

*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.



## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 23rd August

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Fr Owen Gibbons

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### Parish Office Hours

Mon, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am -

1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

#### St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:

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The Catholic bishops of Australia have released the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, on the critical subject of mental health, in the lead-up to Social Justice Sunday on August 30.

The, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, encourages faith communities, governments and individuals to make mental health a priority.

Bishop Terry Brady, Bishop Delegate for Social Justice on the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, has called on all Catholics to take up the message and challenges of the Statement.

"This is a timely message in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic is affecting many members of our parishes, schools and communities", Bishop Brady said.

"The personal feelings of anxiety and despair we all share at this time provide an opportunity to become more aware and active in fostering the mental health of all. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who most need our support."

The Statement encourages parishes and local communities to be places of welcome and inclusion, overcoming the barriers and stigma often faced by people experiencing mental ill-health. It demands the commitment of governments and policy-makers to prevent so many people falling through the cracks of the mental health system. most need our support."

It also calls for the nation's commitment to address those policies that exacerbate the already precarious circumstances of First Australians and refugees and asylum-seekers.

The full Social Justice Statement *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, can be read on line at [http://bit.ly/SocialJustice\\_2020](http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020)

(from the Diocesan Website)

Catholic Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong, Kandos/Rylstone

### Prayer Partner Cards

Due to current restrictions we are unable to have Mass with our HSC students.

If you volunteered to pray for a student please collect your card from the back of the Church.

**Please pray this prayer for all our students as they continue to prepare for their HSC.**

### PRAYER FOR HSC STUDENTS

We remember in our prayers our young women and men as they prepare for the Higher School Certificate. We ask our Heavenly Father to give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them with understanding and good memory. Give them the ability to grasp what is before them correctly. Holy Spirit, send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen

## Live Streaming of Sunday Mass this Sunday

is from **St Mary's, Mudgee Sunday 23rd August.**

<https://www.facebook.com/stmaryscatholicmudgee/>



Next Sunday 30th August will be Live Streamed from Cowra at 8.00am

**Other options: Daily Mass** from the Church of St Francis Xavier, Lavender Bay, available

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD\\_HVaQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ)

Choose 'Mass on Demand'

**Sunday Mass** is also available to watch on television every Sunday at 6.00am on Channel Ten.

### First Reading: **Is 56:1.6-7**

*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

### Responsorial Psalm **Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8**

((R.) Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

### Second Reading: **Rom 11:33-36**

*From him, through him, and in him are all things.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

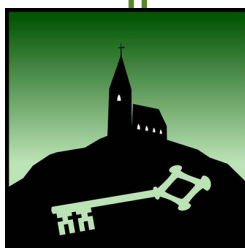
### Gospel **Mt 16:13-20**

*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

## Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

The man came to the Scripture class seeking not only answers but ammunition. His Protestant friends were telling him that Peter was not the first pope. They had scripture passages to back up their claims. He was sure there was something in the bible he could use to counteract their arguments. Now the man was asking the instructor for three other Scripture passages he could use that would trump theirs! He was a bit disappointed when the instructor said that's not the way Catholics read Scripture - how he had wanted the equivalent of three aces to play during the next go-round with his Protestant interlocutors!

The story in today's Gospel reading from Matthew is a favourite in Catholic-protestant dialogue or even debates on the role of Peter and the development of the papacy. But the papacy is a long way from the setting of this particular story. Instead, if we read it on its terms, we see that Simon Bar-jonah confesses Jesus as the Christ. He recognises Jesus for who he is, and Jesus responds by saying this insight was given to him by the heavenly Father. Jesus then names him "Peter", a Greek term meaning "Rock" (though in Aramaic the term is *Kephas*). Prior to this, no person in recorded history had been named "Rock". It's as though Jesus named someone "Window." For us today, who are so familiar with the name "Peter," it sounds standard. But an antiquity, this nickname would have sounded odd. And for that reason, most scholars believe the name "Peter" goes back to the historical Jesus.



Jesus then says that on this "rock" (whether "rock" in this instance refers to the person Simon Bar-jonah or his confession of Jesus as Christ is debated) he will build his "church." The term "church" appears in the gospels only in Matthew, and only here in Matthew 18:17. Historically, churches developed later, so it seems anachronistic for Matthew (or any evangelist) to use the term during the historical ministry of Jesus. It's partially for that reason that the phrase is thought to be a Matthean addition. Even so, Matthew is informing, or reminding, his audience that Peter was a spokesperson for the group, confessed Jesus as Christ, but even this was not due to his insight but from a gift of the Father.

As Catholics, we read scripture holistically, not cherry-picking verses from here and there, and then applying them in a context divorced from their own. A Catholic approach to scripture seeks to understand the context in which the book, letter, or verse was written; the intent of the author, as much as possible; and how it corresponds to other Scripture. If we are looking for scripture verses to use in theological debate with other Christians, we are playing the wrong game.

**Source: Living Liturgy. Used with permission.**

## Tap and Go Credit Card Facility



This week 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.

**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 for Mass is challenging.

Each morning, you will receive an email with a link to the daily readings set by the Church and a short reflection and prayer. You could do this sacred reading on your own, or with members of your household. This is a chance for us as a local church to connect with one another and with Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who is with us in all we are going through.

### Connection: Faith and Life podcast

The format is simple, with Deacon Josh and Fr Karl discussing international, national, and local issues relating to faith and life, in a relaxed manner.

