

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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 17th October 2021

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

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai*, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity

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



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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.



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OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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.

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased... John Sullivan,

We remember the anniversaries of:

Douglas Barry, Paul Robinson, Mary Staff, Patricia Cruz, and Gregory Wesley.

We also pray for: Annie Meahan, Urszula Smieszek (Poland) and Amy Simpson (Muswellbrook)

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, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.

All professions and trades are called to assist this mission.



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Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Improving their self-reliance aids sustainable poverty reduction and removes dependence on foreign aid and influence. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart and soul.

To be prepared for a 2022 placement [Click and enquire here](#) by Friday October 29.

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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



Readings for Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: [Is 53:10-11](#)

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22](#)

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love. to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Heb 4:14-16](#)

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation: [Mk 10:45](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mk 10:35-45](#)

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

A SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Some people use their authority to oppress others and win glory for themselves. They make their authority felt. Good leaders exercise their authority lightly, using it to help people live and work together. In today's Gospel Jesus describes his authority in terms of service and self-sacrifice: he 'came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.' How do we exercise authority within our family, workplace, society and Church?

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 31:7-9

Ps 125. R. v.3

Heb 5:1-6

Mk 10:46-52

Live Streamed Mass for this weekend...

BATHURST CATHEDRAL

Mass will be livestreamed from the **Cathedral**, with the Bishop presiding, on Sunday at 10.00am via Facebook https://www.facebook.com/cdobathurst/posts/4811363898882095?notif_id=1633667666646612 YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhD4a09JG1o>

ORANGE

The **Orange Parish** will livestreaming Mass daily at 7.00pm: [facebook.com/CatholicOrangeNSW](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicOrangeNSW)

DUBBO

The **Dubbo Parish** will livestream Mass on Thursday at 5.45pm and Sunday at 9.00am via <https://www.stbrigidsdubbo.com/>

LITHGOW

The **Lithgow Parish** will livestream Mass on Sundays at 10.00 am. Email office.lithgow@cdob.org.au or phone the presbytery on 6351 3092 for logon details

COWRA

The **Cowra Parish** will livestream Mass on Sunday at 8.00am: <https://www.facebook.com/straphaelscowra2014/>

DAILY MASS FROM LAVENDER BAY

Daily Mass is also available from the Church of St Francis Xavier, Lavender Bay... https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ

REFLECTIONS AT HOME



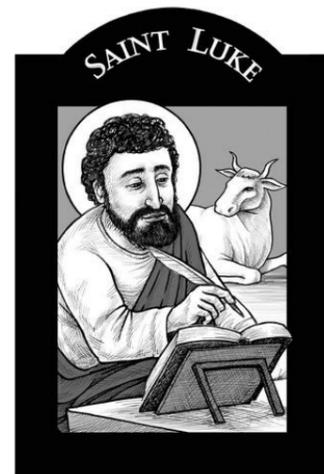
REFLECTIONS ONLINE:

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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>

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



Saint Luke, Evangelist

St Luke the evangelist was a Gentile Greek who practised medicine. He was the author of the Gospel which bears his name and also wrote a history of the early church – The Acts of the Apostles. He travelled with Paul and together they evangelised Greece and Rome. He was with Paul during his ill-fated voyage to Italy. His Gospel is largely based on Paul’s teachings as well as his own experiences. Legend has it that Luke was a painter of great talent who did portraits of the Blessed Virgin, but no existing paintings have ever been correctly attributed to him. It is true, however, that his Gospel has inspired many artists, which led to his patronage of artists as well as doctors and surgeons.

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.

Year of St Joseph

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

