



*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 C 13TH JULY 2025

**First Reading:** *Deuteronomy 30:10-14*

*Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37*

**(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**

As for me in my poverty and pain  
let your help, O God, lift me up.

I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R.)**

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **(R.)**

For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.

The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** *Colossians 1:15-20*

*All things were created through him and for him.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *Luke 10:25-37*

*Who is my neighbour?*



## REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Life, Pope Leo says, 'is made up of encounters, and in these encounters, we emerge for what we are.'

'We find ourselves in front of others,' he continues, 'faced with their fragility and weakness, and we can decide what to do: to take care of them or pretend nothing is wrong.'

The pope reminds us to stand with the victims of circumstance, wherever we find them. We should pray for those who are deprived of homes and livelihoods by war. Where possible, we should also give practical aid and work for peace.

Closer to home, too, we have responsibilities to those around us: the elderly, migrants and refugees, the poor, the lonely, and so on.

We should never rest on our spiritual laurels. The pope warns those who, even among Christians, 'think that their own journey must take precedence.' Christianity, as he so often points out, has a unifying mission. We cannot walk by on the roads of our own age, unwilling 'to stop for another.' Reflecting on the parable of the Good Samaritan, the pope reminds us that 'the practice of worship does not automatically lead to being compassionate.' Rather, he points out that 'before being a religious matter, compassion is a question of humanity! Before being believers, we are called to be human.'

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**There is no Children's Liturgy due to school holidays.**

#### Priests

**Parish Priest:** Fr Paul Devitt

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Cong Hoang

#### Parish Deacon

Rev Charles Applin

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#### Parish Office Hours

**Mon** 10.00am - 4.00pm

**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri** 9.00am - 4.00pm

**Closed for Lunch** 1.00pm - 2.00pm

#### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**

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**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**

**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole

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[www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au)

Gulgong Roster		
	20th July	29th July
Commentator	R. Saliba	
Reader	C. Gaudry	
Sacristan	C. Holland	
Mudgee Roster		
Saturday 19th / Sunday 20th July		
Commentator	C. Furney	A. Myles
First Reader	R. Petersen	K. Cassidy
Second Reader	P. Cannon	P. Cassidy
EMOC	D. Cunningham	R. McKeown
Altar Server	Tom	Sabella & Will
Welcomer	L. Robinson	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	M. Dorney	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	A. Baker	R. Gawthorne
Counter	Mon. 14th July	R. Croake
Saturday 26th / Sunday 27th July		
Commentator	A. McLean	G. Myles
First Reader	D. Delahunty	J. O'Brien
Second Reader	I. Bryne	M. Dunnachie
EMOC	G. Hennessy	P. O'Brien
Altar Server	Amity	Haddie & Maggie
Welcomer	C. Carberry	R. McKeown
Offertory	K. Isbester	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	I. Browne	L. Browne
Counter	Mon. 21st July	L. Nicholson
Bells	Mon - E. Goodlet Tue - R. Gawthorne Wed - J. Cooper Thu - I. Browne	Fri/Sat - I. Browne Sun - R. Gawthorne

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 14/06	15th Week of Ordinary Time
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Tue, 15/07</b>	<b>St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor- Memorial</b>
9.30am	Mass—Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Wed, 16/07</b>	<b>15th Week of Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am	St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group
12 noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation - Mudgee
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
<b>Thu, 17/07</b>	<b>15th Week of Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am	Mass—Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
5.30pm	RCIA
<b>Fri, 18/07</b>	<b>15th Week of Ordinary Time</b>
10.30am	Mass—Kandarah Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon	Angelus and Rosary
12.30pm	Mass—Mudgee
<b>Sat, 19/07</b>	<b>15th Week of Ordinary Time</b>
11.00am	Baptism
12 noon	Angelus
4.30pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
<b>Sun, 20/07</b>	<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8.30am	Rosary
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass—Rylstone
12 noon	Angelus
5.00pm	Word and Faith Group

## Bible Trivia

**Q: Where in the Bible can you find the Lord's Prayer?**  
A: Matthew 6.

**Q: Who taught the Lord's Prayer?**  
A: Jesus.

**Q: How many requests are in the Lord's Prayer?**  
A: Seven

### Are you looking to VOLUNTEER?

Centacare Central West and Orana is currently looking to recruit, train and support new volunteers for the Aged Care Visitors Scheme in **Mudgee**. Over 40% of elderly in aged care are lonely. It only takes 2 hours a month to offer companionship to someone in need in one of the aged care homes in Mudgee.

**Contact Louise Hennessy for more information**  
**0419 631 781 – phone or text anytime**



### A Gentle Reminder

Many people come in to our beautiful churches to pray and to spend time with Our Lord, especially before and after mass. Please be mindful of this atmosphere of silence when quietly saying hello to friends in the church.