Spotify:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/1gSaMBUyS1dHHY5xsndBzZ?si=bUM4ISx1QxGNxVWNXfCVJg>

Apple Podcasts

<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/connection-faith-life/id1512315851>

If you wish to be involved via a question, or suggest someone to be interviewed, an email can be sent to

[podcast@bathurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:podcast@bathurst.catholic.org.au)

Don't forget to subscribe, that way you will get each episode automatically and for free!



We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all the parishioners who have generously stayed back after Masses during the week and at weekend to help with the sanitising of the Church.

It is a big job, and one that must be done every time the church is used.

Your kindness is very much appreciated.

**Baptism: We welcome to the parish community**



**Evelyn Rose Baume  
Florence Pearl Baume  
Josephine Grace Baume**  
children of Elliot and Sarah.

### Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

**For the recently deceased especially Brian Constable, (Wollongong),** Colleen Condon.

**We remember the anniversary of** Tony Blazevic, Anne Young, Vonny Glides, Joseph Swientek, Meg Cumberland, Joseph Hope, Nell Goodman, Pom Fitzgerald, Carmen Attard, Maria Boltersten

**We also pray for** deceased members of the Salba Family, **Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Debbie Solti, Kathertine Szulc (Poland), Anne McLean, Judith Grant, Maria Brec, Brian Kurtz, Sylvia O'Brien, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Eliza Vasilis, Julie Collins, Anna Swientek, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing Homes.

## COVID - 19 REMINDERS

**It is 'strongly recommended' that facemasks should be worn while in an enclosed space: Places of worship (Church, Synagogue or Mosque), shopping centre and on public transport). We want to keep everyone safe so please follow this advise.**

**If you have flu like symptoms please do not enter our church, stay at home and be tested.**

- ◆ If you are a vulnerable person the advice is to remain at home.
- ◆ We have parishioners assigned to usher you to your seats. We do this for your protection and also to ensure you are seated according to Covid regulations. Where there are families attending together (more than 2 or more people living in the same household) we need to regulate the spacing (a vacant seat is required in front and behind). Please assist us by allowing those on duty to seat you accordingly.
- ◆ Please place your name and contact number on the sheets provided at the entrance of the church.
- ◆ Please remain 1.5 metre apart unless you are from the same household.
- ◆ Please sanitise your hands as you enter the church and when you leave the church.
- ◆ Parishioners are **NOT TO JOIN IN SINGING AT MASS.**
- ◆ All parts of the Mass will be said.
- ◆ Church capacity St Mary's Church, Mudgee - 80  
St John the Baptist Gulgong - 47  
St Malachy's, Rylstone - 40  
St Dominic's, Kandos - 50
- ◆ **PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU -** otherwise place in the bin as you leave the Church.

## First Holy Communion Enrolments closing soon

To register your child for this sacrament, please use the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScV2r-XGLw04TosrDTEHAPs805cR1h0lzm5GLOnSjv3mLy5\\_w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScV2r-XGLw04TosrDTEHAPs805cR1h0lzm5GLOnSjv3mLy5_w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### MASS TIMETABLE

#### MONDAY - 24th August

*Feast of St Bartholomew, apostle*

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus

3.45pm First Communion Lesson for State School students

#### TUESDAY - 25th August

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

#### WEDNESDAY - 26th August

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

#### THURSDAY - 27th August

*St Monica, memorial*

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

#### FRIDAY - 28th August

*St Augustine, memorial*

12 Noon Angelus

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

#### SATURDAY - 29th August

*The Passion of St John the Baptist, memorial*

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

#### SUNDAY: 30th August

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12 Noon Angelus

### Confession/Anointing/ Home Communion

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

### Pope Francis's Universal Prayer for August

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

**THE CHURCH IS  
OPEN  
FOR MASS AND  
VISITATION  
TUES-THURS  
9.15 -10.30AM  
FRIDAY  
11.30AM - 1.15PM**

### Mudgee Roster

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful	MUSIC
Sat 22nd Aug	L.Ryan	A.Fergus	C.Furney	
Sun. 23rd Aug	J.Tioseco	A.Myles	J.O'Brien	Ruella & Barry
Sat. 29th Aug	L.Nicholson	C.Furney	I.Byrne	
Sun.30th Aug.	S.Abbey	R.Disher	M.McLean	John & Karen
Sat. 5th Sept	I.Byrne	G.Brymora	L.Nicholson	
Sun 6th Sept	N.Whitmore	C.Whitmore	C.Devitt	Ruth & Marianne

### Gulgong Roster for august

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
23nd August	E.Donnelly	D.Hudson	R.Saliba
30th August	M.O'Brien	O.O'Brien	M & E Carney
6th Sep.	D.Kelly	R.Saliba	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn

**Thank you for supporting our parish. To donate to the Parish go online or call at the Parish Office.**

### BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT CREDIT PLANNED GIVING

#### Kandos Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100005344

Reference: Your name



#### Mudgee Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100004583

Reference: Your name.

#### Gulgong Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100006612

Reference: Your name

**Quote: If you can't fly, then run.  
If you can't run, then walk  
If you can't walk, then crawl,  
but whatever you do  
you have to keep moving forward.**

*Martin Luther King*



### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Jer 20:7-9](#)

[Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2](#)

[Rom 12:1-2](#)

[Mt 16:21-27](#)