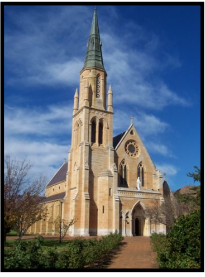


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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.



## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Year A 14th June 2020

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**Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri**

9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

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### SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first reading for today concentrates on the blessing of God and the responsibility that accompanies that

blessing. God's graciousness is not to be squandered. Moses directs the people to remember events of their past and from them learn the lesson of total confidence in God. The manna was meant to teach them that the source of their life was not merely the bread, but the promise of God. A recital of various examples of the providence of God completes this reading.

The psalm highlights God's protection of and solicitude toward the people of Israel. God protects them by fortifying the city of Jerusalem. The psalmist calls the people to praise God who has strengthened that city precisely at its most vulnerable spot, at its gates (v.13). Protected as they are, the people of Jerusalem/Zion are truly blessed. God's peace has enabled them to prosper. Prosperity is symbolised by the wheat, which is abundant and is of the finest quality. The psalmist paints a dynamic picture of the powerful word of God. God merely speaks, and God's word is accomplished. God promises to protect and to provide for the people, and the promise is realised. God's special word is the law which ensures God's continued protection and care.

'Cup of blessing' was a common Jewish expression for the cup of wine taken at the end of a meal. At the



Passover meal, the third of the four cups taken is called 'the cup of blessing'. Here the significance of the cup of wine is not in its material substance but in its incorporation of the partakers in the blood of

Christ. It is through Christ's death-blood that we participate in his life-blood. Community is established with the breaking of the bread, not with the subsequent eating of it. Paul insists that when we partake in the Eucharist, it does not so much become part of us as does other food, but we are transformed into it.

In today's gospel Jesus identifies his flesh as the bread of heaven, and he alludes to his death given for the life of the world. He declares this four times (vv.53-56). Jesus is 'flesh and blood' first as the sacrificial victim on the cross and then as food and drink. Like the manna, the flesh and blood of Jesus have become the source of life for those who partake of it. Eternal life comes from feeding on Jesus, not simply from believing in him. Jesus teaches that eternal life is not merely something that believers hope to enjoy in the future. Rather, those who share in this meal already possess eternal life. Jesus further maintains that just as we and the substance that we eat and drink become one, so Jesus and those who feed on him form an intimate union. They abide in him and he abides in them.

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**First Reading: [Dt 8:2-3. 14-16](#)**

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

Moses said to the people: ‘Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

‘Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.’

**Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12](#)**

**(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**

He has established peace on your borders,

he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**

He makes his word known to Jacob,

to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**



**Second Reading: [1 Cor 10:16-17](#)**

*Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

**Gospel Acclamation [See Apoc 1:8](#)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Gospel: [Jn 6:51-58](#)**

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the Jews:

‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another:  
‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said.

Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me  
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

*The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God’s hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, “creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself”. Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.*

*Laudato Si (2015) 23*

**DUE TO NUMBERS ATTENDING MASS DURING THIS TIME WE WILL HAVE A 5.00PM VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY.**

**IF THE NUMBERS INCREASE WE WILL REINTRODUCE THE 6.00PM VIGIL MASS.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK FOR MUDGEES WEEKEND MASSES VIA THE PARISH OFFICE PHONE OR EMAIL SO AS NOT TO EXCEED THE GOVERNMENT REGULATION NUMBERS.**

**MASS TIMETABLE**

**MONDAY - 15th June**

No Mass  
12 Noon Angelus

**TUESDAY - 16th June**

9.30am Mass Mudgee  
12 Noon Angelus

**WEDNESDAY - 17th June**

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

**THURSDAY - 18th June**

9.30am Mass Mudgee  
12 Noon Angelus

**FRIDAY - 19th June**

12 Noon Angelus  
12.30pm Mass Mudgee

**SATURDAY - 20th June -**

12 Noon Angelus  
5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

**SUNDAY: 21st June**

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00am Mass Mudgee (Live Streamed)  
10.30am Mass Gulgong  
11.00am Mass Kandos  
12 Noon Angelus

**Confession/Anointing**

Please ring and make an appointment, the priests are

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR MASS AND VISITATION TUES-THURS 9.15 -10.30AM FRIDAY 11.30AM - 1.00PM**

**POPE FRANCIS'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR JUNE:**

**Evangelization:** That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

**PLANNED GIVING RENEWAL:**

As we approach the end of We are very grateful to all who have continued to support our wonderful parishes during this difficult time. The renewal of our financial support of our Parish (Planned Giving) is coming up.

**Due to the difficulties being experienced it may mean we have to hand deliver Planned Giving Envelopes this year. If there are parishioners willing to assist we would be most grateful. Please contact the Parish Office.**



In this current climate we are encouraging as many people as possible to move to the convenience of Direct Debit, EFT or Credit Card instead of receiving and handing in weekly Planned Giving envelopes.

