

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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 2nd August 2020

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Parish Update On Sacramental Programme.



*Due to the ongoing uncertainty around Covid-19 and the specific hands on nature of the sacrament, **Confirmation** will be held over until November, by then we should have a better picture, with the hope that things will have improved.*

***First Eucharist** at this stage is planned for the end of this term, again depending on conditions.*

*It is hoped we can also celebrate **First Reconciliation** in Term 4.*

All these hopes depend on Covid conditions. Preparation for our children for all three sacraments will continue.

If you have children in the Government schools eligible for the sacraments this year please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Baptism is continuing to take place with limited numbers.

COVID - 19 REMINDERS

If you have flu like symptoms please do not enter our church stay at home and be tested.



- ◆ If you are a vulnerable person the advice is to stay home.
- ◆ We have parishioners assigned to usher you to your seats. We do this for your protection and also to ensure you are seated according to Covid regulations. Where there are families attending together (more than 2 or more people living in the same household) we need to regulate the spacing (a vacant seat is required in front and behind). Please assist us by allowing those on duty to seat you accordingly.
- ◆ Please place your name and contact number on the sheets provided at the entrance of the church.
- ◆ Please remain 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.
- ◆ Parishioners are **NOT TO JOIN IN THE SINGING OF HYMNS** at Mass.
- ◆ 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.

Sunday Mass can be found here

www.facebook.com/pg/stmaryscatholicmudgee/videos/

Live Streaming of Sunday Mass this Sunday is from St Raphael's Parish, Cowra. Please use the link below <https://www.facebook.com/straphaelscowra2014/>
The next live stream from Mudgee will be next Sunday 9th August.

Other options:

Daily Mass from the Church of St Francis Xavier, Lavender Bay, available

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ

Choose 'Mass on Demand'

Sunday Mass is also available to watch on television every **Sunday at 6.00am on Channel Ten.**



First Reading: [Is 55:1-3](#)

Hasten and eat.

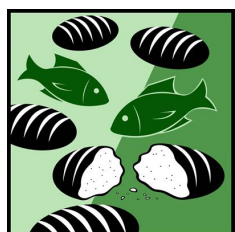
Responsorial Psalm [Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16](#)

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

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.)**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**



Second Reading: [Rom 8:35. 37-39](#)

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ. Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mt 14:13-21](#)

They all ate and were satisfied.

Reflecting on the Gospel

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

After three weeks of hearing Jesus preach and teach in parables, we now move into the next chapter of Matthew's gospel, one in which Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Unlike some of the parables from last week and the week before, which are found only in Matthew, the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes in each gospel, and in both Matthew and Mark the miracle happens twice! (Mark 6:32-44; 8:1-10; Matt 14: 13-21; 15:32-39). Many scholars will posit that precisely because of the multiple attestation of this miracle, the event is rooted in some historical event in the life of Jesus (which cannot be said for every gospel story).

This event was retold a number of times, with various pieces of the story being accented or downplayed, as well as connections made with the Old Testament prophet Elisha and the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Indeed the gospel story as we have it (or them) makes it nearly impossible to reconstruct the historical event, as the story has been the subject of theologising for some time prior to being written down, and then again by those who wrote it - the evangelists themselves.

For those who have familiarity with the Old Testament, the connection of Elisha (2Kgs4:42-44) seems clear. In that story, the prophet tells his servant to give bread to the people so they can eat. The servant objects that the bread is not enough for the number of people who need to eat. Elisha merely repeats his command and says, "For thus says the LORD: you will eat and have some left over" (2Kgs 4:43). The connection between the story and what we have in Matthew seems crystal clear. The evangelist, or somebody who told the story before him, made the connection between Jesus' acts and those of Elisha.

and yet there is a connection to the Last Supper too. Four verbs serve as the link between the multiplication story and Jesus' actions the night before he died. In both settings, Jesus *takes* bread, *says a blessing*, *breaks* the bread and *gives* it. Both the Eucharistic tones and the allusions to Elisha are clear.

Jesus' actions are those of a prophet and so much more. The Gospel of John uses the story to launch into the bread of life discourse, but in Matthew, we have the narration of the miracle without any such extended discourse on the part of Jesus. We are reminded by this miracle story, a version of which appears six times in the gospels (!), that Jesus feeds the hungry and in so doing is a model for his followers to do the same.

Source:

Living Liturgy

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We welcome in Baptism this weekend



Maxie Grace Claypole and
Jude Van Claypole

children of Daniel and Amy.

PRAYER PARTNERS

FOR ST MATTHEWS YEAR 12 STUDENTS

We are seeking parishioners willing to pray and support a student as they continue to prepare for their Yr 12 HSC examinations. This year has been extremely challenging for the students, Covid has not been kind to them, placing doubt and uncertainty in their minds about their future. The students need our prayers in 2020, possibility more than any other year.



If you are willing to be part of this support network, you will be presented with a prayer card from the students in the coming weeks. At the end of term we are hoping to have a Mass and morning tea to celebrate with students and prayer partners before their final days of schooling. Please place the card on your bedside table or fridge door as a reminder to pray for them each day.

If you would like to be part of the support network please put your name on the sheet provided at the back of the church or contact the parish office.

