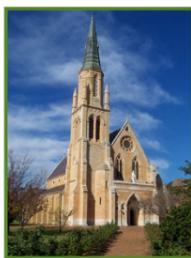


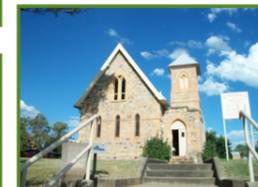
*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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.



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A: 16th February 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:

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#### All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:

**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole

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<https://ahcpsgulgong.schoolzine.com>

### First Reading:

Sirach 15:15-20

*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

### Responsorial Psalm:

*Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1*

### Response:

*Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **(R.)**

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Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

### Second Reading:

Corinthians 2: 6-10

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

### Gospel:

**Matthew 5: 17-37**

*Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.*

### 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

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

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**DAY BY DAY**

**Monday 17th February**

No Service

**Tuesday 18th February**

9.00am Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion  
2.00pm Funeral Prayers Judith Roberts

**Wednesday 19th February**

9.30am AGM of St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group  
4.00pm Holy Hour  
5.00pm Mass Mudgee - Presbytery Chapel

**Thursday 20th February**

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS students  
10.30am Mass Gulgong

**Friday 21st February**

11.00am Mass Kanandah Hostel  
12pm Reconciliation Mudgee  
12.30pm Mass Mudgee

**Saturday 22nd February**

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

**Sunday 23rd February**

9.00am Mass Mudgee  
10.30am Mass Gulgong  
11.00am Kandos  
Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion

**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  
**Charlie Maine Blackman**  
son of David and Kate. .

**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

**Mudgee Liturgy Roster 15th/16th February 2020**

<b>Commentator</b>	A.McLean	VOLUNTEER
<b>Readers</b>	S.Walker J.Newman	C & N Whitmore
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	D.Cunningham A.Baker	S.Bennett M.Devitt
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	K.wall G.Roberts	R & S Loneragan
<b>Welcomers</b>	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
<b>Altar Servers</b>	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
<b>Counters</b>	17/2 E. Goodlet L.Nicholson	23/2 D.Holden S & G Robinson

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

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 23rd February 2020</b>	<b>Rylstone Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 23rd February 2020</b>
<i>Leader</i>			
<i>Commentator</i>	D.Kelly		
<i>Reader</i>	D.Hudson	<i>Readers</i>	M.Chadwick H.Roberts
<i>Offertory</i>	E & M Carney	<i>Intercessions</i>	Sr Kath
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	R.Saliba C.Holland	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	L.McPherson A.Krusvar
<i>Sacristan</i>	G.Ausburn HELPER	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sr Kath

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. GIRM 29

In considering the Church as 'the home of the word', attention must first be given to the sacred liturgy, for the liturgy is the privileged setting in which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond.  
Verbum Domini (2010)52.

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

**For the recently deceased especially**

Judith Robinson, Lennor Cumming, John Hemsley, Johanna Breitkopf and Nola Robison (Port Macquarie).

**We remember the anniversaries of** John Robinson, Vince Adams and Alan Townsend.

**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 Donnelly, 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.



**"EVANGELIZATION IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH, NOT JUST OF A FEW, BUT MY, YOUR, OUR MISSION."**

Pope Francis

**MUDGE NEWS**

**St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group AGM** - this Wednesday 19th February. All Welcome.

**Mass and Morning Tea after Mass next Sunday** as we celebrate with Deacon Karl his Ordination to Priesthood. **Please bring a plate of food to share.**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:**

The first meeting for the year will be on **Thursday 27th February at 5.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

**AGM of the Pastoral Council will be on Wednesday 25th March, 5.30pm.**

We are seeking new members - several of current members have served their time on the council and are to step down from their role. If you know of someone who is willing to join and support the Pastoral needs of the parish please contact Fr Owen. We will be calling for nominations shortly.

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

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

**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"**.

**If you know of someone who is native to Zimbabwe and willing to be the guest speaker could you please contact the office.**

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

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

**KANDOS NEWS**

St Malachy's Rylstone

**WELCOME**

This weekend we welcome Commanding Officer LTCOL Renee Kidson, CO of the Australian Defence Force Operation Bushfire Assist and her personal.

