

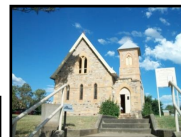


**JUBILEE YEAR OF  
HOPE**  
**24/12/2024**  
**To**  
**4/01/2026**

*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.



### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C 20TH JULY 2025 WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

**First Reading: *Genesis 18:1-10***

*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*

**Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 14:2-5 R. v.1***

***(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.***

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart;

he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**

He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: *Colossians 1:24-28***

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed  
to his saints.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

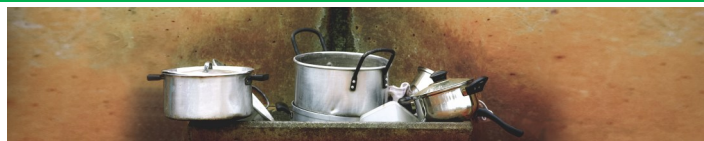
Happy are they who have kept the word with a  
generous heart

and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

**Gospel: *Luke 10:38-42***

*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose  
the better part.*



## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

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

#### **Priests**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Paul Devitt VG

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Cong Hoang

#### **Parish Deacon**

Rev Charles Applin

#### **Parish Secretaries**

Mrs Kristie Newman

Ms Krista O'Brien

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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:**

Ph 02 6372 1742

**Principal:** Mrs Angela Myles

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

**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**

**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole

Ph 02 6374 1582

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

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome to our Parish:



*Ivy Melissa O'Reilly*  
daughter of Nathan and Ashleigh

AND

*Ruby Winifred Wilson*  
daughter of Drew & Nicole

**Gulgong Roster**

	<b>27th July</b>	<b>3rd August</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	C. Gaudry	D. Kelly
<b>Reader</b>	J. Thatcher	M. Golino
<b>Sacristan</b>	R. Saliba	M. & E. Carney

**Mudgee Roster****Saturday 26th / Sunday 27th July**

<b>Commentator</b>	A. McLean	G. Myles
<b>First Reader</b>	D. Delahunty	J. O'Brien
<b>Second Reader</b>	I. Bryne	M. Dunnachie
<b>EMOC</b>	G. Hennessy	P. O'Brien
<b>Altar Server</b>	Amity	Haddie & Maggie
<b>Welcomer</b>	C. Carberry	R. McKeown
<b>Offertory</b>	K. Isbester	Children's Liturgy
<b>Sacristan</b>	I. Browne	L. Browne
<b>Counter</b>	Mon. 21st July	L. Nicholson

**Saturday 2nd Aug / Sunday 3rd Aug**

<b>Commentator</b>	B. Petersen	L. Croake
<b>First Reader</b>	C. Furney	M. Bodycote
<b>Second Reader</b>	F. Chauraya	W. Bodycote
<b>EMOC</b>	L. Nicholson	M. Cassidy
<b>Altar Server</b>	Rihanna	Matilda & Frank
<b>Welcomer</b>	D. Delahunty	R. Pereira
<b>Offertory</b>	G. English	Children's Liturgy
<b>Sacristan</b>	L. Nicholson	
<b>Counter</b>	Mon. 28th July	K. O'Brien
<b>Bells</b>	Mon - E. Goodlet Tue - R. Gawthorne Wed - J. Cooper Thu - I. Browne	Fri/Sat - I. Browne Sun - R. Gawthorne

