

*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.



### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 6th February 2022

**First Reading:** [Is 6:1-8](#)

*Here am I! Send me.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1](#)

**(R):** *In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises,  
Lord.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [1 Cor 15:1-11](#)

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** [Mt 4:19](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers  
of my people.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Lk 5:1-11](#)

*They left everything and followed him.*



### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### *Fish in the Sea of Divine Life*

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.

Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Owen Gibbons

**Parish Deacon**  
Deacon Charles Applin

**Parish Secretaries**  
Mrs Kristie Newman  
Mrs Krista O'Brien



**Postal Address:** P.O Box 14 Mudgee  
NSW 2850

**Phone:** 02 6372 2122

**Fax:** 02 6372 6700

**Email:** [office.mudgee@cdob.org.au](mailto:office.mudgee@cdob.org.au)

**Website:** [www.mudgee.catholic.org.au](http://www.mudgee.catholic.org.au)

#### **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

Ph 02 6374 1582

[www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.a](http://www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.a)

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

**For the recently deceased especially:**

Alan Burns, Doug Rayner, Audrey Hill, Delma Zmak,  
Bonnie Berrell, Olga Bremer

**We remember the anniversaries of:** Richard Roberts,  
Evelyn Gawthorne, Valerie McGrath, Tobias Brennan, Shirley  
Sawyers, Judy Roberts, Ted Hayman, Reg McGarth,  
Chris Wood

**We also pray for:**

Robby de Vries, Marie Trounson, Lucilla Balajadia Decena,  
Gavin Edwards, Roslyn Hatfield, Mary Magdalene Ho.

**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.

**DAY BY DAY**

**MONDAY - 7th February**

12.00 Noon Angelus

**TUESDAY - 8th February**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

**WEDNESDAY - 9th February**

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

**THURSDAY - 10th February**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

**FRIDAY - 11th February**

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in  
St. Mary's Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)

12.00 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

**SATURDAY - 12th February**

11.00am Baptism

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 13th February**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Communion Service Rylstone

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 is available, and can visit at home or in hospital.

*There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no  
forgiveness without love.* Brynt H McGill

**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.

**Mudgee Roster**

**Saturday 12th/ Sunday 13th February 2022**

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	D. Cunningham	M. McLean
<b>First Reader</b>	L.Nicholson	M. Matthews
<b>Second Reader</b>	L. Ryan	L. Croake
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	G. Hennessy	R. Croake
<b>Counter</b>	<b>7th February</b>	L. Nicholson

**Saturday 19th / Sunday 20th February 2022**

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	L. Nicholson	M. Matthews
<b>First Reader</b>	I. Byrne	M. McLean
<b>Second Reader</b>		
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	J.Vros	M. Gilbert
<b>Counters</b>	<b>14th February</b>	E. Goodlet

**Gulgong Roster**

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
<b>13 Feb</b>	D. Kelly	J. Thatcher	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn
<b>20 Feb</b>	C. Gaudry	F. McConville	C. Holland
<b>27 Feb</b>	P. Leotta	B. Toole	R. Saliba

*Thank you to all those who helped with Fr Dong's farewells. It was very much appreciated by the Parish and specially by Fr Dong.*

## 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**

### 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/rqPXwfdmD5yu41F9>

If you have any questions about the workshop please contact:

Jacinta Thatcher

Mission and Renewal Project Officer

Catholic Diocese of Bathurst

(02) 6334 6426



### 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>

### Have you thought? –

*Do not be afraid*

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!



**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jer 17:5-8**

**Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5**

**1 Cor 15:12, 16-20**

**Lk 6:17. 20-26**



“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>



**Fr Rob Galea Praise and Worship**

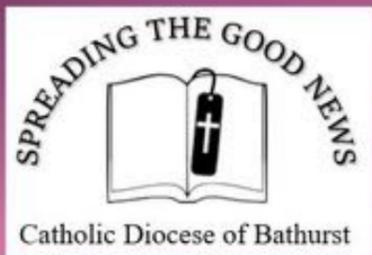
All Welcome

Tuesday, 26th July 2022, Bathurst 9.30am - 1.00pm  
Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre (BMEC)

Wednesday, 27th July 2022, Orange  
Orange Function Centre - Orange 9.30am - 1.00pm

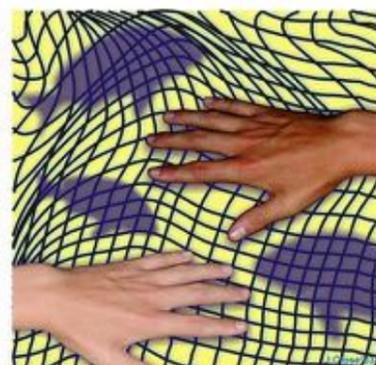
Friday, 29th July, Dubbo 9.30am - 1.00pm  
St Johns College Hall - Dubbo

<https://formationformission.bth.catholic.edu.au/fr-rob-galea.html>



The Catechists in our Diocese undertake a vital evangelising role, educating children and young people and forming them in the Catholic faith. With the start of the new year, all our SRE team are welcomed back into schools with Covid safe protocols in place.

Please continue to pray for our Catechists and the great work they do for families and our Church.



**Reflection -**

**Sr Kym Harris osb**

When Jesus told Simon Peter to launch out in to the deep, he wasn't telling him to do anything he didn't know how to do. All he asked was for him to do it at a time Peter deemed inappropriate. What did Peter risk? Losing a few hours' sleep and making a fool of himself. I don't think the lack of rest would have particularly bothered Peter – looking like a fool probably did. Most of us dread that. And yet that fear is one of the greatest dampeners on coming to the fullness of life Jesus promises. How often do we hold back from something that stretches us just a little – because we might look like a fool? Simple things like greeting a stranger at church, becoming a catechist, writing a letter to a politician, asking forgiveness, offering forgiveness, approaching someone who is difficult, even starting a new skill. We tell ourselves we can't do it – not because we can't but because we can't be sure of what might happen if we tried. We can't be in control. But we will never know the surprise 'catch of fish' if we do not risk when we hear the call to launch out into the deep. You will never die of making a fool of yourself but if you never risk doing so you will never live.

© Sr Kym Harris osb [www.prayasyoucan.com.au](http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au)



**Synod Theme: Mission**

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.