LTCOL Kidson is currently visiting the local bushfire effected areas.

**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.

For sale this weekend - Cost \$8.

**Conversations About Catholics - Mudgee**

Four sessions of conversations about many aspects of the Catholic faith, tradition and rituals.

St Mary's Parish Centre beginning Thursday 5th March at 9.30am and continuing

Thursday 12th, 19th, and 26th March.

Particularly parents who have children preparing for the sacraments this year, have not been active in the church or simply want to update your knowledge.

Join us in these relaxed sessions .....

**Welcome Dinner**

A welcome dinner for new parishioners is being organised

for **Friday 20th March, 6.00pm** (please note change of date) in the Parish Centre.

If you know of families/individuals new to the parish please let the parish office know so as we can extend a personal invitation.



**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Psalms 102: 1-4, 8-10, 12-13 R. v. 8

Corinthians 3: 16-23

Matthew 5: 38-48



## Ordination of Deacons Karl Sinclair and Dong Van Nguyen

This Friday evening 21st February at 7.30pm in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst Karl together with his fellow deacon, Dong will be Ordained to the Priesthood. May many blessing be bestowed upon them as they are ordained.

This weekend we farewell Deacon Karl, as next weekend he will return to offer Sunday Mass in Mudgee as **Father Karl**. He will remain in Mudgee for a few weeks before he takes up his new appointment as Assistant Priest to Orange. Dong will take up his position as Assistant Priest in Mudgee after a short break to his family in Vietnam.

***Our thoughts and prayers are with you Deacon Karl as you prepare for this final week ahead. While it is not farewell this weekend, we take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your time here with us in Mudgee and we will continue to pray for you as you begin this new journey.***

**THERE WILL BE A MORNING TEA AFTER MASS NEXT SUNDAY TO CELEBRATE AND CONGRATULATE FR KARL ON HIS ORDINATION. PLEASE BRING A PLATE FOR SHARING.**

### 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.

### A BOOK FOR ALL THOSE WHO WENT TO SCHOOL AT PERTHVILLE

Former students and the many friends of St Joseph's Primary School and College, Perthville will be pleased to know that a book on the history of that establishment is being launched at Perthville.

*St Joseph's Perthville 1872 – 2017 – Mary MacKillop's First New South Wales School* - will be launched at 11 am on Saturday 21 March 2020 at Perthville.

All ex-students and friends are warmly invited. A light lunch will be available for \$20.00 (no EFTPOS). Bookings are essential for catering purposes

**RSVP by 12 March 2020.**

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**Email: [sjphistory@bigpond.com](mailto:sjphistory@bigpond.com)**



## Visit of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and Ss Louis and Zelia Martin

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 Zelia Martin.

The visit is being coordinated by Catholic Mission 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.



### Kandos, Mudgee and Gulgong Program Monday 2nd March

**Kandos -** 10.30am - Reception of Relics  
11.00am - Mass  
11.45 - 12.30pm Private devotions

**Mudgee -** 1.30pm - Reception of Relics  
1.30pm - 3.00pm: Private Devotions SMCS  
3.00pm - 6.00pm: Private Devotions  
6.00pm - Mass  
7.00pm - 8.00pm Private Devotions

### Tuesday 3rd March

**Gulgong -** 9.00am - Reception of Relics  
(All Hallows School Hall) 9.15am - Mass  
10.00am - 10.15 am Private Devotions

# Lent



**Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, 26th February, remembering it is a day of Fast and Abstinence.**

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**9.10am - Mass in St Matthew's School Gym SMCS Yrs 4-12 and Parishioners. (SMCS Yr 7 Grandparents Mass)**

**9.10am - Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes. St Mary's Church Kinder - Yr 3**

**10.30am - Mass St John the Baptist, Gulgong All Hallows School and Parishioners**

**11.30am - Mass St Dominic's Kandos**

**6.00pm - Mass St Mary's Mudgee**