*May the Holy Spirit look upon them and guide with the gift of
Courage, Wisdom and Peace.*

Family Prayer

Something to Think About

This gospel passage reminds us that Jesus feeds us in many ways. The people in the story are hungry in many ways - hungry to hear Jesus' message, hungry to feel his healing touch, hungry just to be near him. The disciples, as usual, look to Jesus to do everything and to have all the answers. Jesus says to the disciples, 'Feed them yourselves.' Miracles do happen and will happen more readily if people work together to bring about the kingdom.

The Story

In this week's story, Jesus is looking for some peace and quiet, a place to be alone and take a break. But the crowds follow him everywhere. They will not leave him alone. His reaction to the crowd is not annoyance or anger, but compassion. Instead of sending the people away, Jesus tells the disciples to give them something to eat.

Family Discussion

A key message in today's gospel concerns the great generosity of God. In the end, there was not only enough food for all, but twelve baskets left over. God's love and care for us is indeed abundant. We are called to love in the same generous and abundant way. When the priest blesses the bread and wine at Mass, they become the body and blood of Christ for us to share in the Eucharistic meal.

Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially

Ron Phillips, Malcolm Roth, Marie McKenna (Mother of Bishop Michael), Maria Koppe (Germany), Norm Leonard, Edith Power and Timothy Rayner.

We remember the anniversary of Edna Power, Carol Pelin, Lorna Wakeling, Helmut Muller, Bill McRae, Allen Heaslip, Garry Gibbins.

We also pray for deceased members Rita Camilleri & family and Thomas Power.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Michael Abbot (Castle Hill), Anne McLean, Judith Grant, 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.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

I was in prison and you visited me ~ An opportunity to hear about Prison Chaplaincy - 10 August

An information session will be held via a Zoom meeting, that will focus on the important role of Prison Chaplaincy in the mission of our local church. The Prison Chaplains of the Diocese; Fr Greg Walsh CM, Geraldine Bowers, Deacon Mike Williams and Fran Schubert will share information about this important role and how we can reach out to our brothers and sisters who are in prison. You will also hear about the opportunities open as a prison chaplain. Maybe you have a calling to work in this field.

When: Monday 10 August 2020

Time: 6.00pm - 7.00pm

To attend: Please register your interest to attend by emailing admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au and you will receive the link to the Zoom session.

For more information call Deacon Josh Clayton on 0458 261 513

Gone Fishin' - Men's Weekend Retreat at Shalom 28 - 30 August

This weekend is for blokes only... to get away and take some MEN time to reflect on the values in your life and who you aspire to be.

It is about having the time to stop and reflect through some simple meditation exercises on what you need most in your life right now. There will also be walks and talks about the values that different blokes use to cope with life's many challenges.

It is not about being particularly holy, religious or prayerful... just come as you are.

So come fishing... with some good company, a bit of fun and maybe a few beers over the BBQ in the beautiful surrounds at Shalom and historic Carcoar.

Limited Places due to new COVID Safe Protocols

When: Friday 28th August from 6.00pm to Sunday 30th August 2.00pm

Where: Shalom, 7 Collins St, Carcoar

Cost: \$240. For Bookings phone: 02 63673058
email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com book online: shalomcarcoar.com

MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY - 3rd August

St Dominic, priest, memorial

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 4th August

St John Vianney, priest, memorial

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 5th August

St Martha, memorial

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

5.30pm Finance Council Meeting

THURSDAY - 6th August

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 7th August

12 Noon Angelus

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 8th August

Solemnity St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

9.30am Mass

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY: 9th August

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Rylstone

12 Noon Angelus

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

POPE FRANCIS'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR AUGUST:

Pope Francis has asked for our continued prayers for all effected by the pandemic.

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

**Quote: Not all storms come to disrupt your life,
some come too clear your path.**

Be kind to one another during these difficult times.

Mudgee Roster for July/August

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful
Sat 8th Aug	Secondary Student	J.Newman	Secondary Student
Sun 9th Aug	M.McLean	L.Littler	A.Myles
Sat 16th Aug	G.Hennessy	L.Nicholson	I.Byrne
Sun 17th Aug	M.Dunnachie	M.Cassidy	C.Devitt
Sat 29th Aug	L.Ryan	A.Fergus	C.Furney
Sun 30th Aug	J.Tioseco	A.Myles	J.O'Brien

Gulgong Roster for July

Date	Commentator	Reader
9th August	D.Kelly	J.Ritar
16th August	C.Gaudry	C.Leotta
23nd August	E.Do	

URGENT APPEAL FOR SRE TEACHERS (CATECHISTS)

There is a shortage of volunteers for the Ministry of Catechist - to teach in the public schools in our area. Catechists and Assistants are needed at all State primary schools.



Please give consideration to assisting in this vital work of the church.

If you would like to Volunteer to be a Catechist or an Assistant at the Public Schools please contact the Parish Office.

Please ring the Parish Office if you would like to know more about the role of Catechists in your Parish.

Lessons will resume next week.

Can you help make a difference?

Thank you for supporting our parish. To donate to the Parish go online or call at the Parish Office.

BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT DEBIT PLANNED GIVING

Kandos Parish

BSB - 066 781

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Reference: Your name

Mudgee Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100004583

Reference: Your name.

Gulgong Parish

BSB - 066 781

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Reference: Your name



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[1 Kgs 19:9.11-13](#)

[Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8](#)

[Rom 9:1-5](#)

[Mt 14:22-33](#)