

*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.



### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 7TH AUGUST 2022 VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

**First Reading:** [Wis 18:6-9](#)

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12](#)

**(R): Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Heb 11:1-2, 8-12](#)

*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

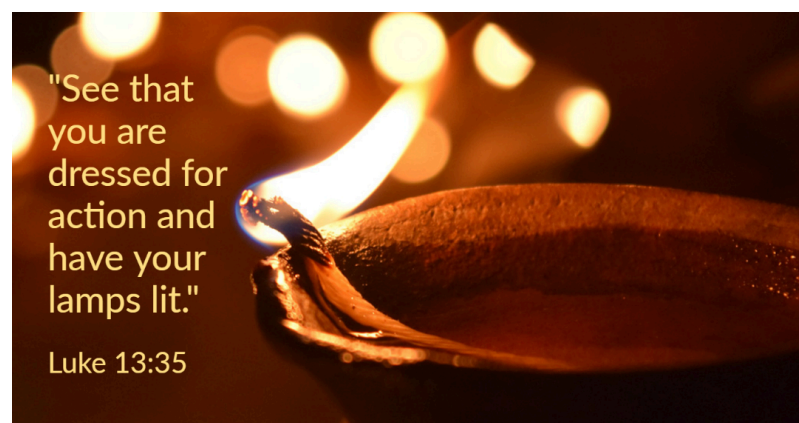
**Gospel:** [Lk 12:32-48](#)

*See that you are prepared.*

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant. While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.



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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

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**

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**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**

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Mudgee Roster Saturday 13th / Sunday 14th August 2022			
		Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator		D. Cunningham	S. Abbey
First Reader		K. O’Brien	M. Price
Second Reader		O. O’Brien	N. Whitmore
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		B. Slatter	A. Myles
Altar Server		W. Forster	J. Potgieter A. Egan
Music		Rachel & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer		HELP NEEDED	M. Dunnachie
Offertory		HELP NEEDED	Children’s Liturgy
Counter		Mon 8th August	M. Walker
Mudgee Roster Saturday 20th / Sunday 21st August 2022			
		Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator		B. Petersen	L. Croake
First Reader		L. Nicholson	E. de Vires
Second Reader		A. Fergus	M. Matthews
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		G. Brymora	R. Croake
Altar Server		Emily M Emmaline Littler	Portelli Family
Music		Ruella & Choir	Ruth & Marianne
Welcomer		HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Offertory		Help Needed	Children’s Liturgy
Counter		Mon 15th August	R. Croake
Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
7 Aug	R. Saliba	C. Gaudry	E. Donelly G. Ausburn
14 Aug	D. Kelly	C. Leotta	C. Holand
21 Aug	P. Leotta	M. Bannister	R. Saliba

**GULGONG NEWS**  
The next Gulgong Catholic Womens Group meeting with Tuesday, 2nd August at 2pm. New members welcome.

DAY BY DAY
<b>MONDAY -8th August</b> <b>ST MARY OF THE CROSS - FEAST</b> 9.30am Mass Mudgee 12.00 Noon Angelus 5.00pm Word & Faith - Parish Centre
<b>TUESDAY - 9th August</b> 9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Year 10 12.00 Noon Angelus
<b>WEDNESDAY - 10th August</b> 10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group 12.00 Noon Angelus 5.45pm Mass Mudgee
<b>THURSDAY - 11th August</b> 9.30am Mass Mudgee 12.00 Noon Angelus 12.30pm Mass Gulgong - All Hallows
<b>FRIDAY - 12th August</b> 10.30am Mass - Whiddon Nursing Home 11.030am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church) 12.00 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church) 12.30pm Mass Mudgee
<b>SATURDAY - 13th August</b> 11.00am Baptism 4.15pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee
<b>SUNDAY - 14th August</b> <b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.00am Mass - Mudgee 10.30am Mass - Gulgong 11.00am Mass - Rylstone
<b>Anointing/ Home Communion:</b> 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.

**JOSEPHITE MEETING**  
  
This Monday 8th August at 9.30am Mass will be celebrated for the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Josephite Companions are invited to attend Mass, followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.

**HSC Trail Exams** started this week. Students will sit their exams over the next two weeks in the Parish Centre. Please be aware when visiting the Parish Office to keep noise to a minimum. Please keep these students in your prayers during this stressful time.



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

**For the recently deceased especially:**

Deborah Dziendziel, Jeff Jones, Paul Flynn, Peter Ward, Paul Power, Veronica Nolan nee Robinson.

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Katalin Dalmay, Miller Isbester, Garry Gibbins, Collen Condon, Lorna Walking, Enid Devoy, Gerry Doherty, Mona Patman, Helen Crowley, Robert Dowel, Carol Pelin, Dot Carroll, Benjamin Roberts, Ornella Bin.

