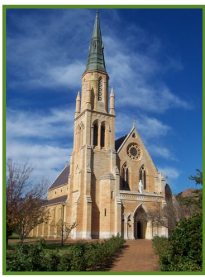


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.

Second Sunday of Lent - Year A: 8th March 2020

Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

Assistant Priest

Fr Karl Sinclair

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Deacon Charles Applin

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Monday

10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm
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Principal: Mrs Angela Myles

Ph 02 63721742

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All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:

Principal: Mr Bradley Toole

Ph 02 63741582

First Reading:

Genesis 12: 1-4

*The call of Abraham, the father
of God's people.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

Response: *Lord, let your
mercy be on us, as we place
our trust in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

(R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

(R.)

Second Reading:

Timothy 1: 8-10

*God has saved us, and called us
to be holy.*

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ, King of endless glory.

Gospel:

Matthew 17: 1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Memorial Acclamation:

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



**COMMUNION UNDER
BOTH SPECIES**
Bishop Michael has
advised that we
suspend the distribution of
Holy Communion under both
kinds (the chalice) to
parishioners until
further notice.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Transfigured Bodysouls

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

Fr Michael Tate

DAY BY DAY

Monday 9th March

No Service

6.00pm Alpha Program

Tuesday 10th March

9.00am Mass Mudgee - SMCS

2.00pm GCWG Annual General Meeting in the Convent

Wednesday 11th March

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass Mudgee

Thursday 12th March

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr 3

9.30am Conversations About Catholics

Friday 13th March

10.30am Pioneer House

12.15pm Reconciliation Mudgee

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

1.00pm Mudgee Josephite Associates Meeting

Saturday 14th March

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday 15th March

9.00am Mass Mudgee (Led by SMCS Senior students)

10.30am Gulgong

Celebration of Word with Holy Communion

11.00am Mass Rylstone



We welcome to the parish community

ARIA GEORGIA HASWELL

Daughter of Peter and Lauren.

LENT is a good time for sacrificing. Let us deny ourselves something every day to help others.

Pope Francis

Pope's Universal Prayer for March

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Mudgee Liturgy Roster 7th / 8th March 2020

Commentator	B.Peterson	SMCS SENIOR STUDENTS
Readers	I.Byrne A.Fergus	SMCS SENIOR STUDENTS
Special Ministers of Communion	L.Nicholson G.Hennessy	R.McKeown K.Scott L.Rodgers
Offertory Procession	V & F Solti	SMCS SENIOR STUDENTS
Welcomers	V & F Solti	SMCS SENIOR STUDENTS
Altar Servers	M. & E. English C. & E. McKid	A. & E. Littler A.Freeman
Counters	9/3 D. Holden P. O'Brien	16/3 E.Goodlet D.Bennett

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 8th March 2020	Rylstone Liturgy Roster	Sunday 8th March 2020
Commentator	R.Saliba		
Reader	J.Thatcher	Readers	Sr Kath M.Turner
Offertory	W & H Gleeson	Intercessions	A.Krusvar
Special Minister of Communion	R.Saliba J.Thatcher	Special Minister of Communion	H.Roberts
Sacristan	M & E Carney	Sacristan	L. McPherson
Leader	P.Leotta		

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially

Rick Tompsett, Lorraine Smith, Judith Roberts and Lennor Cumming.

We remember the anniversaries of Jean Doorey, David Kiddle, Jennifer Eade and Veronica Butler.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Betty Price, Jacki Smith, 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.

Invitation

St Mary's Parish

welcomes all new families to our parish
to a social gathering and meal,
hosted by St Mary's Pastoral Council
on
Friday 20th March, 2020 at 6.00pm
in the Parish Centre.

RSVP: Wednesday 18th March
email: office.mudgee@cdob.org.au
Ph. 02 63722122

Alternately there is a clipboard at the back of the Church.

Please indicate # the number of adults/children attending.

Conversations About Catholics - Mudgee

Postponed to a later date.

Chaplaincy presence at CSU Bathurst

Are you or someone you know commencing or returning to the Bathurst Campus of Charles Sturt University in the coming weeks and would like to connect with other young Catholics?

In 2020, CSU Bathurst will have a chaplaincy presence.

If you would like to connect, please email on CSUcatholics@bathurst.catholic.org.au

Quote.....

It's okay

to not be okay

as long as you are

not giving up.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

19th March - Mudgee Confirmation
Parent sessions 1.30pm and 5.30pm

22nd March - Anointing Mass and Celebration for Sr Kath Kandos
11.00am.

Thursday 2nd April - AGM St Mary's Pastoral Council 5.30pm.

Mudgee News

AGM of St Mary's Pastoral Council
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL, 5.30pm.

