

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 of Lent - Year A: 15th March 2020

Parish Priest

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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

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:

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All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:

Principal: Mr Bradley Toole

Ph 02 63741582

<https://ahcpsgulgong.schoolzine.com>

First Reading:

Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

Response:

*If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*



Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading:

Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

*The love of God has been poured
into our hearts by the Holy Spirit
which has been given to us.*

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

*The water that I shall give will
turn into a spring of eternal life.*

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.

Further changes may come
in the following weeks.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CS

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

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DAY BY DAY

Monday 16th March

No Service

6.00pm Alpha Program

Tuesday 17th March

9.00am Mass Mudgee - SMCS

Wednesday 18th March

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass Mudgee

Thursday 19th March

9.10am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong - AH Primary

1.30pm and 5.30pm **Confirmation Parent Session**
Mudgee - Parish Centre.

Friday 20th March

11.00am Mass Kanandah Hostel

12.15pm Reconciliation Mudgee

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

Saturday 21st March

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Mudgee Confirmation Commitment

Sunday 22nd March

9.00am Mass Mudgee

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10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

Mudgee Liturgy Roster 21st / 22nd March 2020

Commentator	S.Abbey	
Readers	L. Ryan J.Newman	C.Devitt L.Finter
Special Ministers of Communion	D.Cunningham	M.Devitt M.Gilbert C.Dawson
Offertory Procession	Vo Family	R & S Loneragan
Welcomers	C.Carberry L.Cahill	HELP NEEDED
Altar Servers	S.Hawes P.Medley I.gooley	A. & E. Littler A.Freeman
Counters	16/3 E.Goodlet D.Bennett	23/3 D.Holden D.Donnely

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 22nd March 2020	Rylstone Liturgy Roster	Sunday 22nd March 2020
Commentator	P. Leotta		
Reader	S. Parnell	Readers	M.Chadwick H.Roberts
Offertory	S. Ellery G. Ausburn	Intercessions	Sr Kath
Special Minister of Communion	R. Saliba J. Thatcher	Special Minister of Communion	L.McPherson A.Krusvar
Sacristan	R. Saliba H. Seymour	Sacristan	Sr Kath

We welcome to the parish community

Alexander Michael Anton McKeown, son of Thomas and Nicole.

Julia Rose Aitkin daughter of David and Tegan.

Lucy June George daughter of Danielle and Brendan.



Pope Francis - 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.

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially

Rick Tompsett.

We remember the anniversaries of Penny Marskell-Bell, Mona Cafe, Pat Leonard, Pat Milton, Jean Doorey, Marie Thirtle, Brian Power

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Betty Price, Jacki Smith, Maria Brec, Brian Constable (St 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.



St Matthews School - Kindergarten
Readiness Program

four Consecutive Wednesday mornings
9.15am - 11am
20th May, 27th May, 3rd June and 10th June.

Open to all children beginning school 2021

All new and existing families welcome

Prepare your child for school

Experience the friendly and supportive learning
atmosphere at St Matthews

#Cost - FREE

To register please complete the "Kindergarten readiness
Program registration Form 2020"

available on the school website or through the school
office.

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

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.

Quote.....

*Lent is about becoming, doing and
changing, whatever it is that is blocking
the fullness of life in us right now.*

Sister Joan Chittister, OSB

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

Visit of Relics of St Therese of Lisieux.

**We would be grateful if anyone
who took photo's at the visit
could share with the parish.**

**Could you please email a copy
or call at the Parish office.**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

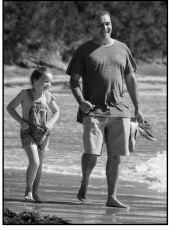
1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

Psalm Ps 22 R. v.1

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9: 1-41

Third Sunday of Lent - Year A



Project Compassion

Father of four, Barry, embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt

and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may be been life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Today, thanks to the Caritas support, he's an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Last Mass celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Ilford.

The final Mass was celebrated by Fr Owen with locals and past parishioners in attendance last Sunday, 8th March.

Afternoon tea (picnic style) was served outside after the Mass in the pleasant bush surroundings.



Gospel Connections

This Well Is Deep

Still waters run deep! The well in Samaria may have been dug down to a level of 200 feet below the grade of the town, but it was not as deep as the water of which Jesus speaks to the woman that day. Jesus is a wellspring of living water, leaping up to eternal life. Now *that's* deep.

Water talk in the Bible is always significant, because the Middle East is one large desert with a few important rivers running through it. Water determined everything biblical: where cities were built, if the people prospered or languished, who would win a battle, whether life could go on. The best way for the enemy to defeat you was to destroy your well or cut off your access to it. Then victory was only days away.

Jesus and the woman both know, better than we do in a land where water is on tap, that water means life. We know that the woman drinks deeply of the message Jesus gives her when she leaves her water jar behind at the well. She experienced exactly what he told her: that if she listened to him, she would never be thirsty again.

"If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water".

What does water mean to you? What does your experience of water teach you about the life that Jesus offers?

Get involved in the interfaith movement! The Church is talking with the synagogue, and so should we. Join or organise a local effort. Invite a local rabbi to speak at your parish about the faith of God's first people.