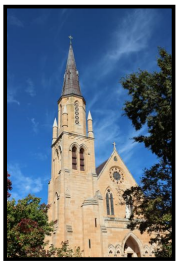


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 14TH AUGUST 2022

First Reading: [Jer 38:4-6. 8-10](#)

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14](#)

(R): Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **(R.)**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **(R.)**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay!

Second Reading: [Heb 12:1-4](#)

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Lk 12:49-53](#)

I have come not to give peace, but discord.



REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

I have come to bring fire

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest bursts open the seed pods, cleanses the soil of smothering undergrowth, and returns nutrients to the soil to germinate the seeds. It is that sort of fire which Jesus brings to the earth.

So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit '... like tongues of fire', bursting the early disciples out of the protective shell of the 'Upper Room', allowing them to be germinated as seeds of the early Church. It is the same in every generation which has to ask: What personal, family or social situations provide a hard casing which must be cracked open? What is the smothering undergrowth which prevents our germination as fearless disciples?

Jesus himself felt smothered by the small-minded people of Nazareth to which He never returned. He warns that families and good friends can try to smother the spark He wishes to ignite.

We might pause for a moment to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit might enable us to become a stand of tall trees reaching for the Risen Son in all His glory.

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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 Minister of Communion	G. Brymora	R. Croake
Altar Server	E. McKid E. 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

Mudgee Roster Saturday 27th / Sunday 28th August 2022		
	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. Matthews
First Reader	I. Byrne	S. Abbey
Second Reader	G. Brymora	C. Devitt
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	J. Vros	M. Devitt
Altar Server	C. Collins N. McLean	L. Robbins
Music		
Welcomer	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Offertory	HELP NEEDED	Children's Liturgy
Counter	Mon 22nd August	P. O'Brien

Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
21 Aug	P. Leotta	M. Bannister	R. Saliba
28 Aug	S. Parnell	K. Ritar	M.&E. Carney
4 Sep	C. Gaudry	P. Leotta	G. Ausburn E. Donnelly

HSC Trial Exams are continuing 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

Baptism: We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee



Valerie Lola Aloe
daughter of Jonathon and Amy.
and
Isla Robyn Cookson
daughter of Grant and Laura.

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY -15th August

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12.00 Noon Angelus
12.00pm Mass Gulgong - AH School and Parishioners
12.15pm Mass SMCS K-12 (*SCHOOL ONLY*)
5.00pm *NO WORD & FAITH THIS WEEK*
5.00pm Mudgee - Rosary and Devotion to Our Lady
5.45pm Mass Mudgee

TUESDAY - 16th August

9.30am Mass Mudgee
12.00 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 17th August

10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group
12.00 Noon Angelus
5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 18th August

9.30am Mass Mudgee
10.00am Funeral - Kandos
12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 19th August

11.00am Mass - Kanandah Nursing Home
11.30am 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
2.00pm Funeral - Mudgee

SATURDAY - 20th August

11.00am Baptism
4.15pm Reconciliation
5.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee

SUNDAY - 21st August

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Mass - Mudgee
10.30am Mass - Gulgong
11.00am Mass - Rylstone

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.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Deborah Dziendziel, Barbara Pierce, Stasia Rozenblatt, Jeff Jones, Paul Flynn, Peter Ward, Paul Power, Veronica Nolan nee Robinson.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Jack Barrett, Pearl Marskell, 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:

Sr Clare Hopper rsj, Vonnie Gilders, 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.

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 a Lithgow Workies, Tank Street, Lithgow



Gold Coin Donation for Flowers.

If you wish to show your devotion to Our Lady on the Feast of The Assumption, we invite you to give a gold coin donation which can be placed in the special jar at the back of the Church after Mass this weekend.



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!



Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday 15th August

In the Western church this feast celebrates the assumption of Mary into heaven; in the East it commemorates her dormition or her falling asleep. The readings invite us to reflect on the role that she plays in the mystery of our redemption. Whatever we honour in Mary in some way points to her son.

Over the centuries devotion to Mary has been expressed in forms taken from the culture out of which it developed. Sometimes she is pictured as a humble peasant girl. At other times she is depicted as a queen robed in gold of Ophir who rules from heaven. Probably the most familiar pose is that of a mother with her child. Perhaps the most dramatic of these themes is that of the celestial woman from the vision found in the Book of Revelation. It is because of the cosmic significance of Jesus that this tradition has been applied to Mary.

Though the first reading depicts a cosmic woman, the gospel reading characterises Mary as a simple peasant woman intent on offering service to another. However, the words that are placed in her mouth are words of prophetic challenge. She announces the great reversals of God's good news. The greatness of Mary is a reflection of the greatness of the Son of God whom she bore. He was the first fruits of salvation. He was the victor who won the kingdom. Her part in this victory was to bring him to birth and into maturity.

by Dianne Bergant



RISE UP -ORANGE - 31ST AUGUST

Rise up is a one day praise and worship event aimed at students who have completed the CSYMA program, an optional faith formation unit of study, in their schools throughout years 9 and/or 10.

Venue Orange Function Centre - Orange
Time 9.30am - 2.30pm.

Registrations:

<https://formationmission.bth.catholic.edu.au/rise-up.html>

Reading for Next Sunday: THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
Is 66:18-21 Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK 2

Focusing on Priesthood and Religious Life



Today is the second weekend of National Vocations Awareness Week. In the context of the call to all the baptised we especially pray for an increase in vocations to the *Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, the Diaconate and the Priesthood.*

The gaze of God

In his message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations earlier this year, Pope Francis said: “...in every vocation, we are met with the gaze of God, who calls us. Vocation, like holiness, is not an extraordinary experience reserved for a few. Just as there is a ‘holiness of the saints next door’ (*Gaudete et Exsultate*), so too there is a vocation for everyone, for God’s gaze and call is directed to everyone.”



Fr Diep & Fr Thao

These words truly set the theme once again this year for National Vocations Awareness Week incorporating the first two weekends of August. It’s all about the unique call and vocation of God to everyone.

Long gone are the days when we thought that it was only priests and Religious who had a vocation. In his message, Pope Francis makes this point: “Each man and woman, even before encountering Christ and embracing the Christian faith, receives with the gift of life a fundamental calling...at every moment of our lives, we are called to foster this divine spark, present in the heart of every man and woman.”

Pope Francis speaks of the further specification of God’s call when he mentions the ordained ministry, the consecrated life, marriage and every vocation and ministry in the Church. Again, all these vocations work together in the Church which is “an evangelising community”.

During this National Vocations Awareness Week, let’s acknowledge and celebrate the unique vocation God has given us. Remember that we can be no more fulfilled and happier in this life than when we are following God’s call. Remember that we can do no better and make no better a contribution than precisely in the vocation that comes from God.

Extract from The Southern Cross August 2022- Fr Dean Martin

Fr Dean Martin is Vicar General and director of Vocations, Adelaide.

Our Seminarians



Duong Van Ha



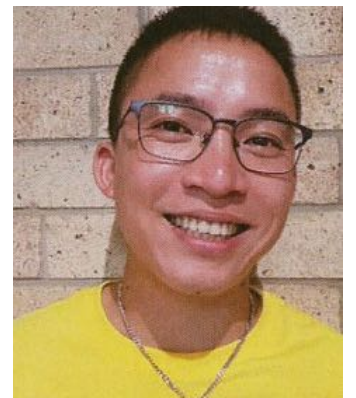
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Bishop to ordain Deacon Nam Dinh Le to the Priesthood



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.