

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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 19th September 2021

CENTACARE SUNDAY

Message from the Fr Dong...

In conversation with people in the last few weeks, the most common concern I've heard people expressed is that they do not know how much longer we have to be in this situation, and how things will change when we are open again.

I remember when I came to Mudgee in April last year, my first assigned parish after my ordination earlier in the year, I was asked about my first few months of priesthood being in lockdown, and about my attitude when there is no public Mass in the parish. My immediate response was that while we live in the time of uncertainty, what we can do to move forward is to start with something we certainly can do here and now. The only way to navigate through uncertain future is to move forward with the certain steps. In doing that, we are actually living this life, not surviving. Every day is a chance to live, and to be. And we thank God for that.

Stay positive everyone! When it seems hard, please think of those who are less fortunate than us; those in other countries who do not have access to vaccines, or food, or shelter. And please remember them in your prayers.

God bless you all!
Fr Dong



The Angelus

The bell of St Mary's will ring at 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 sinners, 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.*

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Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased... Sr Claire Burgess (North Sydney)

We remember the anniversaries of: Reg Ellery, Harry Forcha, Vena Robinson, Mark Davies, Daniel Morris, Timothy Loneragan, Emily Swords, Caroline Akers and Rosemary Douglas.

We also pray for: Susan Loneragan, Ack Ryan, 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.

Any Prayer Partners that have not returned a letter or card to their Year 12 student, please drop them into the letter box at the Parish Office or drop them to the Presbytery. As we would soon like to present these to the Year 12 students.



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.

Lockdown Jokes



Why didn't the sick guy get the joke?
It flu over his head!

Did you hear the joke about the germ?
Never mind, I don't want to spread it around.



**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=PwHNYDizeoo>

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

Dubbo - Thursday at 5.45pm and Sunday at 9.00am <https://www.stbrigidsdubbo.com/>

Mass for You at Home - Sunday 6.00am Channel 10

Lavender Bay - Church of St Francis of Xavier - Daily Mass https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ

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 quiet 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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Readings for Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: [Wis 2:12, 17-20](#)

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

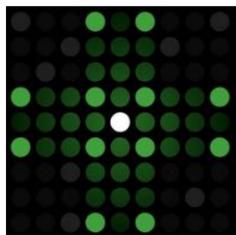
‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6](#)

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **(R.)**
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**



Second Reading: [Jas 3:16 – 4:3](#)

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it;

so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation: [See 2 Thes 2:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mk 9:30-37](#)

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

THE BATTLE WITHIN

Today's readings highlight the battle between good and evil. The virtuous person in today's First Reading, and Jesus in the Gospel, both suffer greatly at the hands of the godless. But as James notes in today's Second Reading, and as we see in Jesus' disciples, the battle between good and evil is waged within each one of us, we also acknowledge the part of ourself that is drawn to evil and humbly seek God's mercy.

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

Nm 11:25-29

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14.

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

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Centacare Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord of mercy and love, who through your Son gave us a marvellous example of charity and the great commandment of love for one another.

Send your blessings upon us so that when we are called on in times of need, we will faithfully show your light and love to our neighbour.

May we go forward confident in the intercession of our mother Mary, and in the name of our creating, liberating and ever loving God.
Amen

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Marginal people

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dislocated like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One
October 2021



Assembly One: October 2021

'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me;'

Mark 9:30-37

Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an 'instinct for the faith' which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church's life.

(Instrumentum Laboris #133)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

Year of St Joseph

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