

*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.**



## **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 5th July 2020**

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Fr Owen Gibbons

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9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

### **OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

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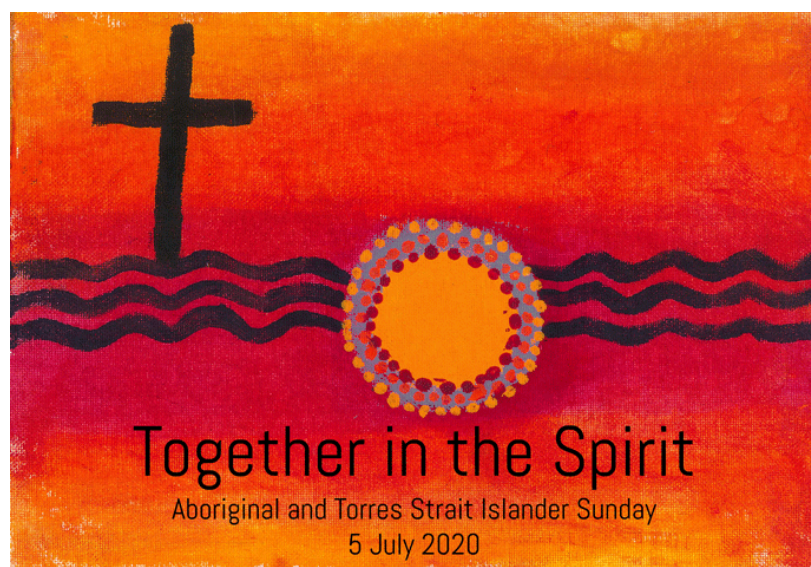
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## **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY**



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday will be celebrated throughout Australia this Sunday, the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

The Catholic Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong, Kandos and Rylstone acknowledge the Wiradjuri people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this Country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass will be live streamed on Sunday 5 July at 11.30am EST, from the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide. The Mass can be viewed at [www.natsicc.org.au](http://www.natsicc.org.au)

## **PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION**



God of all creation,  
as we journey  
together in this Great Southern Land,  
we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity,  
creating a path of good will,  
with justice and compassion.

Jesus, through the power of your love, you  
have given us the courage, wisdom and  
strength to share our gifts and talents in  
humility. In peace and understanding we  
reconcile with each other.

Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and  
thanksgiving for the many blessings we have  
received. Allow your Spirit to wash over us and  
give us strength to walk together as one.

*Reconciliation Church prayer was written by a small  
group of Aboriginal Elders and Reconciliation Church  
staff members in 2014.*

**First Reading: [Zec 9:9-10](#)**

***See how humbly your king comes to you!***

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.’

**Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14.](#)**

**[R. v.1](#)**

**(R.)** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**



**Second Reading: [Rom 8:9.11-13](#)**

***If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.***

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

**Gospel Acclamation [Mt 11:25](#)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

**Gospel: [Mt 11:25-30](#)**

***I am gentle and humble of heart.***

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

**GOSPEL REFLECTION - Greg Sunter**

When we hear the term, yoke, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, ‘Which is the greatest commandment?’ A rabbi’s answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, ‘Love God and love your neighbour,’ and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.

In today’s gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, ‘Shoulder my yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.’ The yoke of Jesus was easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 mitzvot (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.

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## MASS TIMETABLE

### MONDAY - 6th July

No Mass

11.00am Funeral - Leslee Anne Cruickshank

12 Noon Angelus

### TUESDAY - 7th July

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

### WEDNESDAY - 8th July

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

### THURSDAY - 9th July

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

3.00pm Rise Youth Festival

### FRIDAY - 10th July

12 Noon Angelus

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

3.00pm Rise Youth Festival

### SATURDAY - 11th July

St Benedict, abbot, Memorial

12 Noon Angelus

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

### SUNDAY: 12th July

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass Mudgee (Live Streamed)

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12 Noon Angelus

### Confession/Anointing

Please ring and make an appointment, the priests are available.

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN  
FOR MASS AND  
VISITATION  
TUES-THURS  
9.15 -10.30AM  
FRIDAY  
11.30AM - 1.00PM**



**Congratulations**  
to  
**Brian & Carmel Frost**  
who celebrated  
their 56th Wedding Anniversary  
on 27th June 2020  
We wish you many more years of  
happiness and good health.

### POPE FRANCIS'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR JULY:

#### Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

## Mudgee Roster for July

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful
Sat 11th July	I. Byrne	L. Ryan	B. Petersen
Sun 12th July	M. Dunnachie	M. Cassidy	<b>Help Needed</b>
Sat 18th July	A. Fergus	<b>Help Needed</b>	L. Nicholson
Sun 19th July	N. Whitmore	C. Whitmore	M. Dunnachie
Sat 25th July	L. Nicholson	A. Fergus	I. Byrne
Sun 26th July	R. McKeown	R. Disher	M. Cassidy

## Gulgong Roster for July

Date	Commentator	Reader
12th July	C. Gaudry	D. Kelly
19th July	D. Kelly	K. O'Brien
26th July	R. Saliba	B. Toole

### *Masses and prayers Requested for the following:*

#### *For the recently deceased especially*

Leslee Cruickshank, Noeleen Smith (Syd),  
Anne Minogue (nee Kearins), Dulcie Baskerville,  
Eduardo M Cojuangco jnr, Elsa C Duncan and  
Cesar Valerio.

