

*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.



## Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 7th November 2021 Prison Sunday

**First Reading:** [1 Kgs 17:10-16](#)

*The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2](#)  
**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

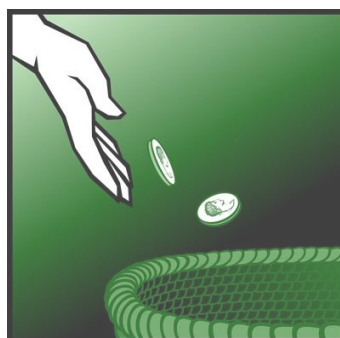
The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Heb 9:24-28](#)

*Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.*

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

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



**Gospel:** [Mk 12:38-44](#)

*This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.*

### REFLECTION

*by Dianne Bergant CSA*

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models.

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him.

It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

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Fr Owen Gibbons

#### Assistant Priest

Fr Dong Van Nguyen

#### Parish Deacon

Deacon Charles Applin

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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

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## GULGONG NEWS

### Gulgong Cemetery Mass -

Tuesday 9th November, 6.00pm. In case of the rain, the Mass will be held in the church.

### Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Will be held in St John's the Baptism Church on Tuesday, 9th November at 3.30pm

### First Communion

#### Congratulations to:



*Henry Buckle  
Lilah Gray  
Sophia Burke  
Arabella Davis*

Thank you to Peter and John from Eastaugh and Carroll Funerals Directors for assisting at the Mass at Mudgee Cemetery.

## Living the Gospel – Hypocrisy

Throughout the gospels, what Jesus appears to abhor more than anything else is hypocrisy. His harshest condemnation of the scribes and the Pharisees is that they are hypocrites. In this passage, whilst Jesus hates the scribes' parading around and claiming honour that is not their due, what really sees him condemn them is their mistreatment of widows 'while making a show of lengthy prayers'. We cannot praise God in prayer while at the same time mistreating our neighbour. That is hypocrisy! Our actions are an extension of our prayer. We cannot celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and fail to live it the rest of the week!

How do we  
know what  
we don't  
know?



### In 2021 the National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR) is celebrating 25 years of service to the church.

To mark the occasion, this lecture will look at how research and analyses undertaken by the NCPR have informed the planning for parish, school and other ministry developments, and have supported major Church initiatives, including the Plenary

Council.

#### Delivered by

**Most Rev Michael McKenna**  
Bishop of Bathurst

#### Respondents

**Mr Daniel Ang**  
Evangelisation, Archdiocese  
of Sydney

**Ms Danielle Cronin**

Director, Education Policy,  
Catholic Schools NSW

#### Date

Wednesday, 17 November 2021

#### Time

5pm

#### Cost

Free to participate

#### Registration is essential by

Monday 15 November 2021

#### Information and registration

**Baptisms:** We welcome to the Parish community



*James Patrick Whitmore*  
son of Nicholas and Charlotte

## Congratulations to:



*Lucia Cooke  
Amelia Egan  
Kheisly Arabia  
Freya Swift*

who will receive the Blessed Eucharist for the first time.

## Congratulations to:



*Elle Corbett  
Angus Marchant  
Halarnie Ramien  
Darcy Walker*

who will be Confirmed this weekend.

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

***For the recently deceased...*** Tony Petchell, Norma Lynch

***We remember the anniversaries of:*** Anna McDonald, Sue Rayner, Tony Newman, Nate Darcy, Robert Gillham, Alieen Eastburn, Francis Wolfe, Emily Warren, Patricia Donnelly, Brian McMurtie, Helen Ryan, Anna Swientek, Nelle and Ray Menchin.

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

***Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:*** Howard Brady, Sue Kearins, John Cross, Tomislav Glavacevic, Carmel Thompson, Elizabeth Donnelly, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Molly Jenkins and all those in our Nursing Homes.

## Have you thought? What's in a word?

It's interesting that we have traditionally read Jesus' comments about the widow's offering as praise and perhaps even some pride in her actions. Nothing in the words themselves give away Jesus' emotion. Try reading Jesus' words with a variety of different emotions: anger; sadness; joy; triumph; dismay. How does the emotion with which we read these words change our understanding of them? Can you think of other passages that could be read in a whole new light if we changed our preconceived ideas about the emotion with which Jesus spoke?

