

*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.



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 16th August 2020

### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

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### Parish Office Hours

**Mon, 10.00am - 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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## St Matthew's Catholic School – Secondary Campus Update

The St Matthew's Secondary project has been positively progressing over the past three months with the key development being the lodgement of the State Significant Development (SSD) application on Friday 15 May 2020.

The exhibition of the SSD application ran for a period for four weeks and received feedback from four groups, the most significant being Transport for NSW and Mid-Western Regional Council.

The project team is preparing responses to those submissions to be issued back to the Department of Planning.

The SSD approval process can be a lengthy process, estimating to take up to anywhere between six and 18 months.

Team members from St Matthews Catholic School and Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst have completed a series of design workshops to progress the design of the proposed building project, which is now concluded and back with the consultant teams for finalisation.

Be assured that the project team is committed to the development of St Matthews Catholic School - Secondary Campus and is working hard to meet the necessary local and state government requirements to ensure we achieve the best possible outcome.

## PARISH UPDATE ON SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

### First Eucharist

At this stage it is planned to celebrate First Eucharist on the weekend of 19th/20th September in Mudgee Parish. This will depend on Covid-19 restrictions at the time. To register your child for the sacrament please use the link below to enrol your child.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScV2r-XGLw04TosrDTEHAPs805cR1h0lzm5GLOnSJv3mLy5\\_w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScV2r-XGLw04TosrDTEHAPs805cR1h0lzm5GLOnSJv3mLy5_w/viewform)



### GULGONG PARISH:

**First Eucharist** will be celebrated on 20th September.

### Confirmation:



Confirmation is being held over until November due to the uncertainty around Covid-19 and the specific hands on nature of the sacrament.



**First Reconciliation** is planned for early Term 4.

**Live Streaming of Sunday Mass this Sunday** is from

St Raphael's Parish, Cowra at **8.30am**.

Please use the link below

<https://www.facebook.com/straphaelscowra2014/>

Sunday 23rd August will be Live Streamed from  
Mudgee.

**Other options: Daily Mass** from the Church of St Francis Xavier, Lavender Bay, available

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD\\_HVaQ](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**

**First Reading: Is 56:1.6-7**

*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4**

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)



Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

**Second Reading: Rom 11:13-15. 29-32**

*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**Gospel Mt 15:21-28**

*Woman, you have great faith.*

### **Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

"We're not going to play with you!" the kids on the playground said to the new student. It was a shocking thing for the teachers to hear, as they had been speaking to the students about welcoming and creating an environment where we all "get along". The taunts certainly did not conform to the mission of the Catholic school. Clearly, more work would need to be done before the new student would feel welcome. The teachers hoped they could address the situation before the new student left and found a different school.

In today's gospel, a Canaanite woman comes up to Jesus and asks for his mercy, not for her but for her daughter. Now, Canaanites were people displaced a millennium before the time of Jesus, when the Israelites took possession of the land. The Israelites even enslaved some of the Canaanites in those early years. It was easy, to look down on the Canaanites, as they were not considered part of God's chosen people. Jesus' behaviour, like that of the disciples, can seem a bit shocking. Jesus initially refuses to acknowledge the woman, and the disciples seek to have her dismissed. Jesus finally does speak, only to say that he was "sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." That is, he was not sent for a Canaanite, even if her daughter was suffering. At this point in the story, it's good for us to pause and not attempt to explain away this type of attitude. In fact, other times in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says that he was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. In this gospel, the message of Jesus goes out to all nations only after the resurrection (Matt 28:16-20). But during

the earthly ministry of Jesus, it seems non-Israelites, non-Jews, were not part of his mission.

Even so, the woman persists. She does not back away. Jesus replies, effectively reiterating what he had said initially, though using a rather insulting term: "dogs". No matter, the woman continues, accepts the insulting metaphor, and says even dogs get the scraps. Finally, Jesus relents, and with a word the woman's daughter is healed. Many commentators focus their attention on Jesus' words and actions on this scene. But we may also consider this from the point of view of the woman - the outsider, the excluded. She persists and she ultimately receives what she sought, not something for herself but for her daughter.

Today, we are living in the post-resurrection world. Therefore, when we are in a position to include, to welcome, to invite, let us do so. This might mean welcoming a new child on the playground, an outsider who has moved to the neighbourhood, or even a non-citizen or one who does not share our ethnic identity. The inclination to exclude and not to help is strong. It's overcome in the resurrection.

### **Living the Paschal Mystery**

The resurrection gives power and new life. After the resurrection, Jesus tells his disciples to go to all nations, teaching and baptising. The scene from today's gospel lets us know that the earthly ministry of Jesus was not characterised in that way, at least not as Matthew presents it. But now that Christ has been raised from the dead, all are welcome, and all may be disciples. No longer is God's chosen people limited to one group. Instead, by what God has done in Christ, all are chosen and called to be children of God.

**Mudgee Josephite Associates** will remember the anniversary of **Vonnie Gilders**, founding member of the associates, next Friday 21st August at 12.30pm Mass followed by lunch at Alby & Esther's.

### Safe Church Awareness Workshop

Date: 21st August 2020

All Hallows School Gulgong Bayly St

9:00am – 2:30pm (Please arrive by 8:45am so we can start on time)

The Parish and Diocese have covered the cost (for those outside of the parish the cost is \$35 per person).

