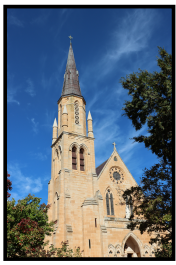


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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.



### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 20th February 2022

**First Reading:** [1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23](#)

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8](#)

**(R): The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [1 Cor 15:45-49](#)

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** [Jn 13:34](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Lk 6:27-38](#)

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*



### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.



Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Owen Gibbons

**Parish Deacon**  
Deacon Charles Applin

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



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**Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm**

**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm**

**Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm**

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#### 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, Tony Yeo.

**We remember the anniversaries of:** Richard Tompsett,  
Gloria Windle, Nancy Caughey, Raymond Power,  
Jean Croake, Adriel Maloney, Joseph Polanetz, James Barry,  
Cliff Miller, Isabell Waterton

**We also pray for:**

Robert Simpson (Sydney), 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:** Graeme Warren, Paul Power, Tony Harris,  
Cherylanne Adamson, Howard Brady, Dianne Brown,  
John Cross, Tony & Mary Dimmock, Elizabeth Donelly,  
Rodrigo Jaboneta, Molly Jenkins, Sue Kearins, Alicia Knights,  
Eleni Roberts, Barry Slater, Dyanna Thomeny, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

**Mudgee Roster**  
**Saturday 26th/ Sunday 27th February 2022**

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	D. Cunningham	A. Myles
<b>First Reader</b>	L. Nicholson	L. Croake
<b>Second Reader</b>	K. Newman	M. Matthews
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	A. Baker	M. Dunnachie
<b>Counter</b>	<b>21st February</b>	E. Goodlet

**Saturday 5th / Sunday 6th March 2022**

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	L. Nicholson	L. Croake
<b>First Reader</b>	I. Byrne	J. O'Brien
<b>Second Reader</b>	P. Wilkinson	E. de Vries
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	J. Vros	P. O'Brien
<b>Counters</b>	<b>28th February</b>	M. Walker

**Gulgong Roster**

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
<b>27 Feb</b>	P. Leotta	B. Toole	R. Saliba
<b>6 Mar</b>	S. Parnell	C. Leotta	M.&E. Carney
<b>13 Mar</b>	E. Donelly	J. Ritar	G. Ausburn E. Donelly



**Companions of the Sisters  
of St Joseph**  
(Formerly Josephite Associates)

The first group meeting for 2022 is Friday 25th February at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. We are meeting earlier to enable those who wish to attend the Rosary and Mass from 12 noon.  
New member welcome.

**DAY BY DAY**

**MONDAY - 21st February**

12.00 Noon Angelus

**TUESDAY - 22nd February**

**The Chair of St Peter, apostle**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

5.00pm Finance Committee Meeting

**WEDNESDAY - 23rd February**

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.45pm Mass Mudgee - Lectors (Readers) Induction

**THURSDAY - 24th February**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Parish Council Meeting

**FRIDAY - 25th February**

10.30am Companions of Sisters of St Joseph gathering

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 - 26th February**

11.00am Wedding

12.00pm Angelus

2.00pm Baptism

5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 27th February**

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

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass 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.



Congratulations to:

*Steven Martin Dobson*



and

*Sarah-Jane Veronica Swords*

who celebrate the sacrament of marriage this weekend



### WALKING WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

As a father has compassion on his children, the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

**Psalms 102:13**

**Walking with other Christians is essential to our mission.**  
**How well do we know our sisters and brothers in other Christian church?**

**What do we share?**

**Why do we do more together?**

Discern individual or as a group. Have your say.

Find out more and share your contribution at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

### Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your Name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
Forever and ever.  
Amen.



### Dates for the Diary...

Ash Wednesday Mass times

2nd March 2022

Gulgong - To be advised

Rylstone - 11.30am

Mudgee - 6.00pm

## St Mary's Mudgee Pastoral Council

Do you have a desire to be of service to our parish community?

Are you interested in the welfare of all parishioners?

Are you an active member of our Parish?

Are you willing to help our parish to grow?

Come and join our Pastoral Council.

