

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.



First Sunday of Lent - Year C - 6th March 2022

LENT 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

Here we are again at the start of Lent, the time of renewal of our faith as we prepare for Easter. How can we make the most of this moment of grace? There are three simple ways, which Jesus teaches about in the Gospel for Ash Wednesday.

- 1. Pray.** Ask the Holy Spirit to give you hope and confidence that your time of prayer each day can truly be a meeting with God who intimately knows you and loves you.
- 2. Fast.** We are blessed with many good things and are grateful for them, but to let go of them for a while is a path to freedom and hope in the Kingdom that is to come.
- 3. Give.** From what we have, whether it is great or small, share something according to your means with those who have less. Project Compassion is not the only way, but it is a great way of doing that together as Australian Catholics.

May each of us receive the gift of renewal that the season of Lent offers.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst



First Sunday of Lent
5 & 6 March



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports.

Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by

her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413 by donating directly to your Parish fund raising page

<https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/stmaryofthepresentationmudgee>

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DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 7th March

12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 8th March

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 9th March

10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 10th March

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 11th March

10.30am Mass Widdon Nursing Home

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 March

9.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group Display & Sale

11.00am Baptism

12.00pm Angelus

5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY - 13th March

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - 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 and Fr Thao are available, and can visit at home or in hospital.

Pope's Universal Prayers 2022 March

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

"Peace is a precious gift, which must be promoted and protected... Never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence."

Pope Francis

Mudgee Roster
Saturday 12th/ Sunday 13th March 2022

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. McLean
First Reader	L. Nicholson	M. Matthews
Second Reader	L. Ryan	A. Myles
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	G. Hennessy	M. Dunnachie
Counter	7th March	L. Nicholson

Saturday 19th / Sunday 20th March 2022

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	L. Nicholson	M. Matthews
First Reader	D. Cunningham	M. McLean
Second Reader	B. Slater	R. McKeown
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	I. Byrne	M. Gilbert
Counters	14th March	E. Goodlet

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
13 Mar	E. Donnelly	J. Ritar	G. Ausburn E. Donnelly
20 Mar	D. Kelly	E. Donnelly	C. Holland
27 Mar	R. Saliba	C. Gaudry	R. Saliba

Congratulations to:

Daniel John Vella

and

Laura May Tracy

who celebrate the sacrament of marriage this weekend



Baptisms: We welcome to the Parish community



Eva Mary Lewis

daughter of Daniel and Amy

and

Billy Anthony Curtin

son of Scott & Claire

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Kim Stevens, Charlie Cojuangco,
Val Adams.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Veronica Butler, Irene Stamper, Catherine Constable,
Jennifer Eade, David Walsh, David Kiddle, Mona Cafe,
Raymond Warner, Therese Hundy, Jean Doorey,
Anne Underwood.

We also pray for:

Alan Burns, Doug Rayner, Audrey Hill, Delma Zmak,
Bonnie Berrell, Tony Yeo, Olga Bremer,
Mary Magdalene Ho.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:

Bernard Norris, Lesley Wolfe, Paul Power,
Graeme Warren, Tony Harris, Cherylanne Adamson,
Howard Brady, Dianne Brown, John Cross, Sue Kearins,
Tony & Mary Dimmock, Elizabeth Donnelly, Barry Slater,
Rodrigo Jaboneta, Molly Jenkins, Alicia Knights,
Eleni Roberts, Dyanna Thomeny, Carmel Thompson and
all those in our Nursing Homes.



APPEAL

My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

Franciscus



Synod of Bishops

People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE.

*God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of the Ukraine to you.*

*Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.*

*You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Save the Date

Sesquicentenary Mass and Celebration

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart extend a warm invitation to attend the Sesquicentenary Mass celebrating the arrival of the Sisters in NSW from Adelaide. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 16 July 2022 (exactly 150 years) at 10.30 am in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John Bathurst. Celebrant: Bishop Michael McKenna. Following the Mass there will be refreshments in the Cathedral Hall. Everyone is very welcome – Priests, Parishioners, Friends, Companions and all those with a connection to the Sisters of Saint Joseph. The Perthville Heritage Centre will be open for visitors from 2 pm. Details for RSVP will follow – needed for catering purposes.

Thank you

Thank you everyone for your warm welcome to your parish communities. It has been a wonderful experience and I am looking forward to getting know everyone as I settle into Parish life.

Fr Thao

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

Ps 26:1. 7-9 13-14 R. v. 1

Phil 3:17 - 4:1

Lk 9:28-36



Readings for First Sunday of Lent - Year C

First Reading: [Dt 26:4-10](#)

The confession of faith of the elect.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15](#)

(R): *Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*

Second Reading: [Rom 10:8-13](#)

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: [Lk 4:1-13](#)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us. The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.



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 created by the St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group. Some items will be for sale. All money raised are used to make yearly donation to various organisations in Mudgee.

We recommend that mask are worn while at the exhibition and that you are fully vaccinated.



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 and log in using their NCLS Church Code. (English language only online).
- If you need any assistance please contact your Parish office.

Child Survey: childsurvey.ncls.org.au

Parish codes:

Mudgee	TAF01701	Kandos	TAF01401
Gulgong	TAF01301	Rylstone	TAF0140

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

COVID RESTRICTIONS

As it is important that we protect vulnerable people in our communities, and to ensure everyone feels protected when they come to worship, please continue to socially distance where possible inside the church and where this is not possible, please wear a mask. Please also continue to use the hand sanitisers provided at the church entrances.