

*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.



### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 24th October 2021 Mission Sunday

**First Reading:** [Jer 31:7-9](#)

*I shall lead them back in mercy –  
both the blind and the lame.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 125. R. v.3](#)

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
It seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**



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

*You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** [See 2 Tim 1:10](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,  
and brought us life through his gospel.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Mk 10:46-52](#)

*Master, grant that I may see.*

For we **CANNOT KEEP SPEAKING**  
about what **WE HAVE SEEN & HEARD**  
ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai\*, who, having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

**Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.**

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand) or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436.

Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

\*Name and images altered to protect identity



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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:**

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

**For the recently deceased...** John Sullivan,

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Mark Barrett, Barrington Hensley, Ronald Wellsmore, Eileen Freeman, Lorna Farr,

**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.

**November - Month of the Holy Souls**

We will be celebrating Mass in the various parish cemeteries in November as we have done in past years. Please invite those you know who have lost a loved one to join us.

In case of rain the Mass will be held in Church. Please bring a chair or rug to sit on.

**Rylstone Cemetery Mass -**  
Tuesday 2nd November, 5.00pm

**Mudgee Cemetery Mass -**  
Tuesday 2nd November, 6.00pm

**Gulgong Cemetery Mass -**  
Tuesday 9th November, 6.00pm



**Scriptural context – Blindness**

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being ‘blind fools’ and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah’s arrival. It is a very powerful image of being ‘blind’ to truth and ‘blind’ to the teaching of Jesus.



**Congratulations to**

*Milla Fitzgerald*

who will receive the Blessed Eucharist for the first time.

and to

*Taylor Whale*

who will receive the Blessed Eucharist for the first time and will be Confirmed this weekend.



**Reflection - October 2021**

***St Joseph - A Hidden Life***

Like Prince Philip, the late husband of Queen Elizabeth, St Joseph took a lesser role compared to Jesus and Mary. He stood behind them, giving his support and love.

Even though he was not Jesus’ father, Joseph does give Jesus a name and ancestry. Jesus, the carpenter’s son, thought to be the son of Joseph, is of the house of Joseph and through this a descendant of David. While we may conjecture the role that Joseph played in the Holy Family, we cannot build an historical picture of the man. However, we may surmise the inner man by asking appropriate questions.

When we meet Joseph in Matthew’s Gospel, he is about to informally divorce Mary because she is with child. He has a dream and as a consequence his life changes.

Why did he believe the dream? Few of us believe our dreams. Psychologists tell us that dreams are about the one who dreams, not the people who populate the dream. What does Joseph’s dream and his response tell us about the saint?

“Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife because the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.” Joseph could not have understood this. There are no other instances of women conceiving of the Holy Spirit, and it is doubtful that he would have known who or what the Holy Spirit was. Why did he follow the dream?

As is often the case, a dream taps into the depths of the inner person. In Joseph’s case, I think that he believed the dream because he wanted to. He loved Mary and did not want to divorce her. He believed because he loved. Here love and faith work together.

The darkest moment of Joseph’s life is the instant that he realises that Mary is pregnant and he is not the father. The dream speaks into this darkness and uncovers the depth of his love for Mary. Perhaps he didn’t know how much he loved her; nevertheless, the life which he will now live is proof of that love.

The dream, faith and love do not guarantee freedom from doubt. St Augustine tells us that to doubt is human. I wonder what Joseph expected. Perhaps he thought the child would be miraculous, a leader

Mudgee Roster Saturday 30th / Sunday 31st October 2021		
	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	C. Funrey	M. Matthews
First Reader	L. Ryan	M. McLean
Second Reader	J. Newman	M. Barrett
Special Ministers of Communion	A. Baker	
Altar Servers		
Welcomers		
Counter	1st Nov	Eric Goodlet

Saturday 6th/ Sunday 7th November 2021		
	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	K. Fitzsimmons	S. Abbey
First Reader	I. Byrne	R. Disher
Second Reader	L. Nicholson	L. Disher
Special Ministers of Communion	D. Cunningham	M. Gilbert
Altar Servers		
Welcomers		
Counters	8th Nov	

Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
31st Oct	P. Leotta	F. McConville	R. Saliba
7th Nov	R. Saliba	M. McGregor	R. Saliba
14th Nov	E. Donnelly	O. O'Brien	M. & E. Carney
21st Nov	D. Kelly	J. Thatcher	E. Donnelly

**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.

**DAY BY DAY**

**MONDAY - 25th October**  
12.00 Noon Angelus

**TUESDAY - 26th October**  
9.30am Mass Mudgee  
12 Noon Angelus

**WEDNESDAY - 27th October**  
9.30am Mass Mudgee  
12.00 Noon Angelus  
6.00pm Parish Council Meeting

**THURSDAY - 28th October**  
9.30am **Celebration of the word and Holy Communion**  
12.00 Noon Angelus

**FRIDAY - 29th October**  
11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)  
12 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)  
12.30pm Mass Mudgee

**SATURDAY - 30th October**  
12.00 Noon Angelus  
5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)  
6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 31st October**  
**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
9.00am Mass Mudgee  
10.30am Mass Gulgong  
11.00am Mass Kandos  
12.00 Noon Angelus  
5.00pm Word and Faith Group

**Anointing/ Home Communion:**  
If you know of anyone who would like Anointing/ Home Communion, please ring the office.  
Fr Owen and Fr Dong are available, and can visit at home or in hospital.



**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Dt 6:2-6 Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28-34

## Covid Restrictions

### THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY...

- All people may attend a place of worship, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks must continue to be worn inside.
- The 1 person per 4sqm density limit must continue to be observed.
- QR code or manual register must continue to be used.
- Congregational singing is still not permitted.
- Choirs of up to 10 people *are* permitted to sing, however all must be fully vaccinated.

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

### Current Mass capacity:

Mudgee	80 people
Gulgong	48 people
Kandos	50 people
Rylstone	40 people

**From next weekend, 30th / 31st 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.**

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?

Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst?

## 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>



## I WANT TO SEE!

In today's Gospel only the blind man, Bartimaeus, can see who Jesus really is - the Messiah, the Son of David. To others in the crowd he is only Jesus, the good man from Nazareth. At times it can be hard for us to see Christ in the midst of the sights and sounds of our world. May the Lord open our eyes to recognise him in the breaking of the bread and to see his footprints in our lives. Then, with Bartimaeus, may we joyfully follow him along the road.

## Year of St Joseph

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

