

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.



All Saints Day - Year A 1st November 2020

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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 MUDGEES, GULGONG AND KANDOS 6TH - 8TH NOVEMBER

MUDGEES: 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.

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 - this Monday,
2nd November, 6.00pm, in the Lawn Cemetery.**

**Rylstone Cemetery
Mass - Wednesday
11th Nov, 9.30am**

**Gulgong Cemetery
Mass - Wednesday
11th Nov 6.00pm**



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

02 63 000101

First Reading: Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia! alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.

There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

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Saints On All Sides - The Weekly Story

The humidity off the gulf made the New Orleans weather unbearable. The accompanying rain turned the outdoor dinner we had planned at the Court of Two Sisters Restaurant into a crowded indoor event. The presentations at the conference were lifeless. With only one full day left, I looked forward to my getting home.

I woke up that last day to sunny skies and a cool breeze. In short, it was a day tailor-made to skip the last talks and enjoy the sights, smells, tastes, and sounds of the city. They led me to a small church not far from downtown where a traditional funeral procession was starting to lead

the congregation to the cemetery. The music was infectiously celebratory. I joined the crowd and found myself swaying to the melody that dipped from deeply mournful and rose grandly joyful. We were at the cemetery gathered around the coffin in too short a period of time. Silence fell over us like a cloud as the priest began to speak, his voice a whisper at first and then rising. He ended by reminding us clearly that the deceased are now not just our mother, or sister, or auntie, or friend, or neighbour. The brass instruments started softly hummed until he shouted, "Now she is our saint". The music exploded into "When the Saints Go Marching In". I'll never forget the saint I met in New Orleans at her own burial. Honour a saint you remember today, All Saints Day.

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Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

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

We remember the anniversaries of Mark Barrett, Giuseppe Spina, Maria Leotta Snr, Ellen Seis, Jill Baskerville, Tony Newman, Nat Darcy, Robert Gillham, John Quinlan, Lorna Smith, Nellie Menchin

We also pray for Jack Barrett,

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.

November Mass envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Names will be printed in the Book of Remembrance and placed on the altar at Mass.

The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the church: "Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, and eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven."

Instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christi 2016



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary MacKillop We invite you to order your **free** copy of **Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer.**

The Sisters of St Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage ..." as Mary did so often. These prayers share details of her personal journey., highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to:
www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book or call us on
Ph 02 8912 2777

I am with you
and will watch over you wherever you go.
Genesis 28: 15

Welcome home to **Fr Owen** who has returned from his annual leave.

Grateful thanks to **Fr Dong** for his leadership during Fr Owen's absence.

Baptism:



We welcome with great joy **Grace Evie Edwards** and **Mabel Rose Edwards** twin daughters of Leslie and Samantha.

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

Teamwork: Alone we can do so little.
Together we can do so much.

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	Mudgee Parish	Kandos Parish
BSB - 066 781	BSB - 066 781	BSB - 066 781
Acc No 100006612	Acc No 100004583	Acc No 100005344
Ref: Your name	Ref: Your name.	Ref: Your name

MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY - 2nd November

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

12 Noon Angelus

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

6.00PM MASS AT MUDGEES LAWN CEMETERY

TUESDAY - 3rd November

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 4th November

ST CHARLES BORROMEO, MEMORIAL

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 5th November

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 6th November

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

5.00PM MASS

BISHOP MICHAEL - CELEBRANT

SATURDAY - 7th November

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

6.00PM GULGONG -

CELEBRANT: BISHOP MICHAEL

SUNDAY - 8th November

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass Mudgee

NO SUNDAY GULGONG MASS

11.00am Mass Rylstone

CELEBRANT: BISHOP MICHAEL

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.

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. 7th Nov.	D.Cunningham	C.Furney	I.Byrne
Sun. 8th Nov.	L.Littler	J.Keipert	M.McLean
Sat. 14th Nov.	L.Nicholson	K.Fitzsimmons	B.Slater
Sun. 15th Nov	J.Tioseco	M.McLean	A.Myers
Sat. 21st Oct	I.Byrne	C.Furney	D.Cunningham
Sun 22nd Nov.	M.Dunnachie	S.Abbey	J.Keipert

Gulgong Roster for November			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
8th Nov.	M.O'Brien	D.Hudson	

Living the gospel – Calling on the Saints



Saints play an important role in the devotional life of many Catholic people, but it is a role that causes some confusion for other traditions. Whilst all prayer is directed to God, sometimes that prayer may be directed through one of the Saints or a Saint is called upon to pray on behalf of the petitioner. Images of people kneeling before statues of Saints has led to a misconception that Catholics pray to Saints, rather than to God through the Saint. The Litany of the Saints, with its 'Pray for us' response, calls on the Saints to intercede for us.

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