



*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.



## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 1st August 2021



**First Reading:** [Ex 16:2-4. 12-15](#)

*I will rain bread from heaven upon you.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

[Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24](#)

**(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
we will tell to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his might. **(R.)**

He commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven. **(R.)**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.  
He sent them abundance of food.  
He brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand had won **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Eph 4:17, 20-24](#)

*Put on the new person that has been created in God's image*

**Gospel Acclamation:** [Mt 4:4](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes  
from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia!



**Gospel:** [Jn 6:24-35](#)

*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst.*



**AS 6:00PM SATURDAY 26 JUNE UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE.**

### THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY...

- All organisations must continue to ensure they keep accurate records of all attendances, including through [QR Codes](#), to enable fast contact tracing in the event of any community transmission.
- **All parishioners are required to scan a QR code or sign in before entering the Church.** Scanning QR codes are the preferred method as it does not require you to touch a common pen.
- The number of people allowed in a place of worship is limited to **1 person per 4 square metres.**
- **Mask are compulsory** in all indoor non-residential settings and certain outdoor events.
- Singing by audiences and choirs at indoor venues or indoor places of worship will not be allowed.
- It is critical everyone continues to practise COVID-safe behaviours, hand sanitising, practising social distancing, staying home if unwell and getting tested if suffering from the mildest of symptoms.

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Owen Gibbons

**Assistant Priest**  
Fr Dong Van Nguyen

**Parish Deacon**  
Deacon Charles Applin

**Parish Secretaries**  
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Mrs 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:**  
**Principal:** Mrs Angela Myles  
Ph 02 6372 1742  
[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 the Parish community



*Jem Lucas Cremonese*  
son of Leonardo and Elizabeth



**Gospel Reflection - Greg Sunter**

This week's gospel reading continues the exploration of John Ch 6 that began last week and will continue for another few weeks. Today's passage begins the extended discourse on the 'Bread of Life' image that runs throughout this chapter. Last week's reading finished with Jesus virtually fleeing the scene when the crowd wanted to make him king. At the start of today's reading, the crowd has caught up with him again and appears to be looking for a repeat performance of the miraculous feeding. Jesus accuses them of simply wanting more food and not being alert to the truth of the sign they had witnessed. The crowd asks what they must do to accomplish the works of God and Jesus answers fairly bluntly, Believe in me!

In response, the people demand a sign from Jesus: produce manna from heaven as Moses did during the Exodus. In fact, manna from heaven is one of the signs of the coming of the Messiah that is foretold by the prophets. So, in their own way, the people are asking Jesus to demonstrate to them that he is the Messiah. Jesus, however, explains that it was not Moses who produced the manna, but God. In Jesus, God has already produced the sign – the Bread sent down from heaven. There is no need for Jesus to produce such a sign; the sign has already been produced by God. It is up to the people – and us – to recognise God's gift of life-sustaining nourishment that is Jesus. In the Eucharist, we continue to celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life – the sustaining gift of God that 'gives life to the world'.

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

**For the recently deceased especially**

Robyn Cafe, Nola Brand and Thomas Sheridan (Wagga Wagga).

**We remember the anniversaries of** Michael Azar, William Tighe, Penelope Hoyer, Helmut Muller, Warren Roche, Bill McRae, Siegfried Braun, Allan Heaslip, Joseph Woods and Alan Forwood.

**We also pray for**

Anna Salomoni, John Capare, Brenda Nyman (Canberra), Michael Kearins, Janelle Hartnett, the Camilleri Family, Joe Swientek, and the Swientek and Smieszek Family.

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

Fr Vincent Doherty CSsR, Peter Morris (Lapstone), Anna Blazevic, Sue Kearins, Ivan Brec, Suzana Marakovic, John Graham, John Cross, John Vros, Enid Auld, Tomislav Glavacevic, Mike O'Shea, Carmel Thompson, John Carney (Rooty Hill), Maria Leotta, Cherylanne Adamson, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Elizabeth Taylor (Newcastle), Allen Fenwick (Newcastle), Julie Collins, Rebecca Fletcher, Eliza and Elena Vasilis, Debbie Solti, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Mary Cannon and all those in our Nursing Homes.



**YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH**

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

*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.*

One of our seminarians, **Ha Tran**, has been staying at the presbytery doing study for exams.

We wish him well as he leaves this weekend to join our Bathurst Seminarians as they continue their studies. We pray for them.

**Prayer Partner Program**

Thank you to all our Prayer Partner Volunteers for picking up your Prayer Cards. If have not picked up your card, please find them at the back of the church. Thank you to the Prayer Partners that have returned a note or card for the Year 12 students. It would be wonderful for each Year 12 student to received a note or card from their Prayer Partner. These can be given to the Parish Office during the week or put on the collection plate at mass.



**Parish Calendar**

We are publishing a Calendar for 2022 featuring our local Parish churches with Twelve of Deeb's Kitchens Famous Recipes.

Thank you to those Businesses and individuals who are helping to sponsor its publication. If you are interested in being a sponsor to help with the cost of printing the Calendar, please contact the Parish Office.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1 Kgs 17:7-16**

**Ps 623:1-8**

**Col 3:12-17**

**Mt 27:55**

Mudgee Roster Saturday 7th / Sunday 8th August 2021		
	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	St Matthews	St Matthews
First Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
Second Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
Special Ministers of Communion	St Matthews	St Matthews
Altar Servers	P. Galloway	S. Keaton
Welcomers	St Matthews	St Matthews
Counter	Mon 2nd August	P. O'Brien
Saturday 14th/ Sunday 15th August 2021		
	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	K. Fitzsimmons	M. Matthews
First Reader	I. Byrne	R. Disher
Second Reader	J. Newman	A. Myles
Special Ministers of Communion	D. Cunningham	M. Gilbert
Altar Servers	E. McKid	A. McFarlane
Welcomers	C. Carberry	S. W. Walker
Counters	Mon 9th August	D. Bennett

Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentat	Reader	Sacristan
1st Aug	P. Leotta	F. McConville	R. Saliba
8th Aug	R. Saliba	M. McGregor	R. Saliba
15th Aug	E. Donnelly	O.O'Brien	M & E Carney
22nd Aug	D. Kelly	J. Thatcher	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn

**Pope's Universal Prayer for July Social Friendship**

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

DAY BY DAY
<b>MONDAY - 2nd August</b> 12.00 Noon Angelus <b>TUESDAY - 3rd August</b> 9.30am Mass 12 Noon Angelus 5.30pm Finance Meeting <b>WEDNESDAY - 4th August</b> 9.30am Mass Mudgee 12.00 Noon Angelus <b>THURSDAY - 5th August</b> 9.30am Mass Mudgee 12.00 Noon Angelus <b>FRIDAY - 6th August</b> <b>The Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast</b> 12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church) 12 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church) 12.30pm Mass Mudgee <b>5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Presbytery</b> <b>SATURDAY - 7th August</b> 12.00 Noon Angelus 4.15-4.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church) 5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee <b>SUNDAY - 8th August</b> <b>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>ST MARY OF THE CROSS, FEAST</b> 9.00am Mass Mudgee 10.30am Mass Gulgong 11.00am Mass Kandos 12.00 Noon Angelus 5.00pm Faith Series  <b>Anointing/ Home Communion:</b> If you know of anyone who would like Anointing/ Home Communion, please ring the office. Fr Owen and Fr Dong are available, and can visit at home or in hospital.