**We also pray for:**

Olive Milton, James Milton, Ivy Sproule, Bradley Quinn, Malcom Whiteley, Dave Doyle, Eduardo M Cojuangco Jr, Rodney Fitler, Mattie Gardiner, Isabell Miles, Ivan Brec, Graeme Warren, Bernice King, Joan Hardie, Timothy Hundy.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Joe Saliba, Tony Spina, Gwen Ausburn, Tony Harris, Sue Kearins, John Cross, Cherylanne Adamson, Howard Brady, Dianne Brown, Alicia Knights, Tony Dimmock, Eleni Roberts, Elizabeth Donelly, Barry Slater, Molly Jenkins, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Dyanna Thomeny, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

### **Bishop to ordain Deacon Nam Dinh Le to the Priesthood**

Bishop McKenna has announced he will ordain Deacon Nam Dinh Le to the Priesthood.

The ordination will take place on 4 November 2022, during 6pm Mass at the Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst. Further details will follow at a later date.

Please keep Deacon Nam in your prayers as he spends these coming months preparing for priestly ordination.



**REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

*Mary MacKillop*

In the mid-late 19th century, a young woman was very concerned with the plight of the poor and the marginalised in the colonies which later became the Commonwealth of Australia. Amongst the most obvious necessities of life for these 'least' was schooling of the young, as education is a proven path out of poverty.

So, this woman, whose most famous saying was 'never see a need without trying to do something about it', set about remedying that situation. Mary McKillop established the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart principally to educate the poor.

She suffered excommunication for revealing sexual abuse of youngsters by a paedophile priest. That was reversed five months later, but this all took its toll on her fragile health.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we may join St Mary of the Cross in Heaven, together with all the Josephite sisters who set their hearts on the Father's kingdom and His saving justice.

*'Never see a need  
without trying to do  
something about it.'*

St Mary MacKillop

### **First Holy Communion Parishioner Prayer**

Lord,

We pray for the young children in our parish community as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Help us to show witness and example to them as they learn more about you and our church through our community.

Amen!

### **Gospel Reflection - Greg Sunter**

This week's gospel passage carries with it the expectation of the late 1st Century as the early Christians awaited the triumphant return of the Christ (sometimes called the Second Coming or the Parousia). This is a familiar theme through the gospels and, in fact, across the gospels we can see that the communities were beginning to face the realisation that the promised return was taking longer than they had expected. In the gospel of Mark, it is clear that the community expects the Parousia at any moment, while by the time of the writing of the gospel of Luke, 10 or 15 years later, we can see that the language has taken on an aspect of uncertainty about the timing – it could be sooner or it could be later ('It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third...').

What began to emerge was an attitude that if we don't know when the Parousia will come, then we need to live 'in anticipation' of it. We need to live as if the Parousia were imminent. So, rather than waiting for the kingdom of God to be delivered, we must live our lives in such a way as to bring about the kingdom; to draw the kingdom into the present. Jesus often spoke of the kingdom as both near and not yet. If we all live the values of the kingdom, by our very actions we bring the kingdom into being. This gives an incredible significance to the way we choose to live our lives. If we 'invest' in the kingdom by living out the values of the kingdom and living in expectation of the Parousia, then that 'investment' is its own reward.

**Reading for Next Sunday: THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**Jer 38:4-6. 8-10**

**Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14**

**Heb 12:1-4**

**Lk 12:49-53**





## VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK



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### Faith in action

The Diocese would like to invite our young men and women (18 to 35) years) in diocesan parishes, administration organisations and schools to join us in discussing our Catholic vocations over a shared meal as part of this year's **Vocations Awareness Week**. Topics include the four vocations: the single life, the married life, the religious life and the priesthood and what these pathways might look like for young people in today's world. This is an opportunity to meet with peers, develop a deeper understanding of your place in your parish or school and engage in a leadership mindset.

### To RSVP

admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au or call Carmen on (02) 6334 6407

### Dubbo

Saturday 13 August 2022

5pm Vigil Mass, St Brigid's Dubbo

6 to 8pm Dubbo Presbytery, 198 Brisbane St, Dubbo

### Orange

Tuesday 30 August

6 to 8.15pm St Joseph's Presbytery, 84 Hill St, Orange

### Bathurst

Thursday 1 September

6.30pm for 7pm start Mathew Quinn House, Bentinck Street, Bathurst



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2022-23

## Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse



### Social Justice Sunday 28 August 2022

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse points out that the roots of domestic and family violence "lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others" and that "this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us".

The Church in Australia marks Social Justice Sunday on August 28. In their Social Justice Statement, Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse, the Australian bishops speak out about the scourge of domestic and family violence. They call for relationships to be marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control. Access the Statement and related resources at [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

St Patrick's Presbytery cordially invites all parishioners, friends and family of

*Fr Garry McKeown*

in celebration of his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood

Sunday, 28th - Family Celebration Day at 11.00am at St Patrick's School  
please bring a plate to share, tea/ coffee supplied

On the day of the anniversary of his ordination:

Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, 1 September 2022

5.30pm

St Patrick's Church, Mort Street, Lithgow

Followed by:

Supper at Lithgow Workies, Tank Street, Lithgow

\$20.00 per head

RSVP 25 August 2022

Lithgow Presbytery on 02 63513092 or email

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RSVP and direct deposit details.