

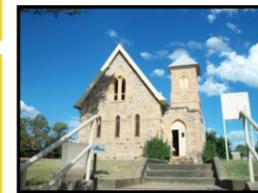
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Year B 15th August 2021



First Reading: [Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10](#)

*I saw a woman clothed with the sun
and with the moon at her feet.*

Responsorial Psalm:

[Ps 44:10-12, 16. R. v.10](#)

**(R.) The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.**

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house. **(R.)**

So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Cor 15:20-26](#)

*As members of Christ all people will be raised,
Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.*

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven,
and the angels of God shout for joy.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Lk 1:39-56](#)

*The Almighty has done great things for me;
he has lifted up the lowly.*



REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the Western church this feast celebrates the assumption of Mary into heaven; in the East it commemorates her dormition or her falling asleep. The readings invite us to reflect on the role that she plays in the mystery of our redemption. Whatever we honour in Mary in some way points to her son.

Over the centuries devotion to Mary has been expressed in forms taken from the culture out of which it developed. Sometimes she is pictured as a humble peasant girl. At other times she is depicted as a queen robed in gold of Ophir who rules from heaven. Probably the most familiar pose is that of a mother with her child. Perhaps the most dramatic of these themes is that of the celestial woman from the vision found in the Book of Revelation. It is because of the cosmic significance of Jesus that this tradition has been applied to Mary.

Though the first reading depicts a cosmic woman, the gospel reading characterises Mary as a simple peasant woman intent on offering service to another. However, the words that are placed in her mouth are words of prophetic challenge. She announces the great reversals of God's good news. The greatness of Mary is a reflection of the greatness of the Son of God whom she bore. He was the first fruits of salvation. He was the victor who won the kingdom. Her part in this victory was to bring him to birth and into maturity.

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Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially:

Fr Petar Mak OFM, Phyllis Neubeck (Portland), Neil Brodie, Roberto Oracoy (Philippines), Eileen Horan nee Milton (Bathurst)

We remember the anniversaries of:

Jack Barrett, Allan Heaslip, Garry Gibbins, Maree Gruppetta, Jim Balston, Ross Lovett, Rita Rusten, Robert Dowel,

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:

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

Reflection - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognises Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognise the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

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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 in the Eucharist.

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

Time: One hour Sunday time.
How to get involved: Contact the Parish Office to register your interest or just come along



For One Week See you on 22nd August

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.*



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: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

Eph 5:21-32

Jn 6:60-69

**Mudgee Roster
Saturday 21st / Sunday 22nd August 2021**

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 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 |
| Counter | Mon 16th August | P. O'Brien |

Saturday 28th/ Sunday 29th August 2021

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| | 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 | H. Portelli P. Portelli | R. George |
| Welcomers | St. Matthews | St. Matthews |
| Counters | Mon 23rd August | L. Nicholson |

Gulgong Roster

| Date | Commentator | Reader | Sacristan |
|----------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 15th Aug | E. Donnelly | O. O'Brien | M. & E. Carney |
| 22nd Aug | D. Kelly | J. Thatcher | E. Donnelly G. Ausburn |
| 29th Aug | C. Gaudry | F. McConville | C. Holland |
| 5th Sep | P. Leotta | B. Toole | R. Saliba |

Prayer Partner Program

Thank you to the Prayer Partners that have returned a note or card for the Year 12 students. There are a few Year 12 students that haven't heard from their Prayer Partner. There is still time before their exams start. If you would like to write a short introducing yourself and let the student know that you are praying for them. These can be given to the Parish Office during the week or put on the collection plate at mass.

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 16th August
12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 17th August
9.30am Mass Mudgee
12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 18th August
9.30am Mass Mudgee
12.00 Noon Angelus
6.00pm Parish Council Meeting

THURSDAY - 19th August
9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Kindergarten
12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 20th 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 - 21st August
12.00 Noon Angelus
4.15-4.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)
5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 22nd August
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.00am Mass Mudgee
10.30am Mass Gulgong
11.00am Mass Rylstone
12.00 Noon Angelus
5.00pm Word and Faith Group

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, and can visit at home or in hospital.

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.



Thank You

St Vincents De Paul are most grateful to all who donated to our winter appeal.

\$484.00 was kindly donated.

**Seasons for Peace
Ecumenical Prayer Days for World Peace**

Come to Shalom on Wednesday 1st September
For a quiet, reflective Day of Prayer

WHEN: On the 1st Wednesday in December, March, June & September.
WHERE: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins St, Carcoar
TIMES: 9:30am to 2:30pm

There is no cost involved, just bring along some lunch to share. Morning and Afternoon teas provided
ALL ARE WELCOME

**SAVE 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!



St Matthews Encounter Evening

EVENT CANCELLED

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](https://www.trybooking.com) and search for "St Matthews Encounter Evening"



THE CHURCH TOGETHER IN PRAYER
'LORD HAVE MERCY'
"OUR EYES LOOK TO THE LORD OUR GOD TILL HE SHOWS US HIS MERCY" - PS. 123:2
WE ARE DRAWN TOGETHER TO PRAY GIVEN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF NEED AND DISTRESS CAUSED BY COVID-19

National Day of Prayer for the Pandemic

Major denominations and prayer networks across Australia will unite in prayer on Sunday 22nd August 2021, for a National Day of Prayer in response to the need and distress caused by the current COVID-19 pandemic.

This is an initiative of a broad range of Christian communities and includes the involvement of the National Council of Churches Australia. The theme is Lord have mercy; and it calls on us to be especially united in prayer, both individually and at our Sunday Masses.

Bishop Michael McKenna said: "We share in solidarity the sufferings of so many people in our state, our country and around the world. We are called to compassion with those who have been infected by the virus, as well as those whose psychological and economic well-being has been disrupted. We also look beyond our shores to the devastation in other countries, who lack the resources we have."

There will also be an online gathering with church leaders, including Bishop McKenna, offering prayers and reflections at various times during the day.

The initiative includes:

- A Daily Devotion for seven days from 16th August;
- A Prayer Call each night from 16th August, with input from different church leaders; and
- Zoom Prayer on Sunday 22nd August, from 9am-9pm, featuring church and Indigenous Christian leaders.

You can find more information or register for any of the above at: www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/lordhavemercy

or

just make a visit to our church any day during the week and spend a bit of time praying for those effected by Covid.

"Sometimes we know what we have to do, but we lack the courage to do it. Let us learn from Mary how to make decisions, trusting in the Lord." Pope Francis



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.

Year of St Joseph

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