

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.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 30th January 2022

First Reading: [Jer 1:4-5. 17-19](#)

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15](#)

(R): *I will sing of your salvation.*

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. **(R.)**

Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. **(R.)**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. **(R.)**

My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13](#)

*There are three things that last: faith, hope and love;
and the greatest of these is love.*

Gospel Acclamation: [Lk 4:18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Lk 4:21-30](#)

*Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the
Jews.*

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA



In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

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Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Doug Rayner, Audrey Hill, Delma Zmak, Bonnie Berrell, Roslyn Hatfield (Rose Bay), Mary Magdalene Ho (Vietnam),

We remember the anniversaries of: Nola Price, Baz Fittler, Sr Maria Mahon, Agnes & Bruce Mahon, Raymond Power, Floris Rearden, Carmel McDonald,, Michael Sgroi, Ruby Tandy, Llewellyn Davies, John Hemsley

We also pray for:

Marie Trounson, Lucilla Balajadia Decena, Gavin Edwards

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Paul Power, Tony Harris, Cherylanne Adamson,

Howard Brady, Dianne Brown, John Cross, Tony & Mary Dimmock, Elizabeth Donnelly, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Molly Jenkins, Sue Kearins, Alicia Knights, Eleni Roberts, Barry Slater, Dyanna Thomeny, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Baptism: We welcome to the Parish community



Alfred Robert Orr

child of Nathan and Emily

Congratulations to:



Stuart Gregory Gillis
and
Courtney Rae Blackwell

who celebrate the sacrament of marriage this weekend

Mudgee Roster

Saturday 5th/ Sunday 6th February 2022

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	Help Needed	Help Needed
First Reader	I. Byrne	M. McLean
Second Reader		
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Help Needed	Help Needed
Counter	31st Jan 2022	D. Donnelly

Saturday 12th / Sunday 13th February 2022

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	D. Cunningham	Help Needed
First Reader	L.Nicholson	M. Matthews
Second Reader	L. Ryan	L. Croake
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	G. Hennessy	R. Croake
Counters	31st Jan 2022	D. Donnelly

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
6 Feb	E. Donnelly	M. McGregor	M. & E. Carney
13 Feb	D. Kelly	J. Thatcher	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn
20 Feb	C. Gaudry	F. McConville	C. Holland

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 31st January

12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 1st February

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 2nd February

10.30am Funeral Mudgee - Doug Rayner

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 3rd February

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 4th February

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)

12.00 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

2.00pm Funeral Mudgee - Audrey Hill

5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Mary's Mudgee

SATURDAY - 5th February

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY - 6th February

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12.00 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Word & Faith Group - Parish Centre

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.

GULGONG NEWS

Would like to thank everyone who helped with Fr Dong's farewell in Gulgong. It was a beauty morning tea.
Phylis Lenard

Safe Church Awareness Workshops

Being a safe church is everyone's responsibility and that is why the Diocese and Parishes have committed to providing parishioners and employees free Safe Church Awareness Workshops. Safe Church Workshops are informative, engaging and interactive and are designed to raise everyone's understanding and awareness of Christian foundations of safe ministry, duty of care, vulnerable people protection (abuse prevention), due diligence in recruiting and supervising church leaders, and risk management.

When: Saturday 12 February 2022

Time: 9:00am - 2:30pm (finish time may be earlier for those completing a refresher)

Location: Bathurst Baptist Church, 188 Eglinton Road, Bathurst

Please register at <https://forms.gle/rqPXwfdmdD5yu41F9>

If you have any questions about the workshop please contact:

Jacinta Thatcher

Mission and Renewal Project Officer

Catholic Diocese of Bathurst

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Ministries in our Parish Community

'There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different people, it is working in all of them.'

1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13

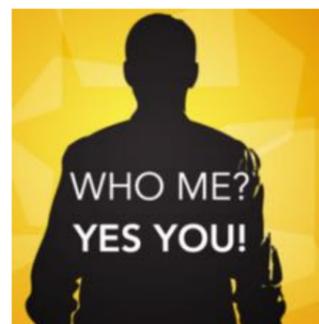
Thank you to all who have participated in parish ministries over the past very challenging year. We are very grateful to have so many parishioners from a variety of age groups involved in various ministries.

