

*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.



## Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) 8th August 2021



### First Reading: [1 Kgs 17:7-16](#)

*The jar of meal shall not be spent according to the word of the Lord spoken through Elias.*

### Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 62:1-8](#)

**(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

### Second Reading: [Col 3:12-17](#)

*Bear with one another, forgive each other.*

### Gospel Acclamation: [Mt 27:55](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance,  
the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel: [Mt 6:25-34](#)

*Do not worry about your life.*

### REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

#### God's Saving Justice

The Gospel reading for today is, at first glance, an odd choice to pair with the feast of St Mary of the Cross.

Mary MacKillop faced more than a few financial challenges, after all, especially in her youth. The burden of supporting her poor family fell to Mary in her teenage years, and surely no one held it against her for worrying about money, food, or clothing.

But the pairing of saint and gospel makes sense in the context of Mary's vocation. Rather than worrying about herself, she cared for others. In this, Mary MacKillop lived the gospel very effectively. First caring for her immediate family, then for wider relations, soon enough Mary was focused on meeting the many needs of the communities in which she and her fellow Sisters of St Joseph lived. Through aid, education, and example Mary offered her contemporaries and us an example of faith through works.

From quietly and unobtrusively teaching in a stable in 1866, to founding a religious order that spread throughout and beyond a continent, Mary's spiritual journey was truly focused on "God's saving justice". Tending to Australia's Aboriginal peoples, prisoners facing execution, children requiring education, the homeless, the orphaned, the sick, indeed anybody she saw in need, Mary shows us how God seeks to answer the day's troubles: through us.



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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 - 4.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

#### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**

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## Q: What is the longest running program on Australian commercial television?

### Masses and prayers requested for the following:

#### For the recently deceased especially:

Neil Brodie, Roberto Oracoy (Philippines), Eileen Horan nee Milton (Bathurst)

#### We remember the anniversaries of:

Toby Buckley, Katalin Dalmay, Millie Isbester, Colleen Condon, Lorna Wakeling, Patricia Goldspink, Jack Barrett, Enid Devoy, Gerry Doherty,, Garry Gibbins, Mona Patman, Evelyn Bull, Desmond Fleming, Helen Crowley, Fredrick Ballard, Grace Wheeler, Mervyn Costello, Brian Patterson, Catherine Neely, Robert English, Isabel Treasure and Edna Power.

#### We also pray for:

Robyn Cafe, Nola Brand and Thomas Sheridan (Wagga Wagga), Anna Salomoni, John Capare, Brenda Nyman (Canberra), Michael Kearins,

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

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



### 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.

### Prayer Partner Program

Thank you to all our Prayer Partner Volunteers for picking up your Prayer Cards. 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.



### Congratulations to:

*Lincoln John Craig*

who will receive the Blessed Eucharist for the first time.



### Congratulations to:

*Libby Therese Lacko  
Lilly Catherine Hockley*

who will be Confirmed this weekend in Mudgee.

### 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.**

If you would to form a group or get some friends together to. The reflection materials will be supplied.



## 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.*

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

**Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10**

**Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10**

**1 Cor 15:20-26**

**Lk 1:39-56**



Mudgee Roster 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
Counter	Mon 9th August	D. Bennett
Saturday 21st/ Sunday 22nd August 2021		
	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	C. Furney	M. McLean
First Reader	L. Nicholson	R. McKeown
Second Reader	L. Ryan	H. Rodgers
Special Ministers of Communion	A. Baker	L. Rodgers
Altar Servers	F. Swift	M. Freebody
Welcomers	A. Mead	M. Dunnachie
Counters	Mon 16th August	P. O'Brien

Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
8th Aug	R. Saliba	M. McGregor	R. Saliba
15th Aug	E. Donelly	O. O'Brien	M. & E. Carney
22nd Aug	D. Kelly	J. Thatcher	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn
29th Aug	C. Gaudry	F. McConville	C. Holland

### Pope's Universal Prayer for August



#### The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

### DAY BY DAY

#### MONDAY - 9th August

12.00 Noon Angelus

#### TUESDAY - 10th August

**St Lawrence, deacon, martyr, feast**

9.30am Mass

12 Noon Angelus

#### WEDNESDAY - 11th August

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

#### THURSDAY - 12th August

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

12.30pm Mass Gulgong - AH

Yrs 1 & 5. All welcome.

#### FRIDAY - 13th August

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)

12 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

#### SATURDAY - 14th August

12.00 Noon Angelus

4.15-4.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

#### SUNDAY - 15th August

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

10.30am First Communion Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.00pm Faith Series

#### Anointing/ Home Communion:

If you know of anyone who would like Anointing/ Home Communion, please ring the office.

Fr Owen and Fr Dong are available,

### GULGONG NEWS

Mass will be held on Thursday, 12th August at 12.30pm. All Parishioners are welcome. All Hallows Years 1 and 5 will be attending.

**A:** Mass For You At Home, Network 10, marks 50 years this year.



### Historical Context

*Mary MacKillop*

Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

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### Living the Gospel

*Don't be distracted*

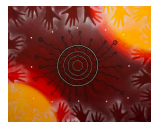
When we read in today's gospel that we are "not to worry", the word, worry, might better be translated as distracted. Jesus says to not be distracted or consumed by the pursuit of money, food and nice clothes. He says that it is the gentiles – those who do not know the love of God – who set their hearts on attaining these things. We are immersed in a culture in society that values these outward signs of success above all else. The challenge is to avoid being caught up in the distractions of our material society. One way to do that is through regular prayer and reflection.

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### St Brigid's Catholic Church, Sally's Flat

Due to the declining demographics, the deteriorating state of St Brigid's Church at Sally's Flats and the ongoing cost of maintenance and insurance, the Parish of Kandos and Fr Owen are making known their intention to sell the building, for removal. The land and Cemetery would remain the property of the Parish of Kandos.

A meeting will be held in the Parish Hall in Mudgee on Thursday 12th August at 5.30pm for anyone wishing to comment. If you would like to attend the meeting, due to Covid restrictions, please register with the Parish Office on 6372-2122.



### THE DATE October 21st / October 22nd

ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP - ALL WELCOME  
Yiradhu Marang (G'Day),

In support of our parishes' ongoing efforts to nurture a welcoming, inclusive relationship with members of their Aboriginal community, the Diocesan Pastoral Council's Participation of Indigenous Catholics Working Group is organising a hands-on workshop-style Aboriginal Spirituality day for members of our parish communities, on October 21/22. This repeat workshop will be held in Orange and Gilgandra.

More details to be issued in the coming weeks!



AS OF 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.



### Men for Men "TALKING FATHERHOOD"



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

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

Upstairs - 1st floor.

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

**WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST 2021 6.00PM – 7.30PM**

RSVP to Russell Croake 0438721755 or  
Annette Fergus 0402934218



### St Matthews Encounter Evening



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

*Sr Elizabeth Young*

Thursday 19th August @ 6pm | The Ori Hotel

Tickets: \$20 (includes alternative drop roast dinner). Book your tickets using the link <https://www.trybooking.com/BTCJF> or go to trybooking.com and search for "St Matthews Encounter Evening"

#### 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.

### Year of St Joseph

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