

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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 12th September 2021 SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY



The Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos and the Diocese of Bathurst are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

Gracious God,

you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

Message from the Parish Priests...

As parts of NSW are now coming out of lockdown and with the number of people vaccinated increases, we can feel a sense that we too in our LGA may soon be able to move more freely back into the new normal. We as a community have shown great resilience, patience, determination and a good sense of humour as we cope with and move through these changed and difficult times. May the Lord continue to strengthen us as we carry this particular cross at this time. We continue to hold you all up in our prayers and we thank again those on the front line of our efforts to keep our communities safe and functioning.

Fr Owen & Fr Dong

Diocesan Quiz Night

**You are invited to the inaugural Diocesan Quiz Night!
Test your knowledge and join in the fun
7pm Saturday 18 September 2021
Join us via zoom:**

bthcatholic.zoom.us/j/4582615130

All welcome

For more information please call Jacinta on 6334 6426

Message from the Parish Secretaries...

We just wanted to let you know that we are missing all the people who pop into the Parish Office to drop things off, to ask questions or just to say hello. While the parish office is closed at this stage, we are working behind the scenes to take your phone calls and emails. Please don't hesitate to drop us a line. Keep safe and hope to see you face to face soon.

Kristie and Krista.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

May I encourage everyone, unless they have a medical condition which would preclude it, to take up the opportunity to be vaccinated against Covid-19: both to protect their own health and the health of others.

These were my own reasons for receiving vaccination many weeks ago. I relied on reputable medical advice about the efficacy and safety of the vaccines; and on the teaching of the Catholic Church that it was morally lawful.

Indeed, Catholic doctrine guides me to understand this as an act of solidarity and care for the common good.

Everyone is responsible for his or her own conscience, before God. That entails a responsibility to make it well-informed.

While some people who are Catholics may, for personal reasons, decide not to be vaccinated, that would be their own choice, not one directed by Church teaching.

In the meantime, please join me in praying for one another, especially those who are suffering the most in this pandemic. May this experience lead us to turn closer to Christ and find in him the way to compassion and service for our sisters and brothers.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

Pope's Universal Prayer for September



An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY...**

To minimise movement and protect regional communities some of Regional NSW is still in lockdown.

Unfortunately, this means that our Churches and Parish Office are still closed. Fr Owen, Fr Dong and staff are still working. We will Livestream the Mass on Sunday at 10am via Facebook and Word and Faith Groups are now online. If you are isolating and need help to get groceries or medication, or you just need someone to talk to, please give us a call at the Parish Office.

MASS AND REFLECTIONS DURING LOCKDOWN...

St Mary's will live stream the Mass on Sunday morning at 10.00am. You can find us on Mudgee Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryscatholicmudgee> or on our website at www.mudgee.catholic.org.au

Other places that are livestreaming Mass:

Cathedral - Sunday at 10.00am

<https://www.facebook.com/cdobathurst/posts/4672309499454203> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwHNYDlzeoo>

Orange - Daily at 7pm <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicOrangeNSW/>

Cowra - Sunday at 9.00am <https://www.facebook.com/straphaelscowra2014/>

Mass for You at Home - Sunday 6.00am Channel 10

REFLECTIONS ONLINE:

Take Two with Jesus - offers short daily reflections via email, based on the Sunday Gospel. To subscribe, please send your name and email address to prayer@rok.catholic.net.au.

3 Minute Retreats - invites you to take a short prayer. Spend some quite time reflecting on a Scripture passage. <http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer>

Bible in One Year - is a free App that can be downloaded from Apple Store or Google Play. The App is part of the Alpha International. You can either read or listen to readings from the Bible each day.

There are different editions:

Classic Editions that takes you through the whole Bible with daily readings, thoughts and prayers.

Express Edition for those who are in a rush. The express edition will take you 10 minutes each day.

Youth Edition - A remix of the Express edition for those between the ages of 13 -18 years.

Connect@Home - Daily readings and reflections from the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst. To receive the daily email, subscribe at <http://eepurl.com/ddY9nr>

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FOR PLANNED GIVING**

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 2:12, 17-20

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

Jas 3:16 – 4:3

Mk 9:30-37

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased... Susan Loneragan,
Athol "Ack" Ryan

We remember the anniversaries of: Ron Lynch,
Dick Gawthorne, Beatrice Candutti, Joan Stuart,
Marjorie Hill, Lynette Eillis, Jack Fogarty, Gill Barrow,
Phillip Curry, Reg Ellery and Bill Washington.

We also pray for: Harry Lamerton, Burt Dalmay,

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, 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, Rebecca Fletcher, Eliza and Elena Vasilis, Anthony Spina, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Mary Cannon and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Word&Faith@home

Do you want to connect with people from all over the diocese? Do you want to know what the first reading has to do with the Gospel? Do you want to hear the Sunday readings before Mass and hear from Bishop Michael? You are invited to join in Word&Faith@home sessions for the next four weeks.

Pick a time that suits you, grab your device and join in.

Tuesday 7:30pm or Thursday 12 Noon or Friday 9:00am

<https://bthcatholic.zoom.us/j/4582615130>

Sunday 9:00am Blayney parish

<https://bthcatholic.zoom.us/j/4582615130>

Sunday 5:00pm Contact Mudgee parish

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/77994088826>

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.*

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Peter: earthquaked and then upside down

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.



The Angelus

The bell of St Mary's will ring a 12 noon each day to call us to prayer. Please set your phone alarm and join us by saying the Angelus in your homes.

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinner, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary

And the Word was made flesh,

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary....

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: [Is 50:5-9](#)

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.

Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9](#)

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **(R.)**



Second Reading: [Jas 2:14-18](#)

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation: [Gal 6:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mk 8:27-35](#)

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Year of St Joseph

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