

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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 12th July 2020

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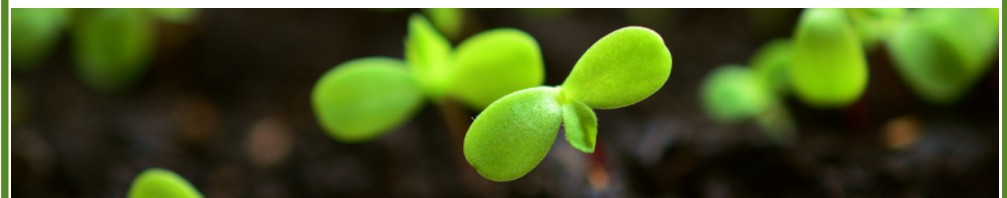
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COVID - 19 REMINDERS

- ◆ Please place your name and contact number on the sheets provided at the entrance of the church.
- ◆ Please seat 1.5 metre apart unless you are from the same household.
- ◆ Please sanitise your hands as you enter the church and when you leave the church.
- ◆ If you have flu like symptoms please stay at home and be tested.
- ◆ If you are a vulnerable person the advice is to stay home.
- ◆ Church capacity St Mary's Church, Mudgee - 80
St John the Baptist Gulgong - 47
St Malachy's, Rylstone - 40
St Dominic's, Kandos - 50
- ◆ **PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU** - otherwise place in the bin as you leave the Church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our brothers and sisters in Victoria and throughout the world who have again gone into lock down and are unable to attend Mass for a further 6 weeks due to outbreaks of Covid 19.

We remember them all in our prayers, and pray that in these difficult times their faith will endure the anguish and frustration they are feeling. We pray especially for those who are seriously ill, may they have a speedy recovery.



GOSPEL REFLECTION - Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

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First Reading: Is 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **(R.)**

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **(R.)**

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Sunday Mass can be found here

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/stmaryscatholicmudgee/videos/>

Gospel Mt 13:1-9

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,

see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,

their ears are dull of hearing,

and they have shut their eyes,

for fear they should see with their eyes,

hear with their ears,

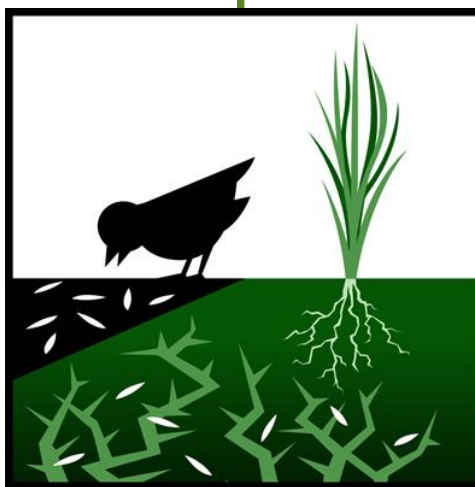
understand with their heart,

and be converted

and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



Belated celebration for Sr Kath Luchetti's 80th Birthday



A belated birthday celebration was held for Sr Kath last Sunday after Mass by the Kandos/Rylstone parishioners. The ladies presented sister with flowers, wine and a gift.

The Kandos bakery made and decorated Sister, her own special cake, and a cupcake was given to all the parishioners.



A bigger celebration and lunch had been planned, however due to Covid 19 it had to be cancelled.

Happy Belated Birthday Sr. Kath.

Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially

Norm Leonard, Edith Power, Timothy Rayner, Leslee Cruickshank, Noeleen Smith (Syd) and Anne Minogue (nee Kearins).



We remember the anniversary of

Peter Holmes, Bev Lawson, John Camilleri, Christopher Maw, Katrina Robison and John Waterhouse.

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 Donnelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing Homes.

'Having faith does not mean having no difficulties,
but having the strength to face them,
knowing we are not alone.'

THE GOSPEL CONNECTION

Blessed Eyes, Blessed Ears

"That's why I tell stories: to create readiness, to the nudge the people towards receptive insight". (Jesus)

My Dad's hearing is starting to fail. My vision has gotten to the point where I need two kinds of lenses in my glasses. Our senses have a built-in obsolescence that we ignore till they balk and we find out there's no warranty.

Seeing and hearing are gifts not to be taken for granted but understanding with the heart is greater still. Jesus never blames a blind man for blindness, nor a deaf person for not responding. But he does have a lot to say about people who walk wide-eyed into episodes of sin. Jesus is blunt with religious people who refuse to change their hearts. They (we!) enjoy the advantage of having God's word sown like seed in our soil, and yet nothing is cultivated, and nothing grows. No plot of ground is responsible for its barrenness if the seed never arrives there. But woe to the ground that is planted and yields dust! Far better to stop going to church and stop calling ourselves Christian, than to adopt the name and go on, deaf and blind to Jesus.

How do you prepare the soil of your life for the word of God to take root in you?

Make a commitment to God's word. Get a readable Bible - it may not be the big leather one in the family room. Spend a few minutes a day, on one passage or even one verse. Make a commitment reasonable enough to see it through.

Family Prayer

Something to Think About

Do you know the difference between hearing and listening? Sometimes we might hear somebody talking to us, but we are not really listening. Maybe we are distracted, or maybe our hearts are not open to hearing or responding to what the other person is saying. It is just like this when we hear the message of Jesus too. Is your heart open to hearing the word of God today?

The Story

Today's gospel is a parable about the Kingdom. The 'Kingdom' is a key theme throughout Matthew's Gospel. Jesus told stories using images and objects that were familiar to the people - in this case it was planting seeds. The seeds represent Jesus' message and the soil represents how different people respond to or listen to Jesus' message.



POPE FRANCIS'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR JULY:

Our Families

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

MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY - 13th July

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 14th July

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

5.30pm Parish Finance Meeting

WEDNESDAY - 15th July

St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor Memorial

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 16th July

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 17th July

12 Noon Angelus

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

3.00pm Rise Youth Festival

SATURDAY - 18th July

12 Noon Angelus

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY: 19th July

Sixteenth 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**

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.

Catholic Observer

Copies of the Observer are available this weekend with some interesting reading material

Take home a FREE copy for your family this weekend.

*Give God your weakness
and he'll give you your strength.*

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	Help Needed
Sat 18th July	A. Fergus	Help Needed	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	C.Devitt	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

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.

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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

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Gulgong Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100006612

Reference: Your name



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Wis 12:13.16-19](#)

[Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5](#)

[Rom 8:26-27](#)

[Mt 13:24-43](#)