**Bible Trivia**

**Q: What attribute did the young King Solomon ask God for in a dream?**

**A. Wealth   B. Power   C. Wisdom**

**A: Wisdom.**

**DAY BY DAY**

<b>Mon, 21/07</b>	<b>16th Week of Ordinary Time</b>
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Tue, 22/07</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene – Feast</b>
9.30am	<b>Mass</b> — Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Wed, 23/07</b>	<b>15th Week of Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am	St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group
12 noon	Angelus
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgee
5.45pm	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
<b>Thu, 24/07</b>	<b>15th Week of Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am	<b>Mass</b> — Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Fri, 25/07</b>	<b>St James, apostle - Feast</b>
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon	Angelus and Rosary
12.30pm	<b>Mass</b> — Mudgee
<b>Sat, 26/07</b>	<b>Sts Joachim &amp; Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary—Memorial</b>
11.00am	Baptism
12 noon	Angelus
4.30pm	<b>Reconciliation</b>
5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b> - Mudgee
<b>Sun, 27/07</b>	<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS &amp; ELDERLY</b>
8.30am	Rosary
9.00am	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
10.30am	<b>Mass</b> - Gulgong
11.00am	<b>Mass</b> — Rylstone
12 noon	Angelus
5.00pm	Word and Faith Group

**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**



### **HELP NEEDED**

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

### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **MUDGEE**

**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.

#### **GULGONG**

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

#### **KANDOS**

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

### **REFLECTION**

#### *A Cardinal Role for Women?*

Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are not his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach them. Mary chooses Him to teach her! Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?  
Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge – 'hinge of the door' – an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope. That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

© Fr Michael Tate

### ***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.

**PLANNED GIVING** - Thank you to all who have completed and returned a new Planned Giving card. It is not too late to contribute fill in a PG card and put it in the collection bag or return to the Parish Office. New cards are available at the back of the church or from the Parish Office.

Planned Giving helps the parish plan for maintenance and repairs of our beautiful buildings and grounds.

### **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 contact Deacon Josh on 0458261513.

### **MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED**

#### ***For the recently deceased especially:***

Fr Peter Thompson CM

#### ***We remember the anniversaries of:***

Maggie Swientek, Dot Robinson, Dick Orth, Norma Craft, Paul Flynn, Jeff Jones, Nola Brand, Robyn Cafe, Ron Phillips, Patrick Woods, John Little, Robert Kidd, Max Harris, Christopher Hibberd, John Krismer, John Bradley, Irina Karkocha.

#### ***For the deceased:***

Joe Swientek, Rayne Bigay (Philippines), 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, 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.

**YOUTH REFLECTION**

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Martha and Mary are often seen as symbols for a balance of hospitality. Martha represents the tasks of preparation – cleaning the house, cooking, setting the table, and the like. Mary represents the personal care of the visitor – listening, paying attention, spending quality time in conversation. Both are important.

If you were invited to someone's home for dinner and the house was a total mess and no food was prepared, but the person cleared the junk off the sofa so you both would have a place to sit and talk, how would you feel?

If you were invited to someone's home for dinner and the gourmet meal was so complicated that you were completely ignored until dinner was on the table, how would you feel?

Some people are the 'perfect blend' of the Martha–Mary examples of hospitality, but others fall off to one side or the other, being more talkers than housekeepers, or being more housekeepers than talkers.

When you have people around, do you tend to be more of a talker or more of a housekeeper? Or do you think you have a good balance, having all the preparations done ahead of time so that the focus of your attention is your guest?

Do you know anyone who has a perfect balance?

**BULLETIN BITS****SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT**

It is no accident that this story about Martha and Mary immediately follows the parable of the Good Samaritan. We must remember that Jesus is portrayed as telling that parable as clarification of the law to love God and love neighbour.

The Samaritan provides an example of what it means to love one's neighbour whilst in this story, Mary provides an example of what it means to love God. Together, the two stories tell us that compassionate service to one's neighbour is crucial but that God does not require service, simply love.

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT? - Action V Reflection**

This gospel is sometimes portrayed as a dichotomy between action and reflection. Many within the Christian tradition adopt the Martha approach of responding to Christ through service and action while others see Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus as a model for contemplation and reflection.

The two different models have developed quite distinctly in the history of the Church and it must be said that the Martha approach of service and action has been in the ascendance for some time. However, action that is not grounded in prayerful reflection runs the risk of becoming well-intentioned busy-ness.

**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!

