

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.**

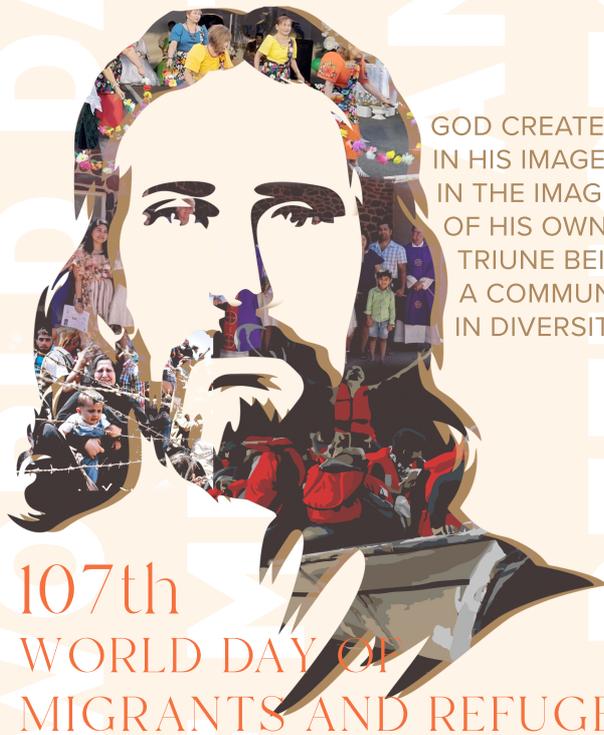


**We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, work and pray.
We walk on Wiradjuri country. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.**



Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 26th September 2021
107th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
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**GOD CREATED US
IN HIS IMAGE,
IN THE IMAGE
OF HIS OWN
TRINE BEING,
A COMMUNION
IN DIVERSITY.**

**107th
WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

SUNDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2021



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Word Day of Migrants and Refugees Prayer

*Holy, beloved Father,
your Son Jesus taught us that there is
great rejoicing in heaven whenever
someone lost is found, whenever
someone excluded,
rejected or discarded is gathered
into our "we",
which thus becomes ever wider.
We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus,
and all people of good will,
the grace to do your will on earth.
Bless each act of welcome and outreach
that draws those in exile into the "we" of
community and of the Church,
so that our earth may truly become what
you yourself created it to be:
the common home of all our
brothers and sisters.
Amen.*

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 3 May 2021

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A message from Fr Owen...

As we reflect upon this Migrants and Refugee Sunday, we are very aware - with the anxiety of our own current lockdown and as we miss the physical and social contact that are part of our normal living, - of those who have the anxiety of leaving homes, families and communities to seek safe havens elsewhere.

We who know the value of safety, family and friends can maybe start to imagine the need for other to also seek safety and security for their families. Let our hearts always be open to those in need both near and far.

Fr Dong and I would like to express our appreciation and to say a big thank you for the many expressions of kindness and consideration that we have received during these weeks of lockdown.

If you know of anyone who may feel a sense of anxiety, are alone or in need of support and who would appreciate a phone call or a Parish bulletin please let us know so we can keep them better linked to our community and return the kindness shown to us.

Stay safe
Fr Owen

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

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

We remember the anniversaries of: Robby De Vries, Pom Fitzgerald, Joseph Hope, Nell Goodman, Meg Cumberland, Tony Blazevic

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: Amy Simpson (Muswellbrook), Amy Gibbons, Molly Jenkins, 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 Donelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Mary Cannon and all those in our Nursing Homes.

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.

Lockdown Jokes



Why did the chicken cross the road?
Because the chicken behind it didn't know
how to socially distance properly.

Why did the chewing gum cross the road?



2022 Josephite Calendar

*With inspiration from the writings
of Saint Mary of the Cross
MacKillop & Fr Julian Tenison
Woods*

To contemplate, reflect and enjoy...

