

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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 11th - October 2020

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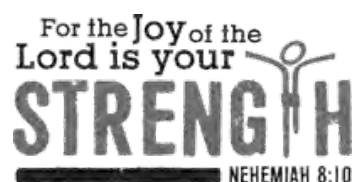


PARISH PHONES

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

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Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life.

Chen was just 16 years old when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident. Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the Arrupe Centre. Led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Arrupe Centre provides children like Chen with support and opportunities they may not access otherwise.

Next week you will be offered the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Cambodia as a monthly giving partner, with all gifts specifically directed to support community and child-focused programs in Cambodia. Please come prepared to give generously.



Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/cambodia

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION:

Children who are in Yr 2 and have already been baptised are eligible for the sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Lessons for the Government school children will begin on Monday 19th October in the Parish Centre

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Bishop Michael has given permission for the Sacrament of Confirmation to go ahead with some restrictions and inline with Covid 19 medical advice.

Lessons for Government school students will begin **Monday 19th October at 3.45pm in the Parish Centre.**

All students from St Matthew's School and the Government schools who registered in March will not need to re-register.

Families who have children eligible for Confirmation and have not already registered are encouraged to do so immediately.

The registration forms for First Reconciliation and Confirmation will be on the parish website from this Monday 12th October. Registration is via the Parish only.

Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: [Is 25:6-10](#)

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 22. R. v.6](#)

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**



He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Phil 4:12-14. 19-20](#)

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia! alleluia!

Gospel [Mt 22:1-14](#)

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

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Dining at God's House

This is a strange story: why would invited guests not come to a king's wedding feast? In our time, any celebrity who throws a party can expect everyone to come, the invited along with the uninvited. People want to see and be seen at notable occasions. Certainly, a royal wedding qualifies as a must-see event.

But in this story people do the remarkably inappropriate thing : they snub the king. And when the king practically begs them to come a second time, some of those invited do violence to their messengers. This is such an incredible response, we recognise that Jesus is referring to the response to himself and to prophets who came before him. No one would behave this way to a king, his son, and his servants, Jesus is saying. And yet you behave this way to God, God's son, and the prophets.

As listeners to this story, we have a choice. We can be like those invited who don't bother to go, or who retaliate with rage. We can come without preparation. Or we can have something to say for ourselves if caught poorly clad at God's feast. "O God, have mercy on me, a sinner," is a good prayer to have on hand.

Which role do you see yourself playing in the parable of the wedding feast?

Dine in God's house this week. Feed the hungry, share a meal with someone who needs you, and don't forget the Eucharist.

GPBS - Used with Permission

Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially Jim Lynch, Daryl Baker, Jenny Williamson, Margaret Meehan and Pam Parnell.

We remember the anniversaries of Allen Foo and Jack Gillham.

We also pray for Aileen & Jack Gaudry, Bessie & Harold Evans, Doris & Jim Gray, Bob McGrath, Charlie & Rita Saliba, Carmelo Mifsud, John and Judith Watson and Anne Minogue.

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, Eliza Vasilis, 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.

POSITION VACANT - Assistant Parish Secretary

(Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos)

28 hours per fortnight.

Mrs Patti Kiddle will be retiring as Parish Secretary in the coming weeks. The current Assistant Secretary, Mrs Kristie Newman will take on the position of Parish Secretary.

We are currently seeking to fill Kristie's position. The successful application must have a sound background in Office Administration and be willing to work in a team environment.

For enquiries and a Position Description please contact the Parish Office at office.mudgee@cdob.org.au (Please note this alternate phone number) Ph 63000101.

To apply please send your application including your resume with three references, via email to the Parish Priest, Fr Owen Gibbons: pp.mudgee@cdob.org.au

Applications close Friday 30th October 2020

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL STUDENTS IN THIS LAST FEW WEEKS OF PREPARATION FOR THEIR EXAMS.

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



St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

The ladies have for sale in the Parish Centre a range of craft items, including a variety of face masks at reasonable prices. Available on Wednesday's 10am -11.30am and Thursday's 10am-11am. Call in and view the range of works.

Position Vacant: Prison Chaplain

Oberon Correctional Facility - Part-Time

To assist in the delivery of pastoral care and ministry, the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst is currently seeking a Prison Chaplain to service the Correctional Facility in Oberon NSW.

Our ideal candidate will support the wider organisational values, ethos and mission whilst maintaining a community-centred focus within their role and service. Reporting to the Director of Mission and Renewal, the *Prison Chaplain* works across a multi-faith and multi-denomination environment within the Oberon Correctional Facility. This includes leading worship, facilitating prayer and working within the recommendations for chaplains listed in the CCAC guidelines and Corrective Services.

If you are an engaging team player with excellent communication skills, stakeholder and community liaison experience and a genuine commitment to the most vulnerable in our community, we'd love to hear from you.

For a copy of the position description, selection criteria and details on how to apply, please email hr@centacarebathurst.com.au. More information can be found at bathurst.catholic.org.au.

Applications close 5 pm Friday 9th October 2020

Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.



_____ Pope Francis _____

Quote:

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."



Covid Reminders: 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.
- ◆ 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.

MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY - 12th October

No Mass
12 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 13th October

9.30am Mass Mudgee
12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 14th October

Our lady of the Rosary
9.30am Mass Mudgee
9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group
12 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 15th October

St Teresa of Jesus
9.30am Mass Mudgee
12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 16th October

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary
12.30pm Mass Mudgee
2.00pm Requiem Mass for Mr Jim Lynch
(Private Funeral due to Covid restrictions)

SATURDAY - 17th October

St Ignatius of Antioch
11.00am Baptism
12 Noon Angelus
6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY: 18th October

Twenty - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Mass Mudgee
10.30am Gulgong
Sunday Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion
11.00am Mass Rylstone
12 Noon Angelus

**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.

Please join us each day at 12 noon for the Angelus, from your home, in the garden or wherever you may be as the Church bell calls us to prayer.

On Friday in the Church at 12 noon we invite you to **pray the Angelus** followed by the **Rosary**, and join us for **Mass** at 12.30pm.



Pope Francis's Universal Prayer for October

The Laity's Mission in the Church - We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

HELP NEEDED

TO CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH COVID REGULATIONS WE MUST CONTINUE TO BE VIGILANT AND FOLLOW THE RULES.

EVERYONE MUST SIGN IN AND SANITISE WHEN ATTENDING MASS IN THE CHURCH OR ANY OF THE PARISH BUILDINGS.

We need helpers to be rostered so as to assist those who have been available each weekend to seat parishioners appropriately, see that all are signed in correctly and have sanitised their hands.

After Mass the church must be thoroughly cleaned - thank you to all who have consistently been available to assist with this task.

**WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST US.
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

Mudgee Roster - October

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful
Sat. 17th Oct.	L.Nicholson	I.Byrne	D.Cunningham
Sun. 18th Oct	N.Whitmore	C.Whitmore	S.Abbey
Sat. 24th Oct	J.Newman	J.Newman	G.Brymora
Sun. 25th Oct	M.Matthews	M.McLean	

Gulgong Roster for September

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
18th Oct	R.Saliba	J.Thatcher	R.Saliba
25th Oct	C.Gaudry	K.Ritar	M & E Carney
1st Nov	P.Leotta	C.Gaudry	C.Holland

COUNTRY MASS ROSTER FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 18th October

10.30am - Gulgong

Sunday Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion

11.00 Mass Rylstone

Sunday 25th October

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Kandos

Sunday Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Is 45:1.4-6](#)

[Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7](#)

[1 Thes 1:1-5](#)

[Mt 22:15-21](#)