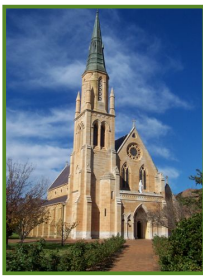


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A: 9th February 2020

Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

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Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

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Principal: Mr Bradley Toole

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First Reading:

Isaiah 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 111: 4-9. R. v.4

Response:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

Second Reading:

Corinthians 2: 1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 5: 13-16

You are the light of the world.

Memorial Acclamation:

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



REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

Dianne Bergant CSA ©

DAY BY DAY

Monday 10th February

St Scholastic, virgin

9.00 am No Service

Tuesday 11th February

9.00am Mass Mudgee - Church

5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting.

Wednesday 12th February

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

12 noon Kandos Funeral Prayers John Hemsley

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass Mudgee - Presbytery Chapel

Thursday 13th February

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS students

Friday 14th February

St Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop

10.30am Mass Pioneer House

12pm Reconciliation Mudgee

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

Saturday 15th February

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday 16th February

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion

11.00am Mass Rylstone

Pope's Universal Prayer for February

Universal prayer intention - Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



We welcome to the parish family
Amos Luke Sant
son of Luke and Hayley.

Alpha Volunteers...

Volunteers still needed to help with the Alpha program. Please see Fr Owen or contact the parish office.



Mudgee Liturgy Roster 15th/16th February 2020

Commentator	K.Fitzsimmons	VOLUNTEER
Readers	I.Byrne L.Ryan	L.Finter C.Devitt
Special Ministers of Communion	A.Fergus VOLUNTEER	R.McKeown P.O'Brien
Offertory Procession	K.Isbester J.Goodlet	I & J Bull
Welcomers	C.Carberry HELP NEEDED	J. Potts M. Dunnachie
Altar Servers	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Counters	10/2 D. Holden J. Potts	17/2 E. Goodlet L.Nicholson

A new roster is being prepared for Mudgee if you wish to volunteer for any of the ministries we would be grateful to finalise this week

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 16th February 2020	Rylstone Liturgy Roster	Sunday 16th February 2020
Leader	J.Thatcher		
Commentator	P.Leotta		
Reader	R.Saliba	Readers	H.Roberts P.O'Connor
Offertory		Intercessions	L.McPherson
Special Minister of Communion	C.holland J.Thatcher	Special Minister of Communion	H.Roberts
Sacristan	R.Saliba H.Seymour	Sacristan	A. Krusvar



Hospital Visits

If any parishioners have family in hospital or at home and would like Fr Owen to visit, please contact the Parish Office.

Please note unless the patient/family give permission we are unable to visit due to privacy laws.

Welcome to our two new School Principals and their families.



Mrs Angela Myles

My name is Angela Myles and I am the new Principal at St Matthews Catholic School. Many of you will know that I am a local Mudgee girl.

My maiden name was Croake and I attended St Matthews from Kindegarten to Year 10. Some of

you will also know my family. My parents are Russell and Loretto Croake, who were very active members of the parish community until they moved to Bundaberg about 9 years ago.

Prior to moving home to Mudgee, I have been Principal of a Prep to Year 12 school in Kingaroy, Deputy Principal of a large Catholic secondary school in Bundaberg and also held positions of leadership in the area of religious education, faith formation and mission within Catholic schools in Bundaberg and Dubbo. I am very excited about being given the privilege to lead St Matthews into the next stage of its development.

My husband Rodney, daughter Grace and I are all looking forward to getting to know you, so please make sure you come and introduce yourself when you see us at Mass or around town.

Angela Myles
Principal
St Matthews Catholic School
Mudgee NSW 2850

Mr Bradley Toole

My name is Brad Toole , I was born and raised in Bathurst attending Holy Family Kelso and St Stanislaus College.

Started teaching in Nyngan before having stints in Bathurst and two years in London.

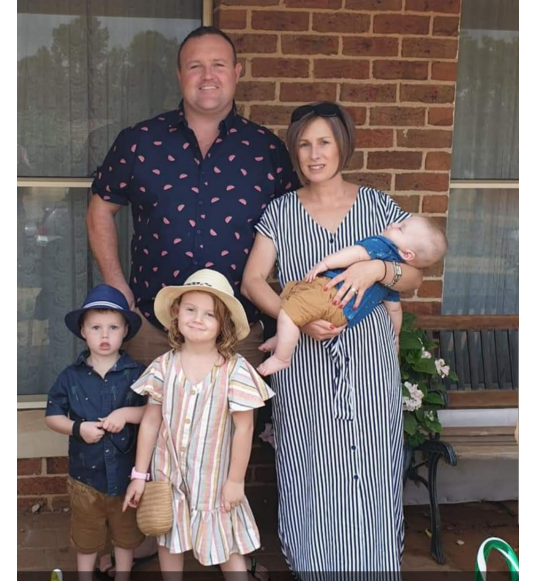
Returned from London to Nyngan where I have been teaching since 2013, I was the Assistant Principal in Nyngan from 2015.