Thanks for you thoughtfulness.

### KANDOS NEWS

Prayer Meeting will be held in Kandos/Rylstone each Monday at 10am. 1st Monday of the month—Kandos Church Hall. Every other Monday—Rylstone at the back of the church

### GULGONG NEWS

SRE Teachers are needed in the Gulgong area. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

### MUDGE NEWS

#### Flower Committee

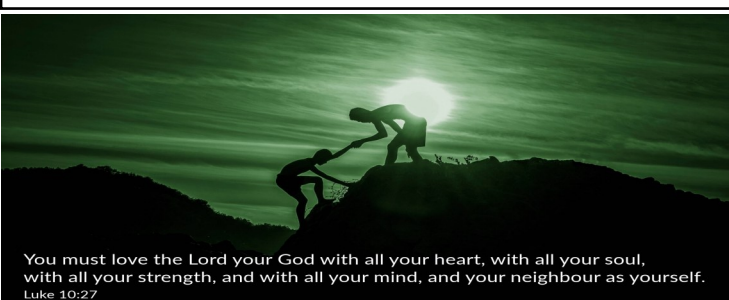
Do you have a flare for decorating? Do have a green thumb? Would you like to regularly help decorate our beautiful church? The parish would like to form a Flower Committee to source and arrange the flowers in our church. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

### Historical context – Priests and Levites

The priest and Levite get a pretty bad wrap out of this story. Yet, their behaviour would have been unremarkable to the original audience. In Jewish culture, to touch blood made a person ritually unclean and unable to participate in religious rites. Both characters in the story were heading towards Jerusalem – towards the Temple – to carry out their religious duties. To touch the bloodied man would have meant that they were unable to perform their duties. The audience would have expected nothing different from these two men. Their 'crime' was to place duty before compassion and the needs of another.

### Scriptural context – The 'Rule of Three'

Jesus was a good storyteller. He used a lot of the 'tricks of the trade' of good storytellers. Using a rule of three remains a common device to help storytellers remember the story. (Think of the number of times fairy tales use this device.) In the rule of three, the third repetition of an event or action always holds the key. Jesus used this device to great effect in his parables because he invariably broke the rule! He used the rule to lull his audience into a predictable story and then turned things upside down by having the unexpected occur.



You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.  
Luke 10:27

### Expressions of Interest: Regional SRE Coordinators

Special Religious Education (SRE) is the provision of faith formation in public schools across NSW, allowing children to encounter the message of Jesus and the richness of Christianity during their school week.

*Do you have gifts in supporting others to share their faith in a classroom setting?*

*Are you organised, and do you have a heart to proclaim Jesus to those who may not otherwise hear His message in their lives?*

The Diocese of Bathurst is currently seeking expressions of interest for Regional SRE Coordinator roles. These positions involve supporting and coordinating the SRE program, working closely with catechists, schools, and parishes, and helping ensure young people encounter the love and truth of Christ.

To express your interest or learn more, please email: [admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au) or Deacon Josh on 0458261513

### Planned Giving

Thank you everyone who has filled in and return a new Planned Giving Card. The new envelopes are now available at the back of the church. It is not too late to contribute to the planned giving for your Parish. Fill in a Planned Giving Card and put it in the collection bag or return it to the Parish Office.

The Planned Giving helps the parish plan for maintenance and repairs of our beautiful buildings and grounds. New Giving cards are available at the back of the church or from the Parish Office.

### HELP NEEDED

Now that winter has taken hold, St Vincent de Paul are in need on blankets. If you have any spare blankets that you would like to donate, please give them to the St Vincent de Paul Conference or to the Parish Office.

### MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED

#### For the recently deceased especially:

Fr Peter Thompson CM, Rayne Bigay (Philippines)

#### We remember the anniversaries of:

Fairy McDermott, Norm Atrill, Peter Lynch, Anna Salomoni, John Capare, Kathleen Windle, Alex Lynch, Brian Duffy, Lorna Milton, Mavis Nolan, John Waterhouse, Ellen Lucas, Val Rheinberger, Kevin Salter, Peter Holmes, Noel Costello.

#### For the deceased:

Norma Craft, Felix Melinz, Brett Sandry, Graham Hodgins, Moira Hennessy.

#### For the Sick, Special Intentions and Thanksgiving:

Warren Bodycote, Mifsud Family, Edward Martoo, Mara Raso, Martin Hilder, Paul Micallef, Luke Gaudry, Pat Ellis, Eleni Roberts, Marilyn Stuart (Kincumber), Suzana Marakovic, Stephen Lee, Olive Quinn, Ellen Johnson (Sheehan), Mary Teeuw, Glennie McGrath (Fr Owen's sister), Keiran Micallef, Donna Pilati, Ron Muscat, Charlie Perrotto, Paula Ryan, Tony Spina, Horace Saliba, Joe Saliba, Iris McBeath, Elizabeth Donnelly, Josephine Debaksta, Lynne Daly, Dean Pilati and all those in our Nursing Homes.



