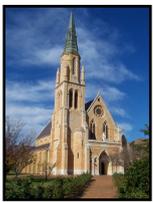


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time - Year B 31st January 2021

First Reading: [Dt 18:15-20](#)

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v.9](#)

(R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 Cor 7:32-35](#)

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mk 1:21-28](#)

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

8th December 2020 ~ 8th December 2021

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*

Welcome....

We extend a very warm welcome to all new parishioners to the parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos. Please contact the Parish Office so we can include you on our Parish register.

To all our staff and students who returned this week and next week for a busy and exciting year ahead... Welcome back! The school communities of St Matthews and All Hallows will each be celebrating the new school year with their open Mass next week. We keep them in our prayers.

Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

Assistant Priest

Fr Dong Van Nguyen

Parish Deacon

Deacon Charles Applin

Parish Secretaries

Mrs Kristie Newman

Mrs Krista O'Brien

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

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY - 1st February
NO SERVICE

12 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 2nd February

The Presentation of the Lord

9.30am Communion Service Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 3rd February

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 4th February

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 5th February

St Agatha, virgin, martyr Memorial

12.00noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)

12.00noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)

1.00pm Parish Luncheon

SATURDAY - 6th February

St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs

12 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY - 7th December

Fifth Sunday on Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

7.30am Mass Mudgee

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong

11.00am Kandos

12 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Word & Faith Group

Anointing/ Home Communion: Please ring and make an appointment, Fr Owen and Fr Dong are available, and we can visit you at home.

PRESBYTERY CAR PARK AT ST MARY'S

New signs have been placed in the Presbytery Car Park to allocate parking to Parish Staff, Parishioners and School Staff. Car parking on the Church grounds is limited and we ask that Parishioner only use the Car Park when visiting the Church or Parish Office. School Staff are also reminded that they can only park in the School Staff parking spaces.

Note to Parents and student of St Matthews School

Children are not to be dropped off or picked up for school via the presbytery driveway except for those who have permission due to specific needs. All Students are to enter the school via Lewis Street.

Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially

We pray for the Souls of Fr Tim Cahill, Pat Hudson, Trong Phu Tran (Vietnam), John O'Brien, Sr Clarie Hopper.

We remember the anniversaries of Brian Smith, Richard Roberts, Geoff Anson, Llewellyn Davies, John Hemsley, Barry Fittler, Michael Sgroi.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:

Mike O'Shea, Jan Bailie, Bruce Eastburn, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Maria Leotta, Eliza and Elena Vasilis, Rebecca Fetcher, Enid Auld, Debbie Solti, Katherine Szulc (Poland), Judith Grant, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Julie Collins, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.

Word and Faith Group

A small number of people gathering together to read and reflect on the readings for the following Sunday.

It is a very valuable tool for those who are reading at Mass on the following Sunday because they are more aware of the message and what God is saying to each of us in the readings. The Word and Faith Group is also great way to connect with others in our Parish.

St Mary's currently has a Word and Faith group on Sunday's at 6pm in the Parish Centre. If you would like to be apart of the Group or would like to find our more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Scriptural context – The Messianic Secret



A feature of the Gospel of Mark is an element of secrecy and confusion that surrounds Jesus' identity. He silences demons who would announce his identity and warns those he heals to be quiet about what has occurred. There is a real lack of understanding displayed by the disciples about who Jesus is. At one point, Jesus asks the disciples, 'who do you think I am?' They identify him as the Messiah but immediately demonstrate that they don't really understand what that means. The theme that runs through the gospel is a developing understanding of what it means that Jesus is the Messiah.

BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT CREDIT PLANNED GIVING

Gulgong Parish

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Kandos Parish

BSB - 066 781

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Mudgee Parish

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A Teaching with Authority behind it.

Power and authority usually go together and are often confused. If Jesus exercised authority it was not in the oppressive fashion of many earthly rulers but in service of the poor. His power was directed towards liberating people from unjust laws, evil spirits, debilitating illnesses and the slavery of sin. It is this power that is at work in us.

Quote:

"Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response to the errors that counts."

Nikki Giovanni

Pope's Universal Prayer for February Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

**Mudgee Roster
Saturday 6th / Sunday 7th February 2021**

| | Sat 6pm | Sun 7.30am | Sun 9.00am |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Reader | L.Nicholson | M.McLean | L.Littler |
| Prayers of the Faithful | C.Furney | Help Needed | L.Finter |
| Special Ministers of Communion | J.Vros | | M. Dunnachie |

Saturday 14th / Sunday 15th February 2021

| | Sat 6.00pm | Sun 7.30am | Sun 9.00am |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| First Reader | St Matthews Leaders | Danielle Maher | St Matthews Leaders |
| Second Reader | St Matthews Leaders | | St Matthews Leaders |
| Prayers of the Faithful | St Matthews Leaders | | St Matthews Leaders |
| Special Ministers of Communion | D. Cunningham | | R.Gawthorne |

Gulgong Roster

| Date | Commentator | Reader | Sacristan |
|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 7th Feb | E. Donnelly | M. McGregor | R. Sabilba |
| 14th Feb | R. Saliba | o. O'Brien | M & E Carney |
| 21st Feb | D. Kelly | J. Thatcher | E. Donnelly G. Ausburn |
| 28th Feb | P. Leotta | E. Donnelly | C. Holland |

 **Contactless Mass Sign**

Given we will be required to sign in for a long period of time to come, the QR Code is a quicker and more efficient way in which to sign in when entering the church.