We would be grateful if you could contact the Parish Office for us to be able to assist you with this transition. If you wish to continue contributing via envelopes that is fine, and we are happy to deliver to your home or alternately you can collect them from the Parish Office. Envelopes will be available to collect from the Parish Office Monday 15th June.

Mudgee Parish Office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.

<b>Gulgong Parish</b> BSB - 066 781 Acc No 100006612 Reference: Your name.	<b>Mudgee Parish</b> BSB - 066 781 Acc No 100004583 Reference: Your name.
<b>Kandos Parish</b> BSB - 066 781 Acc No 100005344 Reference: Your name	

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

**For the recently deceased especially** Doug Graham.  
**We remember the anniversary of** Tobias McLean, John Varga, Agnes Robinson, mavis Evans, Barry Cunningham, Wallace Chapman and Phyllis Chapman.  
**We also pray for** Tony Blazevic and David Kiddle.



**Our thoughts and prayers** are with those who are sick at this time: Gwen Gaffney, Anne McLean, Judith Grant, Betty Price, Maria Brec, Brain Kurtz, Sylvia O'Brien, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Eliza Vasilis, Julie Collins, Anna Swientek, Elizabeth Donnelly, Tony Gillham, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing Homes.

## Safe Church Workshops

**IF YOU ARE COMMITTED TO A MINISTRY WITHIN OUR THREE PARISHES AND HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE A SAFE MINISTRY WORKSHOP NOW IS THE TIME.**

**The next Workshop will take place via Zoom next Friday and you should register online (details below).**

This training is open to individuals of all denominations from across the Diocese. Those who are involved in child-related activities are encouraged to attend.

During COVID-19 the National Council of Churches is offering a revised version of the Safe Church Awareness Workshops via Zoom. This workshop runs over two 1.5hr sessions. The online workshop will be run in two sessions via Zoom. For further information contact the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst via email: [admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au) or phone: 02 6334 6400. Each participant will be issued with a certificate that is valid for 12 months.

## Word and Faith Group.

The Word and Faith Group is a small number of people gathered together to read and reflect on the scripture readings for the following Sunday. The group are currently communicating at 7.30pm via Zoom.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact the Parish Office for further details.



**St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group** have resumed their Wednesday gatherings in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to join them from 9.30am.

## WALKING WITH GOD

**Have you had the opportunity of enjoying the short daily reflections on the scripture readings for each day through the Connect@home series.**

**If you haven't they are worth a look. Please see the link on the diocesan website below**

**<https://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/>**

One element of **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 is limited.

## RISE is back for 2020!

RISE Youth Festival is for young people in Years 6 to 9 (youth in Years 10 and 11 can be involved as team members. To do so, contact Deacon Josh).



The Diocesan Youth Festival, RISE, will be held during the upcoming school holidays, however, this year like most other events, it has been "Reloaded" in an online format.

RISE: Reloaded will run over 2 days (Thursday 9 July and Friday 10 July) and is for youth in Years 6 to 10. The festival is focused around fun, faith and friendship.

- First Session: Thursday 3pm- 5pm
- Second Session: Thursday 7pm- 9pm
- Third Session: Friday 3pm- 5pm

Friday's session will include a Q&A with special guest Fr Rob Galea. We will also be joined by Catholic Earthcare. Some workshop options will include music, sustainability and getting real with God.

The school will be a venue for any St Matts students to gather together as a group to participate. Dinner will be provided between the two sessions on Thursday.

Cost for the two days is \$25. This includes a RISE polo shirt. Get in early (before 19 June) and you can also order a limited edition hoodie for \$30!

Register and pay by clicking here <https://forms.gle/L7w6bbpsnRia5JaT7>.

Registrations close 6 July 2020.

If you have any questions please contact Deacon Josh at [mrd@bathurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:mrd@bathurst.catholic.org.au) or Jacinta Thatcher [mrprojects@bathurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:mrprojects@bathurst.catholic.org.au)

## VINNIES COVID -19 WINTER APPEAL

**YOU CAN HELP FAMILIES IMPACTED BY COVID -19 TO PAY THEIR BILLS, PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE AND KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD.**



**ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOR DONATIONS. THEY CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR HANDED IN AT THE SVdP CENTRE.**

### ALTERNATIVELY

**DONATE AT : VINNIES.ORG.AU**

**Phone. 131812 Donations of \$2 and over are tax-deductible.**

**Kindness is the language which  
the **d**eaf can hear  
and the **b**lind can see.**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Jer 20:10-13](#)

[Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14](#)

[Rom 5:12-15](#)

[Mt 10:26-33](#)