

*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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 10th October 2021

5<sup>th</sup> October 2021



Dear Friends in Christ,

As you would know, the public health restrictions we have been living with, on and off, during the pandemic, will start to ease in the coming weeks and months.

Once over 80% of the NSW adult population is vaccinated, churches will be able to reopen to everyone for public worship with numbers according to capacity, mask-wearing, no singing etc., as we have experienced before. That is estimated to be by the end of October, or sooner, if vaccination rates keep going at the current pace.

There will be a couple of weeks or less, after 70% vaccination is reached, when venues, including churches, could reopen, but only to those who have been fully vaccinated. After receiving legal advice and consulting with our parish priests, it would seem to be too onerous to ask parishes to monitor and implement that regulation, given the brief time it will be in force. So, during that time, there will be no public Masses in the Diocese.

As soon as we have an exact date for the reopening of our churches, that will be communicated in the usual ways, along with particular arrangements for each parish.

May we use this time to renew our focus on the meaning of Christ's gift of himself to us in the Eucharist. At last week's funeral of Sister Joan Farrell rsj, who served in many places across our Diocese, we shared her beautiful reflection on this loving exchange: "At Mass, I place myself on the plate; I offer myself with Him and He gives me Himself in return."

Yours in Christ,

+Michael McKenna  
Bishop of Bathurst

**First Reading:** [Wis 7:7-11](#)

*In comparison to wisdom,  
I held riches as nothing.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14](#)

**(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?  
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**

Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Heb 4:12-13](#)

*The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions  
of the heart.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** [Mt 5:3](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!



**Gospel:** [Mk 10:17-30](#)

*Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Owen Gibbons

**Assistant Priest**  
Fr Dong Van Nguyen

**Parish Deacon**  
Deacon Charles Applin

**Parish Secretaries**  
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**Parish Office Hours**

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

Ph 02 6372 1742

[www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/)

**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**

**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole

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**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.

**As of the Monday 11th October, all Churches in our Diocese will be closed until the State reaches 80% vaccination.** Once this has happen, all churches will be open to everyone.

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



The COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenging time for managing our mental health.

Lockdowns, social distancing requirements, travel restrictions, and the constantly changing position we find ourselves in is stressful. This makes prioritising our mental health and wellbeing more important than ever.

Good mental health is when we can cope with the stressors of our daily lives, participate in loving relationships, contribute to our community, and work towards our goals. Everyone has mental health. And we can all benefit from looking after our own mental health and the mental health of our communities.

This World Mental Health Day – October 10 – the message is simple: “Look after your mental health, Australia.”

If you or someone you care for is in need of immediate assistance you can contact the below National 24/7 Crisis Counselling Services:

**Need support**

*Lifeline*

13 11 14 – 24 hours a day  
7 days a week

*Lifeline Text*

0477 13 11 14 – 6pm to midnight (AEDT)  
7 nights a week

*Beyond Blue*

1300 22 4636  
www.beyondblue.org.au

*Butterfly Foundation National Helpline*

1800 334 673

*Carer Support*

1800 242 636 or 1300 554 660

*SANE Australia Help Centre*

1800 187 263  
www.sane.org

*Suicide Call Back Service*

1300 659 467

*Kids Helpline*

1800 55 1800  
www.kidshelpline.com.au

*MensLine Australia*

1300 789 978

*QLife*

1800 184 527

*Open Arms – Veterans and Families Counselling*

1800 011 046

**Need more information?**

*Head to Health*

www.headtohealth.gov.au

*Black Dog*

www.blackdoginstitute.org.au

*Headspace*

www.eheadspace.org.au

*R U OK?*

www.ruok.org.au

*ReachOut*

www.au.reachout.com

*Embrace Multicultural Mental Health*

www.embracementalhealth.org.au

***Masses and prayers requested for the following:***

***For the recently deceased...*** Annie Meahan, Urszula Smieszek (Poland), Amy Simpson ( Muswellbrook)

***We remember the anniversaries of:***

Aileen & Jack Gaudry, Harold & Bess Evans, Gwen Casani, Edna & Jim Baldwin, Jack Gillham, Allen Foo, Mary Ager, Burt Dalmay, Alan Isbester, William Egan, Marjorie Milton, Coral Pickett, Peter Turczak.

***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 Brady, Molly Jenkins, Ivan Brec, Robert Simpson, Dyanna Thommeny, Jennifer Ryan (Bathurst), Fr Vincent Doherty CSsR, Peter Morris (Lapstone), Sue Kearins, John Graham, John Cross, Enid Auld, Julie Collins, Tomislav Glavacevic, Mike O’Shea, Maria Leotta, Debbie Solti, Mary Cannon, Carmel Thompson, John Carney (Rooty Hill), Vicky Gaffney, Elizabeth Donelly, Cherylanne Adamson, Jasmine Prada, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Rebecca Fletcher, Eliza and Elena Vasilis, Anthony Spina, Ursula Smieszek, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.



**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.

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

**Riddles**

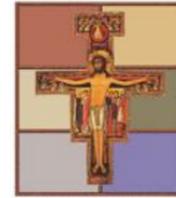


I go all around the world, but never leave the corner. What am I?

Answer: A stamp.

You'll find me in Mercury, Earth, Mars and Jupiter, but not in Venus or Neptune. What am I?

Answer: The letter "R."



DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

**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](mailto:allenj5924@gmail.com)



**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.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

***Is 53:10-11***

***Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22, R. v.22***

***Heb 4:14-16***

***Mk 10:35-45***

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

In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share with us the powerful story of Churai\*, a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life.

The Good Shepherd Sisters' mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

\*Name and images altered to protect identity



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catholicmission.org.au/thailand



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*All professions and trades are called to assist this mission.*

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## 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](mailto: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>

## Year of St Joseph

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

