

<b>Commentator</b>	R.Petersen	M.McLean
<b>Readers</b>	L.Nicholson S. Abbey	J. Keipert M. Cassidy
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	I.Byrne Need Help	E. Cahill C. Dawson
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	J. Goodlet Need Help	M. Gilbert B. Price
<b>Welcomers</b>	F & V Solti	C.Hayman M.Knight
<b>Altar Servers</b>	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
<b>Counters</b>	27/01 D. Holden D. Bennett	03/02 E. Goodlet D. Donnelly

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 2nd February 2020</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 2nd February 2020</b>
<b>Leader</b>	R. Saliba		
<b>Commentator</b>	D. Kelly		
<b>Reader</b>	J. Thatcher	<b>Readers</b>	T. Ryan M. Chadwick
<b>Offertory</b>		<b>Intercessions</b>	C. D'Illio
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	R. Saliba C. Holland	<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	K. Morrissey L. McPherson
<b>Sacristan</b>	M & E Carney	<b>Sacristan</b>	H.Roberts

**Pope's Universal Prayer for January  
Promotion of World Peace.**

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



We welcome to the parish family  
**Arjen John Kemp** son of  
Brad and Melonie



Is there more to life than this?  
How does God guide us?

How can I have faith?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

**ALPHA BEGINS AT ST MARY'S ON  
MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2020**

From 6PM to 8PM at the Parish Centre (cnr Market St and Church St Mudgee)

Come and have a meal, watch a video and discuss some of life's biggest questions.

Please contact the Parish office to register your interest

**No cost! Just come and #TryAlpha**

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Fri. 14th 6pm to Sun. 16th FEB at 3pm**

**A PILGRIM'S WALKING RETREAT - THE CARCOAR CAMINO**

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

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

**For bookings**

**Phone: 63673058**

**email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com**

**online: <http://shalomcarcoar.com/events/>**

**Fri. 21st 6pm - Sun. 23rd Feb.**

**RISEN** this year will be held on the 21-23rd of February at Perthville. Commencing about 6 pm on Friday night and concluding with lunch on Sunday.

This weekend is designed for those in years 10-12 and will be a great chance to go a little deeper into reflecting on life and how faith is part of this.

The cost for the time is \$100 and if this is an issue, as usual, please speak to your school or parish.

So please consider this date claimed!!!...we would love to have you there.

**Mon. 2nd - Tues. 3rd March**

**Visit of the Relics of St Therese and Ss Louis and Zelig Martin Dioceses of Bathurst.**

The relics will arrive in Kandos on Monday 2nd March, travel onto Mudgee later in the day for the night. Travel on to Gulgong on Tuesday 3rd March and then depart for Lithgow.

The program will be printed at a later date.



**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Pope Francis is inviting Catholics across the world to deepen their appreciation, love and faithful witness to God and his Word.

That's why, as established by a papal decree - the third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 26 this year, is to be observed as a special day devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God".

*"These words contain a great teaching. The Bible cannot be just the heritage of some, much less a collection of books for the benefit of a privileged few. It belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognise themselves in its words" Pope Francis, Aperuit illis (4).*



**Ordination of Deacons Karl Sinclair and Dong Van Nguyen.**

There has been some interest in organising a bus to the Ordination on 21st February in Bathurst. The Ordination will be in the evening and we are seeking interest .....

1. To travel by bus over and back on Friday evening.

or

2. Travel by bus, staying overnight and attending Karl's first Mass on Saturday morning before returning to Mudgee. If we are to organise accommodation we would need to do so in advance.

**If you are interested please contact the Parish Office ASAP.**

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

*For the recently deceased especially* John Mahon, Aileen Rogan, Nikky Boness

*We remember the anniversaries of* Rosie Thomson, Jack & Aileen Gaudry, Narelle Lowe (Tamworth),

Anges Turczak, Giovanni Leotta, Elaine Morrissey, Arthum Tatham, David Brown, Carmel McDonald, Carlo Colaiacomo, Floris Rearden, Dawn Lloyd, Peter O'Hare

**We also pray for** Charlie & Rita Saliba, McNamara & Mahon Family, Siegfried Braun.

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

Maria Brec, Barbara McCann (Blacktown), Brian Kurtz, Sylvia O'Brien, Eliza Vasilis, Julie Collins, Marg Doble, Anna Swientek, Elizabeth Donnelly, Tony Gillham, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon and all those in our nursing homes.

**GULGONG NEWS**

**Gulgong Catholic Womens Group** are meeting on Tuesday, 4th February at 2pm in the Convent. New members welcome.

**Mudgee News**

**ST MARY'S CRAFT & FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

First meeting of 2020 will be Wednesday 29th January. Come along for a Cuppa and a chat. Starting at 9.30am at the Parish Centre.

All welcome.

**JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES MEETING**

First Meeting for 2020 will be held on 7th February at 1pm in the Parish Centre.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Malachi 3: 1-4

Psalms 23: 7-10. R. v.8

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Luke 2:22-40



## Liturgical & Parish Ministry

*‘There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different people, it is working in all of them.’*  
**1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13**

Thank you to all who have participated in parish ministries over the past year. We are very grateful to have so many parishioners involved in various ministries.

At the back of the Church is an overview of some of the ministries within our the parish community which we ask you to consider. There is something for everyone.

If you are interested in any of these Ministries or wish to continue in your current Ministry, please fill in the Ministry sheet at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Office.

If you would like more information about the Ministries in our Parish community, please contact the Parish Office on 6372-2122.



**4-Day Heart Healing Retreat at Shalom**  
**Wednesday 26th February 2020 9:30am to Sunday**  
**1st March 11:30am.**

This 4-day Healing Retreat is designed for adults wanting to heal the unresolved emotional and/or spiritual wounds of difficult or traumatic events that have occurred in their lives. The retreat will focus on healing childhood wounds such as attachment difficulties, family dysfunction, abuse, bullying and trauma.

It is presented in a group format with a maximum of 8 participants completing therapeutic activities on an individual basis. The retreat facilitator, Di Frost is a registered psychologist who has been working in the trauma field for over 15 years. She has worked across a range of sectors including with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Venue: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins St Carcoar, NSW  
 Cost: \$500 (includes accommodation & meals)  
 Max number participants: 8  
 Bookings enquiries: Ph: 02 63673058 or email:  
 shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

# Welcome

This week we welcome the return of staff and students for the 2020 new school year. A special welcome is extended to the new families, students and teachers.

## Gospel Reflection

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of ‘leaving behind’ was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one’s prejudices.

Diane Bergant CSA ©



As we approach this Lenten season we are again offering the Diocese of Wollongong Lenten Program.

If you would like to host a Lenten Group in your home or participate in a group, contact the Parish Office.

Books will be for sale at Masses in the coming weeks.