**We remember the anniversary of** Giuseppina Spina,  
June & Malcolm Whiteley, John Camilleri, Tom Deasy,  
Christopher Max, Kenneth Doorey

**We also pray for** Jack Gillham,

**Our thoughts and prayers** are with those who are sick  
at this time: Anne McLean, Judith Grant, Betty Price,  
Maria Brec, Brian Kurtz, Sylvia O'Brien, Vicky Gaffney,  
Anthony Spina, Eliza Vasilis, Julie Collins,  
Anna Swientek, Elizabeth Donelly, Ursula Smieszek,  
Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon and those in  
our Nursing Homes.



### VINNIES COVID -19 WINTER APPEAL

**YOU CAN HELP FAMILIES IMPACTED BY COVID  
-19 TO PAY THEIR BILLS, PUT FOOD ON THE  
TABLE AND KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD.**

**ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOR  
DONATIONS. THEY CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR  
HANDLED IN AT THE SVdP CENTRE.**

**ALTERNATIVELY DONATE AT : [VINNIES.ORG.AU](http://VINNIES.ORG.AU)**

**Phone. 131812 Donations of \$2 and over are tax-deductible.**

For thousands of years before the arrival of Western settlers (in Australia), the sole inhabitants of the land were indigenous peoples, the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. Their ancient heritage forms an essential part of the cultural landscape of modern Australia. Thanks to the Australian Government's courageous decision to acknowledge the injustices committed against the indigenous peoples in the past, concrete steps are now being taken to achieve reconciliation based on mutual respect. Rightly, you are seeking to close the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians regarding life expectancy, educational achievement and economic opportunity!

This example of reconciliation offers hope to peoples all over the world who long to see their rights affirmed and their contribution to society acknowledged and promoted.

*Pope Benedict XVI, World Youth Day 2008*

**Thank You** to all the parishioners that have helped previously and those who have currently volunteered to help clean the pews and common touch areas of the our churches. Please remember to take the bulletins home with you. We all need to do our part to stay Covid safe.

*We are all in this together.*

#### PLANNED GIVING:

Thank to all who have continued to support our parish in these very uncertain times.

If you are not already in the Planned Giving Programme please take a gifting card from the back of the church and return to the Parish Office.

#### BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT DEBIT PLANNED GIVING

##### Gulgong Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100006612

Reference: Your name



##### Mudgee Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100004583

Reference: Your name.

##### Kandos Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100005344

Reference: Your name

**Hold my hand, God, lead the way.**

**Help me be good every day. Let me know what's wrong and right, keep me safe day and night.**

**Let me know what you have planned.**

**Lead the way God, hold my hand. Amen**

## UPDATED COVID-19 INFORMATION

As of 1st July the NSW Government will further ease restrictions for a number of things including attendance at Mass.

The number of people permitted in the church to attend Mass or for private prayer in St Mary's Church will be 80

St John the Baptist Gulgong 47

St Malachy's, Rylstone 40

St Dominic's, Kandos 50

with social distancing of 1 person per four square meter.

The church is open for Mass and visitation Tuesday - Thursday 9.15 -10.30am Friday 11.30am - 1.00pm. We apologise we cannot leave the church open at all times as we don't have the man power to have someone be there at all times for cleaning.

It is no longer necessary to book to attend Mass either during the week or for weekends.

You will be required to continue to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church and to supply your contact details on the sign in sheet provided on entry to the church as has been the practice in recent times.

**PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND** if you have any flu like symptoms or if you are deemed in the vulnerable category.

**FUNERALS:** Restrictions have been eased, again to the capacity of individual churches with social distancing.

**BAPTISMS:** We are now able to celebrate baptism. Please register via the Parish Office. We will be able to have 2 baptisms only at any one time to meet requirements.

#### SACRAMENTS:

We await further instruction as to when and if we will be able to celebrate Confirmation, First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation in 2020.

**LIVE STREAMING OF THE SUNDAY MASS** will continue for a short time.

#### CHURCH CLEANING:

The church surfaces need to be continually cleaned after each service. We would be most grateful for names of people willing to assist, particularly on the weekends where most of the church needs to be done. Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist on a Saturday/ Sunday roster. It will only take a short time with extra helpers.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE)

Schools and approved providers of SRE and SEE were advised lessons can resume from the beginning of Term 3.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Is 55:10-11](#)

[Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8](#)

[Rom 8:18-23](#)

[Mt 13:1-23](#)