We are preparing individual cards for those who either don't have available a mobile phone or it is simply too difficult and a bit stressful. We strongly encourage you to place your name on the blue form at the back of the church to order your individual card, that a Welcomer will scan for you as you come into Mass each week. All information will be confidential. No information will be stored on any portable devices (eg. phones).

Ministries in Our Parish

‘There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different people, it is working in all of them.’

1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13

Thank you to all who have participated in parish ministries over the past very challenging year. We are very grateful to have so many parishioners from a variety of age groups involved in various ministries.



We are asking for you to volunteer to help with one or more ministries in our parish. At the back of the church is an overview of some of the ministries within the parish that you may like to consider. There is something for everyone.

We thank everyone who has volunteered in the past and urge you to re-commit for another year. We also encourage anyone who is volunteering for the first time or looking at a different ministry, there will be training provided for some of the ministries and plenty of support from the Parish Office. Commitment is for one year.



Please take a sheet for each person, fill it out and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the Collections contains at the back of the Church.



Baptism:

We welcome to the parish community



William Davies
son of Matthew & Sarah.

Covid Restrictions

The State Government has announced that from Monday 7 December the number of people allowed to attend a place of worship for Mass services, funerals, weddings or private prayer is based on the **1 person per 2 square meter rule** with no upper limit.

Please be aware that we are still in a time of pandemic and social distancing and hygiene practices need to be maintained.

The dispensation issued by Bishop Michael McKenna in relation to our Sunday obligation is still in effect.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

Mk 1:29-39



Gospel Reflection

by Greg Sunter

Although this week's gospel is a relatively short passage, there's a lot going on within it. Firstly, we are presented with Jesus going to the synagogue in Capernaum and teaching there. This immediately indicates that Jesus must have been quite well educated – he was obviously able to read from the Torah in Hebrew and then teach about it with an impressive level of authority. In fact at the end of the passage, the people seem more impressed with his teaching than with the act of casting out the unclean spirit! Secondly, in the interaction with the unclean spirit, it knows Jesus and identifies him as the 'Holy One of God'. Jesus sharply tells the spirit to 'Be quiet!' Jesus almost appears to want to silence the spirit before it says any more about who he really is. This is a feature of the gospel of Mark in which the identity of Jesus as the Messiah is kept under wraps but breaks out in unlikely places – known as the Messianic secret.

Whenever an exorcism miracle occurs in the gospels the emphasis is on the reaction to the miracle much more than the action itself. Here, the casting out of the unclean spirit appears to confirm for the people the authority that they sensed in the teaching of Jesus. Liberating the possessed man from the unclean spirit is an illustration of the way in which the people themselves were liberated by Jesus' teaching. It is the message, the teaching, of Jesus that frees people. It is in this way that his understanding of Messiah is revealed. Jesus wants people to come to that knowledge through understanding his message, rather than being impressed by miraculous actions.

Parish Luncheon

We are going to begin again our light luncheon after our Friday 12.30pm Mass as a way of connecting parishioners who have been effected by Covid isolation. If you would like to come and celebrate with us our first luncheon 2021 on Friday 5th February, please contact the Parish Office for catering numbers by Wednesday afternoon. Thank you.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 1st Feb

St Matthews - Yrs 1-5 & Yrs 8-10 Return to school
All Hallows - Kindergarten start school

Tuesday 2nd Feb

9.30am St Marys Communion Service.

Friday 5th Feb

1.00pm Parish Luncheon (See notice above)

Wednesday 17th Feb

Ash Wednesday

ANGELUS



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.



The Bread of Life Retreat

Spend a great weekend at Shalom, Carcoar and explore how making sourdough bread can be a very spiritual exercise. It's going to be a reflective time, but also a relaxing and fun time as you learn how to bake the best sourdough, learn some new Ignatian meditation and prayer techniques, go on some lovely walks and enjoy some scrumptious food.

This retreat is for everyone to enjoy and the best part is there is no need to have any technical baking skills or advanced training, or holiness, or to be church-ed to attend. You can just come as you are and do as much or as little as you want.

When: Friday 19th Feb 6pm to Sunday 21st Feb at 3pm

Venue: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar

Cost: Suggested Donation of \$240 (includes all meals and accommodation)

To Register: Ph:02 63673058 or **email:** shalomcarcoar@gmail.com or **Book Online at:** shalomcarcoar.com



JOIN IN A FUN WEEKEND OF GARDENING, RELAXING AND GOOD COMPANY

Come to Shalom for a **free weekend** of great food and lodging in exchange for doing gardening work.

Bring your own garden gloves, favourite gardening tools, a hat and any cuttings or plants from your garden you might like to share.

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19-21 MARCH 2021

FROM 6PM FRIDAY 19TH
TO AFTER LUNCH SUNDAY 21ST

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