I'm married to Alex who comes from Crookwell originally and have three children. Ruby 5, Albert 3 and Reg is 7 months.

We are really looking forward to our move to Gulgong as we love the close sense of community that is evident in small country towns.

We look forward to meeting everyone.

Brad Toole
Principal
All Hallows Catholic School
Gulgong NSW



Thank you

Grateful thanks to John Vros who has quietly attended to repairs here and there in the church and grounds over a number of years. John is no longer able to continue this work and we thank him for his generosity.

Farewell and thank you to Ellen Day, Youth Minister, St Matthews School/ St Mary's Parish. We wish to congratulate Ellen for the wonderful work she has done during her time in ministry in both the school and parish. Ellen is off to continue her studies at University and we wish her every blessing for her future.

GRACE LENTEN PROGRAM.

As we approach this Lenten season we are again offering the Diocese of Wollongong Lenten Program. It provides daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday and can be used in a group or for personal reflections as we journey to Easter. Cost \$8 each.

If you would like to host a Lenten Group in your home or participate in a group, please contact the Parish Office. Books are available for sale after Mass this weekend or from the Parish Office.



Liturgical & Parish Ministry

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.

PLEASE FILL OUT AN INDIVIDUAL FORM FOR EACH FAMILY SO AS WE HAVE CONTACT DETAILS FOR THOSE WHO ARE NEW AND WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO A MINISTRY WITHIN OUR PARISH.

If you are interested in participating 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 today.

Quote for the week

***You are never too old
to set another goal or dream a new dream.***

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Sirach 15:15-20

Psalms 118: 1-2, 4-4, 17-18, 33-34 R. v. 1

Corinthians 2: 6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially

John Hemsley, Johanna Breitkopf and Nola Robison (Port Macquarie).

We remember the anniversaries of Ted Hayman, Geoff Anson, Ronald Archer and Meryl Astill.

We also pray for Jack and Pearl Walsh.

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

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

GULGONG NEWS:

Roster: There will be a temporary roster until Deacon (Fr) Dong takes up his appointment in Mudgee.

Due to health issues and parishioners moving away from Gulgong, we are once more in need of volunteers for the various Ministries within the Parish. There will be a sheet on the table at the back of the Church for Parishioners to place their name.

Gulgong Catholic Womens Group

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th March, in the Convent. All positions are declared vacant. New members welcome.

Lenten Program Books:

If anyone would like a copy for personal or group reflection please contact the Office ASAP so they can be delivered.

KANDOS NEWS

Lenten Program:

If you wish to take part in the Lenten Program this year, could you please give your name to Carol Morrissey.

In Sr Kath's absence it is hoped the program will continue. Books are also available for personal reflection.

Cost \$8.

Deacon Karl's Ordination

Deacon Karl will be Ordained as a Priest on Friday 22nd February in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John Bathurst.

The parish would like to give Karl a gift on this very special occasion. Collection bags will be available as you leave the church next weekend for anyone who wishes to make a donation. Alternately there may be some who wish to give a personal gift.

MUDGEE NEWS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020 MUDGEE FRIDAY 7TH MARCH, 6.00PM



St Mary's is to host the World Day of Prayer The World Day of Prayer 2020.

We would be grateful for a volunteer who is willing to organise and liaise with the other churches. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

The host country is Zimbabwe and the theme is ***"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"***.

There will be a light supper served in the Parish Centre after the service.

St Marys Craft and Friendship Group will be hold their AGM on 19th February.

All welcome.

Pastoral Council Meeting - The first meeting for the year will take place on **Thursday 27th February**, not Wednesday due to Ash Wednesday Mass.

Advance Notice: A welcome dinner for new parishioners is being organised for Friday 13th March at 6.00pm in the Parish Centre. If you know of new families/ individuals new to the parish please invite them to contact the parish office so they can be extended an invitation.



Visit of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and Ss Louis and Zelig Martin Dioceses of

Bathurst.

St Therese of Lisieux

For the first time in nearly 20 years, the relics of St Therese of Lisieux, one of the most popular saints of modern times, will visit Australia on a four-month pilgrimage along with the major relic of her parents, Saints Louis and Zelig Martin.

The visit is being coordinated by Catholic Mission and from February to May 2020, the family's relics will travel across the country 17 dioceses in metropolitan and regional areas with opportunities for all devotees to visit with the relics.

The relics of St Therese and her parents will begin the visit to the Diocese of Bathurst from Monday 24 February in Coonabarabran, travelling throughout the Diocese until they reach Lithgow on Tuesday 2nd March, where they will be farewelled. A full itinerary can be found on the Diocesan website www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

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

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

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.

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This will be a very special time for the young people, there will also be a session facilitated by the Bishop.