We are asking for you to volunteer to help with one or more ministries in our parish. There is something for everyone. We thank everyone who has volunteered in the past and urge you to re-commit for another year. We also encourage anyone who is volunteering for the first time or looking at a different ministry, there will be training provided for some of the ministries and plenty of support from the Parish Office. Commitment is for one year.

Commentator

Vocalist

Catechists



Reader

Musician

Altar Service

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Liturgy Group

Bell Ringer

HOSPITALITY

Sacramental Team



The National Church Life Survey is coming!

The NCLS provides an insight into the lives of our Diocesan churches. Our congregation is important to us and we invite you to participate. Every survey form represents the voice of a church attender, leader or child. The survey listens to their thoughts, opinions and experiences of church life. It is designed to be a positive, inclusive process to reflect on ministry and mission together and to help equip leaders to build for the future.

How can you complete the upcoming National Church Life Survey? The Survey is available online and in person. Your Parish Office will be sharing the details of our Diocesan wide scheduled survey in your Parish Bulletins in the coming weeks.

For more details: <https://www.2021ncls.org.au/about>

Scriptural context – Salvation for all

Luke is written for a predominantly non-Jewish (gentile) Christian community. Although it had been resolved that one did not have to become a Jew to become a Christian there was still a lingering doubt about preference being given to the Jews. The gospel writer goes to great lengths to reassure his audience community that the message of Jesus was for all people – gentile and Jew alike. This week's gospel is one of many passages that feature gentile people receiving God's acceptance and favour. It's a clear message that the salvation promised by Jesus is available to all who seek it.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-8 Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v. 1 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11

Farewell



This weekend we farewell Fr Dong. He will be moving to Dubbo on Monday. Fr Dong arrived in Mudgee in April 2020, to lockdowns and live stream masses and sadly no big welcome. Despite this, Fr Dong has become an integral part of our Parish Communities. Thank you for your presence among us.

We wish Fr Dong all God's blessings for the future and hope to see him back in our Parishes soon.

WELCOME

We extend a very warm welcome to all new parishioners to the parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos. Please contact the Parish Office so we can include you on our Parish register.

To all our staff and students who returned this week for a busy and exciting year ahead... Welcome back!

Gospel Commentary

It is a shame that this section of Luke's Gospel has been split over two Sunday's. Together the readings form a whole which has a significant role in the Gospel. With this story, Luke sets the tone, looking both forward and backwards in his Gospel. In last Sunday's text, Jesus told what type of anointed one he would be. He would offer the 'acceptance of God' to all people, especially to those who were oppressed. Luke's signature parables – the Prodigal Son and the Lost Sheep – show the lengths to which God will go to include all within his embrace. But to be included within that embrace, one must also offer to others, what one has received from God.

The people of Nazareth welcome what Jesus can offer them. Unfortunately, they see his role as of service to themselves primarily and are profoundly offended at the prospect of salvation being offered to the Gentiles. Jesus' preaching does what Simeon had earlier predicted Jesus would do: lay bare the secret thoughts of many. Jesus in his goodness brings out the evil which is in the human heart, an evil that is capable of the murder of the innocent. As Jesus' ministry comes to its culmination that is what ultimately happens. In Jerusalem, Jesus will receive, at first, favourable acceptance. Then he will provoke the ire of the religious authorities and the plot to kill him will be successful...only he will pass through evil and death, not to

go away but to offer the truest healing to the sinful human heart: his Resurrection Life.



Sr Kym Harris osb
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Picture: James Tissot, 'Jesus rejected at Nazareth'



"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" Ephesians 4:32

i4give Sunday is on 6 February 2022 and serves to engage all Christian churches across Australia to unite in a shared embrace of the Christ centred approach to forgiveness.

Christians are encouraged to engage in conversation around forgiveness and its power to heal and restore broken relationships. The message of deep forgiveness, based in a forgiving God, starts within and among churches and goes out from there into the community.

i4give website: <https://www.i4give.com/#!/home>

COVID RESTRICTIONS

NSW regulations as per 07/01/2022:

- 1) Masks **MANDATORY** for 12 years & over
- 2) QR Code or Manual Check-in **MANDATORY**
- 3) Density limits no longer apply (including weddings and funerals)
- 4) No requirement to be fully vaccinated
- 5) *Singing (wearing masks) permitted*

Please continue to practise COVID-safe behaviours, including social distancing, stay at home if unwell and get tested if experiencing COVID symptoms.

Pope's Universal Prayers 2022 January

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.