Mudgee Roster Saturday 13th / Sunday 14th November 2021		
	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. Matthews
First Reader	A.Fergus	M.Barrett
Second Reader	K. Fitzsimmons	L. Croake
Special Ministers of Communion	A. Baker	R. Croake
Altar Servers		
Welcomers		
Counter	15th Nov	D. Donnelly
Saturday 20th / Sunday 21st November 2021		
	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	School Leaders	School Leaders
First Reader	School Leaders	School Leaders
Second Reader	School Leaders	School Leaders
Special Ministers of Communion	School Leaders	School Leaders
Altar Servers		
Welcomers		
Counters	22nd Nov	M. Walker

Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
14th Nov	E. Donelly	O. O'Brien	M. & E. Carney
21st Nov	D. Kelly	J. Thatcher	E. Donelly G. Ausburn
28th Nov	C. Gaudry	F. McConville	C. Holland
5th Dec	P. Leotta	B. Toole	R. Saliba

<p><b><i>Pope's Universal Prayer for November</i></b></p> <p><b>People Who Suffer from Depression</b></p> <p>We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.</p>
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<p><b>DAY BY DAY</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY - 8th November</b> 10.30am Requiem Mass - Tony Petchell (Gulgong) 12.00 Noon Angelus</p> <p><b>TUESDAY - 9th November</b> 9.30am Mass Mudgee 12 Noon Angelus 3.30pm Reconciliation Parent Meeting - Gulgong 6.00pm Cemetery Mass - Gulgong</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY - 10th November</b> 9.30am Mass Mudgee 12.00 Noon Angelus 5.00pm Finance Meeting - Mudgee</p> <p><b>THURSDAY - 11th November</b> 9.30am Mass Mudgee 12.00 Noon Angelus</p> <p><b>FRIDAY - 12th November</b> 10.30am Mass Whiddon 11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary's Mudgee 12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church) 12 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church) 12.30pm Mass Mudgee</p> <p><b>SATURDAY - 13th November</b> 11.00am Baptism 12.00 Noon Angelus 5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church) 6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee</p> <p><b>SUNDAY - 14th November</b> <b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>7.30am Mass Mudgee</b> 9.00am Mass Mudgee 10.30am Holy Communion in Absence of the Priest Gulgong 11.00am Mass Rylstone 12.00 Noon Angelus 6.00pm Word and Faith Group</p> <p><b>Anointing/ Home Communion:</b> 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.</p>
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<p><b>7.30 am Mass on Sunday in Mudgee will resume next weekend. No bookings required.</b></p>
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<p><b>READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>Dn 12:1-3      Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1      Heb 10:11-14, 18      Mk 13:24-32</b></p>
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## Prison Sunday

“The Sunday Mass Readings for November 7, 2021: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B offer some insights related to prison ministry. The Gospel of this Sunday contrasts the generous giving of the poor widow with the giving of the rich, who give from the abundance that flows from power and privilege. It seems that in the mind of Jesus the widow best expresses the way of the Spirit of God. She gives from the heart without counting the cost. The ministry to those in prison starts from the standpoint of humility, not from superiority. Jesus came as a slave, as one who served, and who knew the power of being with a person. It is the gift of Chaplains and Pastoral Workers in our prisons to be with the prisoners, to listen attentively from the heart, and to share experiences together. Christ can become present, despite the walls, through this dialogue and can continue to live in the hearts of those who are not free. This is giving from our poverty. This is love.”

Bishop Donald Sproxton, Bishop Delegate,  
Prisoners’ Pastoral Care

## In our Diocese, we have the following Prison and Chaplains:

Bathurst - Fr Greg Walsh cm	Lithgow - Ms Geraldine Bowes
Oberon - Ms Kate Engelbrecht	Fr Dong Van Nguyen also celebrates
Wellington - Deacon Mike Williams	Mass at the Correctional Centres in
Macquarie (Wellington) - Ms Fran Schubert	Wellington and Fr Mark McGuigan in
	Lithgow.

## A Prayer for Those in Prison Ministry

God of all life,  
Your son called us to be compassionate,  
just as You are compassionate.  
And so we pray:

For our generous Earth,  
Who, even when mistreated,  
continues to nourish and sustain us.  
May we grow in mutual care.

For our suffering peoples,  
Who, even when facing injustices,  
teach us resilience and hope.  
May we grow in mutual care.

For each one of us,  
Who, in times of vulnerability,  
draws on divine love and strength.  
May we grow in mutual care.

For our prison ministries,  
Which, in times of change,  
find new ways of reaching out and in.  
May we grow in mutual care.

And may we be blessed and inspired  
As we hear these words anew:  
“For you had compassion for those who were in prison.”  
In the name of Jesus, gentle and humble of heart,  
Amen.

## Christmas Cards

This year, we will be selling Christmas Cards with images from St Mary’s Church. Photographed and design by Fr Dong.



The Cards will be on sale at the Parish Office for \$3 each. All proceeds will go to the parishes.

## MASS OFFERINGS

**November Mass** envelopes will be available at the back of the Church. Names will be printed in the Book of Remembrance and placed on the altar at Mass.

At the 10am Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday 21st November - The Feast of Christ the King - Bishop McKenna will Admit seminarian Ha Van Tran to the Ministry of Acolyte, and seminarian Kieu Van Le to the Ministry of Lector.

## 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 changes at any time.**

### Current Mass capacity:

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

**You will need to register to attend mass in Mudgee for the 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday Masses. Please contact the Parish, Monday to Friday, between 9am and 4pm to register.**

## Year of St Joseph

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

