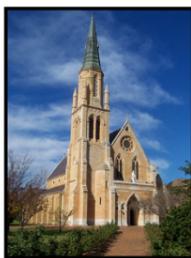


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 25th - October 2020

Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

Assistant Priest

Fr Dong Van Nguyen

Parish Deacon

Deacon Charles Applin

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Principal: Mr Bradley Toole

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First Reading: [Ex 22:20-26](#)

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan,
my anger will rage against you.*

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2](#)

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Thes 1:5-10](#)

*You turned away from idols to serve God
and await his Son.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will
love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia! alleluia!

Gospel [Mt 22:34-40](#)

*You shall love the Lord your God and
your neighbour as yourself.*



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

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PARISH PHONES

The Parish Phones are still not working. We sincerely apologise for this inconvenience, especially if you have been trying to contact us.

PLEASE PHONE THIS ALTERNATE NUMBER FOR ASSISTANCE

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**CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF BATHURST**

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MICHAEL MCKENNA

Dear Friends in Christ,

Between now and Advent, I plan to visit every parish in the Diocese to share our stories on the year that has been and our hopes for next year and the years to come.

This will be a simple visitation: I will say Mass in each parish and hope to pray with as many people as current restrictions allow. It will not be possible to meet everyone, but I have asked the parish priests to arrange a gathering of the school principal(s), pastoral council and finance committee. In addition, I will spend some time with leaders and members of Word and Faith groups.

My hope is that, during this difficult year, we have learnt some things about our faith and how we live and share it. There may be lessons for how we plan for the future.

Please be united in prayer with me that God would bless this initiative and stir up joyful hope in all the faithful of our local church.

Our Lady of the Central West, St Patrick and St Mary of the Cross, pray for us and with us.

Yours in Christ,

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

VISIT OF BISHOP MICHAEL TO THE PARISHES OF MUDGE, GULGONG AND KANDOS 6TH - 8TH NOVEMBER

MUDGE: **Friday 6th November Mass at 5.00pm**
celebrated by Bishop Michael.

(Please note 12.30pm Friday Mass will be as normal).

Bishop to meet with Word and Faith Group, Finance and Pastoral Council members.

GULGONG: Saturday 7th November Mass at 6.00pm

Bishop Michael will meet with parish representatives prior to Mass. (Please note this will replace the normal Sunday Mass)

KANDOS: Sunday Mass Rylstone at 11.00am

Bishop to meet with parish representatives.



Reach out. Give life.



Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers.

Your generosity makes it possible for people, through programs such as the Arrupe Centre, to continue reaching out and empowering people like Chen and his family.

Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Cambodia Mission Partners program.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission in Cambodia and around the world, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at catholicmission.org.au/contact.



Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/cambodia



"We have a Lord who is capable of crying with us, capable of walking with us in most difficult moments of life."

~ Pope Francis ~

Quote

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe."

~ Anatole France ~

Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially Douglas Barry, Con Nathan (Syd), Jim Lynch, Daryl Baker, Jenny Williamson, Margaret Meehan and Pam Parnell.

We remember the anniversaries of Stan Pilley, Marian O'Hare, Val Croake and Ron Wellsmore.

We also pray for Decased members of the Blazavic and Varga Families, Peace in Croatia.

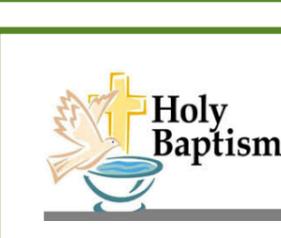
Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Maria Leotta, Eliza and Elena Vasilis, Rebecca Fetcher, Enid Auld, Debbie Solti, Kathertine Szulc (Poland), Anne McLean, Judith Grant, Maria Brec, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Julie Collins, Anna Swientek, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.

Marriage: Congratulations to

Michael Edwin Brackenridge and Taylor Jane Barrington who celebrated the sacrament of Marriage in the St Mary's this weekend.

Courtney Jayne Hutchison and Timothy Charles Taylor who also celebrated their marriage in Mudgee this weekend with newly ordained priest, Fr Getulo Goncalves Neto.



Baptism: We welcome with great joy Tobias Eric Burns son of Emma-Louise and Matthew.



Congratulations to **Eric and Judy Goodlet** celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. Our very best wishes to you both.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: REGISTRATIONS CLOSING SOON.

The registration forms for First Reconciliation and Confirmation are on the parish website. Registration is via the Parish only. Registrations close this week.

LESSONS FOR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL CHILDREN BEGIN NEXT MONDAY AT 3.45PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE.

Give God your weakness and he will give you his strength.

Dear Mudgee parishioners

You will note there are NO actual collections at Mass as we are unable to pass the plate around with Covid restrictions. We are grateful to all who have continued to contribute in these troubled times.