#### RSVP

Pre-registration is required via <https://forms.gle/S5QGxbnmPoThh3tZ9>

the QR code or to your parish office

Enquiries 6334 6400 or [admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au)

**Safe Church Awareness Workshops** are facilitated by trained presenters, hosted by local churches, and attendance is recognised by members of the National Council of Churches in Australia Safe Church Training Agreement.

The Diocese of Bathurst recommends that Clergy and religious, Seminarians, Parish Secretaries and office staff, Parish Council members, Parish volunteers, Coordinators, SRE teachers, Youth ministers, Youth group volunteers, Children's Ministry, Music Ministry and those who have contact with vulnerable people especially if visiting homes eg communion to the sick attend

#### Topics covered:

- ◆ duty of care, codes of conduct, power, transparency, and accountability
- ◆ protecting vulnerable people, indicators of abuse.

**Connect@home** is a daily email provided by the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst. It invites individuals to enter daily into the beauty and power of the Scriptures. It offers a chance to be nourished and formed by the Word of God, especially in a time when gathering as a community for Mass is challenging.

Each morning, you will receive an email with a link to the daily readings set by the Church and a short reflection and prayer. You could do this sacred reading on your own, or with members of your household. This is a chance for us as a local church to connect with one another and with Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who is with us in all we are going through.



#### Light Covid Humour

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New Public  
Benches have  
arrived !

St Mary of the Presentation Catholic Parish Mudgee

### PRAYER PARTNERS FOR ST MATTHEWS YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to pray for the students. We are seeking parishioners willing to pray and support a student as they continue to prepare for their Yr 12 HSC examinations.

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

**For the recently deceased especially** Colleen Condon, Judith Watson, Michael Abbot (Castle Hill), Gwen Bates (Wollongong).

**We remember the anniversary of** Colin Gardiner, Mary and Maurice Mathew, Millie Isbester, Jack and Mark Barrett,

**We also pray for all the**

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Kathertine Szulc (Poland), 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.

### COVID - 19 REMINDERS

#### NEW ADVISE FROM THE NSW STATE GOVERNMENT IN RELATION TO FACE MASKS -

It is 'strongly recommended' that facemarks should be worn while in an enclosed space: Places of worship (Church, Synagogue or Mosque), shopping centre and on public transport). We want to keep everyone safe so please follow this advise.

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 remain at 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 SINGING AT MASS.**
- ◆ All parts of the Mass will be said.
- ◆ 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.

## MASS TIMETABLE

### MONDAY - 17th August

No Mass  
12 Noon Angelus

### TUESDAY - 18th August

9.30am Mass Mudgee  
12 Noon Angelus

### WEDNESDAY - 19th August

9.30am Mass Mudgee  
9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group  
12 Noon Angelus

### THURSDAY - 20th August

**St Bernard, memorial**  
9.30am Mass Mudgee  
12 Noon Angelus

### FRIDAY - 21st August

**St Pius X, pope, memorial**  
10.30am Mass Gulgong  
12 Noon Angelus  
12 Noon Mass Rylstone  
12.30pm Mass Mudgee

### SATURDAY - 22nd August

**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, memorial**  
11.00am Baptism  
12 Noon Angelus  
5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

### SUNDAY: 23rd August

#### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass Mudgee  
10.30am Mass Gulgong  
11.00am Mass Rylstone  
12 Noon Angelus

### Confession/Anointing/ Home Communion

Please ring and make an appointment, Fr Owen and Fr Dong are available, and we can visit you at home.

### Pope Francis's Universal Prayer for August

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

Through the Yearly Cycle, the church unfolds the entire mystery of Christ and keeps the anniversaries of the saints. **Ordinary Time** is devoted to celebrating the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

**THE CHURCH IS  
OPEN  
FOR MASS AND  
VISITATION  
TUES-THURS  
9.15 -10.30AM  
FRIDAY  
11.30AM - 1.15PM**

## Mudgee Roster for August

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful	MUSIC
Sat 16th Aug	G.Hennessy	L.Nicholson	I.Byrne	
Sun 17th Aug	M.Dunnachie	M.Cassidy	C.Devitt	Ruth & Marianne
Sat 22nd Aug	L.Ryan	A.Fergus	C.Furney	
Sun. 23rd Aug	J.Tioseco	A.Myles	J.O'Brien	Karen & John
Sat. 29th Aug	L.Nicholson	C.Furney	I.Byrne	
Sun.30th Aug.	S.Abbey	R.Disher	M.McLean	Ruella & Barry

## Gulgong Roster for august

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
16th August	C.Gaudry	C.Leotta	
23nd August	E.Donnely	D.Hudson	R.Saliba
30th Aug	M.O'Brien	O.O'Brien	M & E Carney

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

### BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT CREDIT PLANNED GIVING

#### Kandos Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100005344

Reference: Your name



#### Mudgee Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100004583

Reference: Your name.

#### Gulgong Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100006612

Reference: Your name

### Quote:

*Life is not being rich, being popular, being highly educated or being perfect.*

*It is about being real, being humble and being kind.*

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Is 22:19-23](#)

[Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8](#)

[Rom 11:33-36](#)

[Mt 16:13-20](#)