

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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 3rd October 2021

First Reading: [Gen 2:18-24](#)

They were two in one flesh.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 127. R. v.5](#)

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **(R.)**



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In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness.

We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters.

Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.

Second Reading: [Heb 2:9-11](#)

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

Gospel Acclamation: [cf. 1 Jn 4:12](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mk 10:2-16](#)

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

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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:

Principal: Mrs Angela Myles

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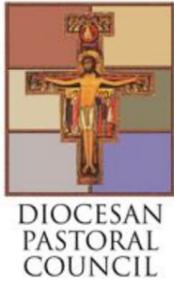
www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/

All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:

Principal: Mr Bradley Toole

Ph 02 6374 1582

www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au



Participation of Indigenous Catholics Working Group

Invites interested members of our parish/school communities to join in discussion with Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green and Lisa Buxton, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Sydney, to assist us to plan for our Diocesan Aboriginal Spirituality workshop to be held in 2022.

Details: Friday October 22, 6.00pm - 8.00pm via Zoom

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. We were planning to hold this in October, however, with the uncertainty regarding COVID lockdowns, we will instead hold a Zoom meeting to gain ideas and input on October 22, with a view to holding a face to face workshop in May 2022, during Laudato Si week.

Register your interest in joining the Zoom by emailing the Convenor of the *Participation of Indigenous Catholics group*, Jenny Allen, by Monday October 18: allenj5924@gmail.com



Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased... Annie Meahan, Urszula Smieszek (Poland)

We remember the anniversaries of: Darryl Baker, Adam Birchall, Barbara Lennon, Nash Miles-Smith, Pamela Burns, Tony Adams, Stephen Dixon and James Palmer.

We also pray for: Susan Loneragan, Ack Ryan, Burt Dalmay, Harry Lamerton, and Sr Claire Burgess (North Sydney)

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Howard Boady, Amy Gibbons (Muswellbrook), 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 Donnelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Mary Cannon and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Pope's Universal Prayer for October

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion



Our Diocese and Australian Catholic University are offering a pilot course for all Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. It will be run over 6 weeks, online and via Zoom.

This course is open to all our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion across all our parishes. If you are interested, please call or email the parish, to register your interest. If internet access or Zoom access is a problem but you are still interested, please let us know.



DAYLIGHT SAVING

starts this weekend, 3rd October. Our clocks will need to go forward 1 hour.

Lockdown Jokes



Until further notice, the days of the week are now called
THISDAY, THATDAY, OTHERDAY. SOMEDAY, YESTERDAY, TODAY & NEXTDAY!

BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT CREDIT FOR PLANNED GIVING

Gulgong Parish	Kandos Parish	Mudgee Parish
BSB - 066 781	BSB - 066 781	BSB - 066 781
Acc No 100006612	Acc No 100005344	Acc No 100004583
Ref: Your name	Ref: Your name	Ref: Your name.

Current Mass Capacities

With the current social distancing rules at 4 square metres per person, the following limits apply:

St John the Baptist, Gulgong - 48 people
 St Dominic's, Kandos - 50 people
 St Malachy's, Rylstone - 40 people

St Marys, Mudgee - 80 people.

From next weekend, 9th / 10th October, you will need to register to attend mass in Mudgee on the weekends. Please contact the Parish, Monday to Friday, between 9am and 4pm to register.

Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she bears witness to God's love.

Be missionaries of God's tenderness.

Pope Francis

Longing and Belonging

There are all kinds of ways to divide up the people of the world. We can divide them in half by gender or into a handful of races and colours. Or we can divide them into countries, ethnic groups, or languages. We can divide them by class, sexual orientation, political party, or aesthetic sensibility if we prefer. We can slice up the world according to economics: rich and poor works well in most places. There are the happy and the unhappy; this generation or that; saints or sinners. Or we can just use the simple compartments "us" and "them," and add whoever we want to each box.

We can, and do, divide the world's people into lots of little categories, each of which contains an implicit judgment on who they are. Jesus represents the opposite impulse. He doesn't dismiss children as irrelevant. He doesn't champion a man's rights over a woman's in marriage. He doesn't put religious people in one corner, and sinners in another. Jesus presents love as the binding force which holds everyone together, rich and poor, men and women, slave and free. Can we change our way of thinking, from dividing to uniting?



Covid Restrictions

Lockdown restrictions have been lifted in Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos Parishes as of Friday 1st October.

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.

Our Parishes and Diocese are guided by NSW Health. These restrictions can changes at any time.

REFLECTIONS AT HOME



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>

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

Wis 7:7-11

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

Heb 4:12-13

Mk 10:17-30

For We CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what **we have SEEN & HEARD** ACTS 4:20

In three weeks, Catholic Mission will share the essential mission work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies during their time of need.

You will have the opportunity to respond to this great work and help Sister Chalaad reach out to more mothers and their babies.

Please come with an open and generous heart.





Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand

An Australian-led global awareness campaign featuring the faces and voices of missionaries from over 50 countries will be launched internationally, on Monday September 27.

The digital campaign, connecting mission partners from around the world and to be translated in over 30 languages, including Arabic and Mandarin, will be launched globally by Catholic Mission to mark the beginning of World Mission Month.

Catholic Mission, the Australian agency of the Pontifical Mission Societies, led the development of the campaign, working in close collaboration with partners across the globe for nearly 12 months to voice a stirring message that missionaries are still serving global communities.

Responding to a call from Pope Francis, inspired by Acts 4:20: *“For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard”*, the campaign sheds light on the dedication of missionaries to serving people in places where poverty and disadvantage compound the devastating impact of COVID-19.

“This video is simply one of the tools now available to us in this technological era to build awareness of the significance of mission, particularly during the month of October,” says Fr Brian Lucas, National Director of Catholic Mission.

“The 1st of October is the feast of Saint Therese of Lisieux, the patron of missions and the second last Sunday is World Mission Sunday. This is an opportunity to pay special attention to the importance of sharing faith in mission.”

In a major example of international cooperation, Catholic Mission and its partners sourced video messages of support from religious and lay missionaries representing every corner of the globe.

To access Catholic Mission TV and view the world premiere visit the link: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/wearestillhere>

Donations to the Appeal can be made at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>

Gospel Focus – Like a little child



Most of us at some time or another have been told to ‘grow up’; ‘stop acting like a child’; or to ‘act your age’. It implies that, as we grow older, we have to behave in a more ‘responsible’ or ‘mature’ way than when we were children. Jesus turns this on its head and tells us that unless we ‘welcome the kingdom like a little child’ we will never enter it. The gospels are full of stories about people who call on God’s mercy because they recognise that without God they are nothing. When they subsequently receive God’s mercy or healing they welcome it all the more – like a little child.

Mass Times

Mudgee

Tuesday - Thursday 9.30am

Friday 12.30pm

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

Gulgong

Sunday 10.30am

Kandos

1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month 11.00am

Rylstone

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month 11.00am

Year of St Joseph

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