The collection plate is situated near the back seats as you enter the church.

Alternately Tap and Go Credit Card Facility

We have installed a Tap and Go Credit Card facility. Many of us no longer carry cash and this is a very convenient way to donate to the parish. Donations are in \$5 lots - if you wish to donate more than \$5 just re tap your card for the amount you wish to donate.

The machine is located at the back of the church during Mass times.

BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT CREDIT PLANNED GIVING

Gulgong Parish		Kandos Parish
BSB - 066 781		BSB - 066 781
Acc No 100006612	Mudgee Parish	Acc No 100005344
Ref: Your name	BSB - 066 781	Ref: Your name
	Acc No 100004583	
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St Vincent de Paul



Christmas Appeal envelopes will be available in the church from this weekend. Donations can also be left at the Centre.

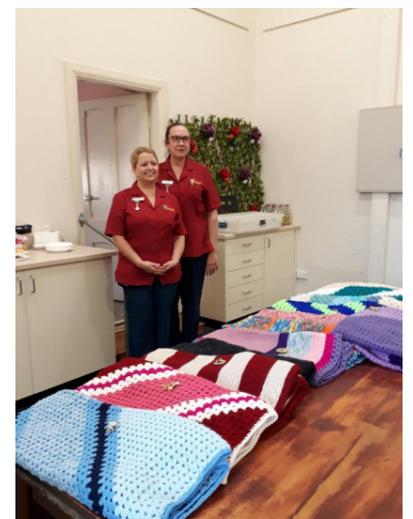
Christmas cards and calendars will be available at the Centre.

Cards (pack of 10 mixed designs) \$6.00
Calendars \$9.00

St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group donate to Kanandah residents.

The ladies prepared and donated rugs at a special morning tea last week for the residents in the dementia unit at Kanandah Hostel. All the rugs were beautifully made by the craft group with wool that had been donated.

The ladies do wonderful work in our community, whether it be donating financially to the local schools or other local organisations or making craft items to raise funds to donate to the various causes.



Covid has made it really difficult for fund raising this year.

After the HSC exams the ladies will reopen their stall in the parish centre with lots of little hand made gifts.

MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY - 26th October

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus

3.45pm - Lessons for Confirmation and First Reconciliation - Government School students.

TUESDAY - 27th October

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 28th October

Feast of Sts Simon and Jude

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 29th October

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

1.30pm & 7.00pm Parent meeting

First Reconciliation in the Church.

FRIDAY - 30th October

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 31st October

Fr Owen returns from Annual Leave

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY: 1st November

ALL SAINTS DAY

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12 Noon Angelus

**THE CHURCH IS
OPEN FOR MASS
AND VISITATION**

**Tues -Thurs
9.15 - 10.30am
Friday
11.30am - 1.15pm**

**Confession/
Anointing/ Home
Communion**

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

Please join us each day at 12 noon for the Angelus, from your home, in the garden or wherever you may be as the Church bell calls us to prayer.

On Friday in the Church at 12 noon we invite you to **pray the Angelus** followed by the **Rosary**, and join us for **Mass** at 12.30pm.

Pope Francis's Universal Prayer for November

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

QR CODE

A QR Code to sign into the church is situated on the front doors of the church - You will need to have the Services NSW App on your phone for this to work.

Alternately continue to sign in manually until we are able to provide an easier solution.

Mudgee Roster - November

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful
Sat. 31st Oct	A.Fergus	K.Fitzsimmons	B.Slater
Sun. 1st Nov.	R.McKeown	C.Devitt	A.Littler
Sat. 7th Nov.	D.Cunningham	C.Furney	I.Byrne
Sun. 8th Nov.	R.McKeown	C.Devitt	J.Keipert
Sat. 14th Nov.	L.Nicholson	G.Brymora	B.Slater
Sun. 15th Nov	J.Tioseco	M.McLean	A.Myers

Gulgong Roster for November

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
1st Nov	P.Leotta	C.Gaudry	E.Donnelly G. Ausburn
8th Nov.	M.O'Brien	D.Hudson	

November - Month of the Holy Souls

We will be celebrating Mass in the various parish cemeteries in November as we have done in past years. Please invite those you know who have lost a loved one to join us.

In case of rain the Mass will be held in the Church. Please bring a chair or rug to sit on

Mudgee Cemetery Mass -

Monday 2nd November, 6.00pm

Rylstone Cemetery Mass -

Wednesday 11th Nov, 9.30am

Gulgong Cemetery Mass -

Wednesday 11th Nov 6.00pm



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: ALL SAINTS DAY

[Rv 7:2-4. 9-14](#)

[Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6](#)

[1 Jn 3:1-3](#)

[Mt 5:1-12](#)