**GULGONG NEWS**  
 Gulgong Catholic Womens Group next meeting on 3rd August has been **cancelled**.

Friday, 6th August  
**Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
 Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them – suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. Moses was the great Law-giver of Jewish tradition and Elijah the great prophet. Together, they represent the Law and the Prophets – the combined wisdom that make up the tradition of Jewish teaching and Jewish scripture. It is the Law and the Prophets that Jesus' life and ministry brings to fulfilment. It is fitting that Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus as the three figures combined represent fullness of Jewish tradition – the Law of Moses; the challenge and promise of the Prophets; and the compassion of Jesus that completes the other two.  
 Sadly, the disciples don't really get the point of what they see before them. Peter, caught up in the moment, wants to build tents on the spot to mark the moment and to continue to dwell in the moment. Jesus, however, leads them back down the mountain – back into the valley; back into the reality of life; back into the tragedy that he knows lies before them. No matter how powerful a religious experience may be, Jesus shows us that we always have to return to real life. It is not possible to remain on the 'mountaintop' as Peter would have liked to do; we have to take the experience back into the everyday of our lives.  
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## Men for Men "TALKING FATHERHOOD"



Enjoy the opportunity to engage with other fathers – from very new first-time dads, dads of teens, grandads to mentor dads. Support, encourage, laugh, learn and meet in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.

**Q & A Forum** with opportunity to ask questions or just listen.

**Upstairs Oriental Hotel.**

Covid safe limits will be as per venue Evening presented by St Mary's Parish Council in this The Year of St Joseph

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021 6.00PM – 7.30PM**

RSVP to Russell Croake 0438721755 Or Annette Fergus 0402934218

### Catholic Diocese of Bathurst

## BREAD COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN

### Faith Series

The **Bread Come Down From Heaven Faith Series** is an initiative to help people deepen their appreciation of Scripture and the Eucharist.

**When:** Sunday at 5pm in the Parish Hall a  
Everyone welcome.

**Time:** One hour is the intended maximum time.

**How to get involved:** If possible, all the Parish Office to register your interest or just come along

**All current Covid-19 Restrictions will apply.**



The MOHMOV Conference 2021  
September 1-3 and September 4, 2021

**The Mission: one heart many voices online conference is just around the corner and we're hoping you'll join us.**

Key note speakers include:

**Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle** - Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples

**Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM** - 2021 Senior Australia of the Year, Aboriginal elder and renowned artist, activist, writer and public speaker

**Mr Craig Foster AM** - Human Rights Activist for multiculturalism, refugees and social equality and former Socceroo

**Mr Hugh Mackay AO** - Social Psychologist, Researcher and bestselling author of 21 books, including his latest, *The Kindness Revolution*.

To find out more, go to <https://2021.mohmv.com.au/>



## Save The Date



St Matthews Parents and Carers are invited to an evening of dinner and discussion with Sr Elizabeth Young

## Encounter Evening

Thursday 19th August @ 6pm | The Ori Hotel

Tickets available for purchase from Term 3 - more information to come

### About Sr Elizabeth Young:

Elizabeth hails from Boandik country in a rural part of South Australia. She did her first degree in Circus Arts, which meant that she saw the world from an upside down perspective and eschewed the benefits of growing up. Following this, she took (another) leap of faith and entered the Sisters of Mercy in Adelaide when she was 22 years old. Since then she has worked in a number of ministries such as youth, prisons, detention centres, parish and school chaplaincy, across three Australian states. She is currently working from Forbes in the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese, where she rides a bike, gathers people in prayer, fights fires and still does handstands.

## Knitting, Knotting, Unknotting - a weekend retreat at Shalom

This is a contemplative spirituality weekend for anyone who works with threads or yarn.

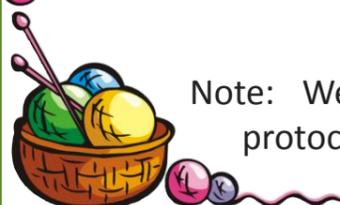
Come along and bring your knitting, spinning or your weaving of any description including basketry. It will be a quiet working and prayerful weekend, with good food and company in the beautiful surrounds at Shalom and historic Carcoar.

**WHEN:** Fri 6 Aug 2021 at 6pm to Sun 8 th Aug 2021 after lunch

**WHERE:** Shalom House of Prayer, 7-11 Collins Street, Carcoar

**COST:** \$260 (Includes all meals and accommodation)

**BOOKINGS:** Ph 02 63673058 or book online at [shalomcarcoar.com](http://shalomcarcoar.com)



Note: We have limited numbers and Retreat protocols to keep us all COVID Safe.

## Year of St Joseph

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