We are looking for enthusiastic parishioners who are keen to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in the world. If you or someone you know are interested in the Pastoral Council, please contact Parish Office on 6372-2122 or email: [office.mudgee@cdob.org.au](mailto:office.mudgee@cdob.org.au)

*'Christ's faithful, engaged in pastoral care in the parish, give their help in fostering pastoral action' Can. 536.1*

## 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.'*

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**

**Liturgy Group**



**Reader**

**Musician**

**Altar Service**

**HOSPITALITY**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Bell Ringer**

**Sacramental Team**

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

**Sir 27:4-7**

**Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2**

**1 Cor 15:54-58**

**Lk 6:39-45**



## St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group, Mudgee Exhibition and Sale

**When:** Saturday 12th March, 2022

**Time:** 10am to 2pm

**Entry Cost:** Gold Coin donation. Morning Tea available



You will be able to view items the Ladies create, for sale twice a year. Monies raised are used to make yearly donation to various organisations in Mudgee.

**We ask that must are worn while at the exhibition and that you are fully vaccinated.**



**World Day of Prayer  
AUSTRALIA**

**Friday 4th March 2022  
7.00pm  
St Mary's Mudgee**

"I know the plans I have for you". Jeremiah 29:11  
Come at join us and other christian churches in the  
World Day of Prayer.

### Catechist Sunday 27th February 2022

*" We plant seeds that will one day grow: We water seeds  
already planted, knowing that they hold future promise...  
We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our  
capabilities..."*

*We may never see the end results...  
we are workers; not master builders; ministers; not messiahs."*

St Oscar Romero

### Retreats at Shalom - March 2022

Why not refresh, renew, and revive the richness of your Christian spirituality on a weekend retreat at Shalom.

4-6 March - **Water, Wind, Earth & Fire - Woman's Weekend Retreat.**

Water, Wind, Earth & Fire is a retreat for women to refresh, enliven, nourish and reignite their Christian spiritual life.

18-20 March - **"Contemplative in Action" - Martha & Mary**

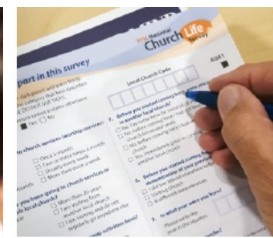
Sometimes we are Martha - burdened and overwhelmed when our desire is to be Mary - sitting at the feet of the Lord. In this retreat, we explore what hinders us in our journey to sit at the feet of the Lord.

**Venue:** Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar

**Cost:** Suggested Donation of \$280 (includes all meals and accommodation)

**To Register:** Ph:02 63673058 or email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

Note: Our retreat protocols to keep everyone attending Shalom COVID Safe require that you must be fully vaccinated and be prepared to check-in and show proof of vaccination upon arrival.



**2021 National Church Life Survey**  
The survey has now commenced in the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst.  
We have until 13 March 2022 to complete our surveys in person or online.

The Catholic Diocese of Bathurst Church Life Survey invites all our Parish communities including adults, youth, children and leaders to complete survey forms. These surveys help us to take time to reflect and review key areas of church life, by listening

to the voices, experiences and views of our church attenders. The Church Life Survey includes an Attender Survey (paper survey form and online) for churchgoers aged 15 and over, as well as an option of a Child Survey for churchgoers aged 8 to 14 (paper survey form only).

- It should take you about 20 minutes to complete.
- Each attender is asked to fill in an Attender Survey once only.
- Attenders can use a smart device to go to [surveys.ncls.org.au](https://surveys.ncls.org.au) and log in using their NCLS Church Code. (English language only online).
- Attender Surveys are available in English, Arabic, Chin (Burmese), Chinese, Dinka, Italian, Karen (Burmese), Korean, Tongan and Vietnamese.
- If you need any assistance please contact your Parish office.

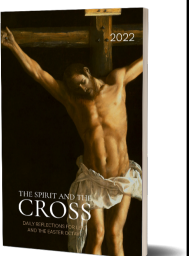
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Mudgee	TAF01701	Kandos	TAF01401
Gulgong	TAF01301	Rylstone	TAF0140

### Lenten 2022

#### The Spirit and the Cross

The daily reflections, written by the Executive Director of Evangelisation Brisbane, Dcn Peter Pellican, invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day, and offers questions for reflection and discussion. Books are \$5.00 each at the back of the Church or from the Parish Office.



### GULGONG NEWS

**Gulgong Catholic Women's Group AGM**

Will be held 1st March 2022 at the convent. All positions will be made vacant. New members are most welcome.

### COVID RESTRICTIONS

NSW regulations as per 18/02/2022:

- 1) Masks **MANDATORY** for 12 years & over
- 2) Density limits no longer apply (including weddings and funerals)
- 3) No requirement to be fully vaccinated
- 4) 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.