Nominations are called for election to

the council for a three year term.

The Parish Pastoral Council meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 5.30pm. in the Parish Centre. If you are elected and accept a position on the council it is expected that you will attend the monthly meetings.

Nominations forms are available at the back of the church. You may nominate yourself or another person with their permission.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Enrolments are now open for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If your child is in Year 6 or above and has already received First Reconciliation and Eucharist, they are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. An enrolment link is available on our website

www.mudgee.catholic.org.au

Gulgong News

Gulgong Catholic Womens Group

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th March, 2.00pm, in the Convent. All positions are declared vacant. New members welcome.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 24th May at 11.00am.

Parent Information session Monday 30th March 3.30pm at the school.

Enrolment Mass Sunday Sunday 3rd May, 10.30am.

Parents of children in the Government schools - please contact the School Office.

Kandos News

Anointing Mass 11.00am and Celebration Lunch

A lunch to celebrate Sr Kath's 80th Birthday is planned for **Sunday 22nd March.**

If you will be attending the lunch please either write your name on the sheet available at the back of the church or contact Louise or Carol. Cost \$5pp. Numbers are required to assist with catering.

The Enneagram at Shalom

The Enneagram is a very accurate system that identifies automatic personality habits and motivations that separate us from our essential selves. Furthermore the Enneagram provides a map to help reconnect with the essential essence of our true nature, our loved ones and our community.

The Enneagram Introduction Day : Thurs 12th March 9:30am to 5:30pm

Cost: \$100 (includes lunch and morning/afternoon teas)

The Enneagram Subtypes Workshop: Fri 13th March to Sun 15th March.

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

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

or Book Online at: shalomcarcoar.com

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Exodus 17: 3-7

Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

John 4: 5-42

First Sunday of Lent - Year A



Project Compassion

Thandolwayo, a 12-year-old girl in Zimbabwe, would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. She then went to school exhausted from hours fetching and carrying water. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia

supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

LENT 2020



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin our observance of Lent in preparation for Easter this year, we can give thanks to God for the rain that we have received in recent weeks. We hope and pray that it will continue and that we may have a good year. Of course, the work of rebuilding lives and livelihoods that were battered by the long drought must continue: and we must renew our pledge to help one another.

The scriptures often use the image of rain falling from heaven to talk about the grace of God. *Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth, and let it cause righteousness to spring up also...*(Isaiah 45:8)

When I visited parishes in the northwest of our Diocese a couple of weeks ago, the paddocks were green, the dams were full and the rivers were flowing again. People were smiling. Last week, there were plenty of smiles, too, at the ordinations of our two new priests, Fathers Karl Sinclair and Dong Van Nguyen: the fruit of God's grace.

Lent is not a gloomy time, but a time to open our lives to the shower of God's grace, which brings the joy of new growth. By spending more time discovering God's presence in prayer; by letting go of our attachments to comforts and luxuries; by sharing what we have with those who have less: we can experience the life of God, who is calling us to Resurrection.

Have a happy Lent.

+Michael McKenna

The Gospel Connection



A Divine Design

Jesus was changed before their eyes. Have you ever seen a transfiguration? Have you ever seen a simple thing become a holy thing, like bread become sacred flesh? Have you ever seen a plain face become a radiant beauty when seen through the eyes of love? Have you ever seen a timid person become a lion when circumstances required strength beyond fear? Transfiguration is not an isolated incident, a one-time deal in salvation history. Transfigurations happen around us in surprising places, for those who have eyes to see.

Sitting with my driving friend for many weeks, I watched how a weakening body can become a temple of great holiness. The spiritual strength of a failing mortal life was so much stronger than the physical vigour he once displayed. Before his illness, he scaled mountains for pleasure. In his last illness, he ascended to spiritual heights that astonished me with their breathtaking vistas. Once, he saw the view from the peaks of the Sierras and hoped to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Now, his vision is on higher places, and the things he sees are lovelier than all the earth's delights. This is transfiguration, as surely as what Peter, James and John saw on that fateful day.

"Don't breathe a word of what you've seen. After the Son of Man is raised from the dead, you are free to talk".

When and how have you seen transfigurations in yourself, in others, or in situations around you?

Get ready to participate in some powerful transfigurations! Ask God to change the rough, ugly, or impossible roads in your life into freeways for grace. Invite the Holy Spirit to make the valleys smooth, and the mountains low.

Penance: Friday is traditionally a day of penance and should be marked by:

prayer - participating in the Eucharist, family prayer, visiting the church, reading the scriptures, making the Way of the Cross, praying the Rosary; **# self denial** - abstaining from meat, sweets and dessert, giving up entertainment to spend time with the family, limiting food and drink in support of the poor; **# helping others** - giving special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely, overburdened