Inspiration for daily life from the writings of St Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods with attractive

coloured photos taken by the Sisters and Associates. The calendar has important dates to remember, such as Key events in the life of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods, Significant dates in Josephite history, Liturgical Calendar and Feasts of the Catholic Church and Public Holidays. Cost \$10 per calendar.

If you would like to order a calendar, please contact the Parish Office on 6372-2122.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The first part of today's gospel deals with the disciples' jealousy at someone else 'cashing in' on Jesus' name and authority. It is a continuation of their limited understanding about the message and ministry of Jesus. They still cling to an idea that Jesus is going to rise up in power against the forces of Rome and, in the aftermath, they are going to be sitting pretty as associates of this powerful figure. The disciples have been blinded by their dreams of glory and forgotten that the real story is that people are being cured and having demons cast out. Rather than celebrating the healing that is occurring in Jesus' name, the disciples are jealous that it's someone else who is getting the credit. Jesus assures them, and us, that any good work being undertaken genuinely in his name is to be welcomed. It is a reminder to us that sometimes we look down on the work of others because 'they're not one of us', or 'they're not doing it our way'.

The second portion of the gospel is one of the really challenging teachings of Jesus. Drawing on the image of the community as being a whole body, the teaching suggests that it is better to remove the part of the body/ community that is causing sinfulness than have the whole body/community perish. It is a concept we are familiar with in modern medicine: sometimes it is necessary to remove diseased tissue to prevent the spread of disease. We are reminded that if we surround ourselves with negative people and negative influences, we too will become negative. If we separate ourselves from negative influences and surround ourselves with positive ones then the positive aspects of our lives will flourish.

**BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT CREDIT
FOR PLANNED GIVING**

| Gulgong Parish | Kandos Parish | Mudgee Parish |
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Readings for Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: [Nm 11:25-29](#)

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9](#)

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**
4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **(R.)**



Second Reading: [Jas 5:1-6](#)

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them

– listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation: [See Jn 17:17](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:

make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48](#)

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

OPEN TO THE SPIRIT'S WORKINGS!

The Spirit of God is present and active in the world. Wherever we see good we know that God's Spirit is at work. The Spirit works in surprising ways. It is sometimes through the least important member of a community that the Spirit speaks. May bigotry and prejudice never blind us to the workings of God in our Church and in our world.

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

[Gen 2:18-24](#)

[Ps 127. R. v.5](#)

[Heb 2:9-11](#)

[Mk 10:2-16](#)



**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=PwHNyDizeo>

Orange - Sunday at 8:30am <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>

22nd September 2021



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN PLENARY COUNCIL

Dear Friends in Christ,

The journey of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic churches in Australia has, like so many national events, been disrupted and delayed because of the restrictions on gatherings and travel that the pandemic has brought. The first assembly was to have been held in Adelaide one year ago, but had to be postponed until this October: and now must be conducted online. We had also hoped to have regional gatherings in our Diocese to prepare for it, but these have not been possible.

However, as always, we simply have to do the best we can with what we've got. At the end of 2019, I wrote a pastoral letter [Lead Kindly Light](#) on preparing for the Council: and what each of us could do with prayer and conversion to support it. That call remains, whatever limitations on other activities there may be. In fact, given the practical difficulties the Council faces, it is more important than ever.

In particular, please pray for our local representatives: Miss Hayley Farrugia (Lithgow), Mr Mathew Brown (Orange) and Mr Michael Gibbons (Wellington), who will join Father Paul Devitt VG, Father Greg Kennedy EV and me in the deliberations of this synod. Mrs Jenny Allen (Bathurst) will also play an important role in facilitating the meeting.

Because the Council cannot gather in person, an opening Mass of the Holy Spirit will be celebrated by each bishop in his own diocese. I invite you to join with me online when I offer Mass in our Cathedral on Sunday, 3rd October at 10 am. Who knows: if Bathurst is out of lockdown then, we may even have a small congregation!

Mary, Help of Christians and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us!

Yours in Christ,
+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

**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.