## SAVE THE DATE

### Season of Creation Celebration at Warrumbungles Saturday 4 October – Sunday 5 October

The Laudato Si' group of our diocese is organising a Season of Creation Celebration in the Warrumbungles National Park and the diocesan pilgrimage site, St John's, Baradine. The theme for 2025 is "Seeds of Peace and Hope" which was chosen by Pope Francis and endorsed by Pope Leo to be in harmony with the Holy Year dedicated to "Pilgrims of Hope" and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Laudato Si', on Care for our Common Home".

Celebrations will include

- Prayer and Eucharist
- Informative talks
- Bird watching
- Guided stargazing
- Optional bushwalking

All welcome to come along and celebrate the wonders of creation in our diocese. Come for a day or book your own accommodation and join us for various events throughout the weekend. The group will be staying at Camp Blackman but you're welcome to make your own bookings elsewhere. <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/camping-and-accommodation/campgrounds/camp-blackman>

For more details contact Therese Welsh 0428 121 554.

## Discover **Connect@home** A Daily Companion in Faith

Have you heard of **Connect@home**?

Many haven't – but once discovered, it quickly becomes a treasured part of the day.

One parishioner recently shared:

*"I now receive it and read it daily. I am most impressed by the short reflections written by our clergy. They are brief, to the point, and thought provoking... Connect@home has been a best kept secret – I can't ever recall reading about it in a Church bulletin."*

**Connect@home** is a daily email from the Diocese of Bathurst offering a short, meaningful reflection written by local clergy. It's especially appreciated by those who may not be able to attend Mass regularly but still want to stay connected with the faith community.

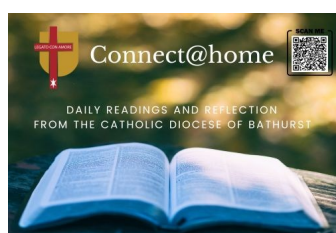
Whether you're housebound, busy with life, or simply looking for a moment of spiritual reflection – **Connect@home** is for you.



Sign up today by visiting

<https://bathurst.catholic.org.au/connecthome-bringing-scripture-into-the-heart-of-your-day/>

Let's spread the word – it's time this "best kept secret" became well known!



## YOUTH REFLECTION

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart  
God's Word

Who Is My Neighbor?

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Who is my neighbour?' All of today's readings deal with how to follow God and how to live the life God wants us to live.

In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses tells us to listen to the voice of God and to follow God with our heart and soul. Sometimes we may feel like God is distant and far away. Moses tells us that God's commandment is not up in the sky or across the sea. We don't need to take the space shuttle to find God's will. We don't need to book a passage on an ocean liner to follow God's command. Moses tells us that the word of God is already in our mouth and in our heart. It is up to us to speak and live God's word.

The psalmist says that we should turn to God whenever we are in need. The psalm reminds us that prayer is a key part of our relationship with God.

Found in this one psalm are several forms of prayer – prayers for mercy, favour, protection and help in affliction; prayers of praise and thanksgiving; and prayers for the poor and for those in prison. The second reading contains an early Christian hymn in praise of Jesus. In it Jesus is compared to Wisdom, who was present with God at creation. Jesus is presented here as the image of God, as being as powerful as God, and also as Creator. The church is called the Body, with Christ as the head. Finally, Jesus is the source of all reconciliation, and the cross is the source of all peace.

In the reading from Luke's Gospel, a lawyer wants the formula for everlasting life. Jesus answers a question with a question. The lawyer replies that we must love God with our heart, soul, strength and mind, and we must also love our neighbour as ourselves. This lawyer knows the Law and the Commandments, but he is a bit fuzzy on who exactly is our neighbour.

Jesus answers the question of 'Who is my neighbour?' with the parable of the good Samaritan: A traveller is robbed while on a journey. Two people come by – a priest and a Levite – yet they walk right by without helping because they believe that touching a Samaritan will make them impure and prevent them from participating in Jewish ritual. A Samaritan (a religious and social outcast in the eyes of the Jews) not only stops to help but stays with the man and makes sure he is all right.

Too many people are like the first two. They walk by, believing that ritual is more important than caring for people. Jesus asks us to be the person who stops, who makes time to care for someone in need, a care that is a prerequisite for authentic ritual. The answer to the question 'Who is my neighbour?' is 'Anyone who is in need'.

Help the good Samaritan find the injured man and take him to the inn at Jericho.

