

*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.



### TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 4TH SEPTEMBER 2022

**First Reading:** [Wis 9:13-18](#)

*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1](#)

**(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Phlm 9-10, 12-17](#)

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Take my yoke upon you;  
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Lk 14:25-33](#)

***All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.***

### Father's Day Appeal

The Priests' Retirement Fund provides the financial support to care for the retired and sick priests of our Diocese. Although a priest may retire from administrative duties and from the demands of a full-time assignment, he continues the lifelong priestly ministry to which he dedicated himself at ordination. Most of our Diocesan priests work long into their seventies, caring for the spiritual life and welfare of their people. They give without counting the cost and sometimes that can include a cost to their health. Even in retirement, most priests will continue to serve the community, in particular by celebrating weekend Masses in parishes and assisting as chaplains in aged care facilities. The Priests' Retirement Fund covers needs such as convalescent care, nursing home and hostel care for frail priests, assistance in transitioning to retirement, health insurance, medical and dental expenses and assistance with board and lodging.

Please give generously in our leaving collection or on our Tap and Go fa



**Parish Priest**

Fr Owen Gibbons

**Assistant Priest**

Fr Thao Van Nguyen

**Parish Deacon**

Deacon Charles Applin

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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:**

**Principal:** Mrs Angela Myles

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**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**

**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole

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Mudgee Roster Saturday 10th / Sunday 11th September 2022			
		Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator		D. Cunningham	S. Abbey
First Reader		St. Matthews	St. Matthews
Second Reader		St. Matthews	St. Matthews
Extraordinary Minister of Communion		I. Byrne	N. Whitmore
Altar Server		Williams Family	N. Hay L. Robbins
Music		Ruella & Choir	St. Matthews
Welcomer		HELP NEEDED	G. Stokes
Offertory		HELP NEEDED	Children’s Liturgy
Counter		Mon 5th Sept	L. Nicholson
Mudgee Roster Saturday 17th / Sunday 18th September 2022			
		Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator		B. Petersen	M. McLean
First Reader		L. Nicholson	J. Wilkinson
Second Reader		G. Brymora	M. Price
Extraordinary Minister of Communion		A. Fergus	M. Gilbert
Altar Server		E. Littler E. McKid	J. Rosetto
Music		Ruella & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer		HELP NEEDED	M. Dunnachie
Offertory		HELP NEEDED	Children’s Liturgy
Counter		Mon 12th Sept	E. Goodlet
Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
11 Sep	E. Donelly	O. O’Brien	C. Holland
18 Sep	R. Saliba	S. Parnell	R. Saliba
25 Sep	D. Kelly	J. Ritar	R. Saliba

### PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed next Tuesday and Wednesday for the Priests / Parish Secretaries seminar in Bathurst. Please call 6372 2122 and leave a message. Messages will be checked regularly.

### DAY BY DAY

#### MONDAY -5th September

11.00am Requiem Mass, St Mary's - Malcolm Petrie  
12.00 Noon Angelus  
5.00pm Word & Faith - Parish Centre. All Welcome

#### TUESDAY - 6th September

##### 9.30am Communion Service

12.00 Noon Angelus

#### WEDNESDAY - 7th September

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

#### THURSDAY - 8th September

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Year 1  
12.00 Noon Angelus

#### FRIDAY - 9th September

10.30am Mass - Whiddon 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  
1.15pm Josephite Companions Meeting

#### SATURDAY - 10th September

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

#### SUNDAY - 11th September

#### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

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.



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

#### Josephite Companions Meeting

Date: Friday, 9th Sept  
Time: 1.15pm  
Location: Parish Centre

*"A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow."*

Unknown





## Listen to the Voice of creation SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice.

On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice.

In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation.

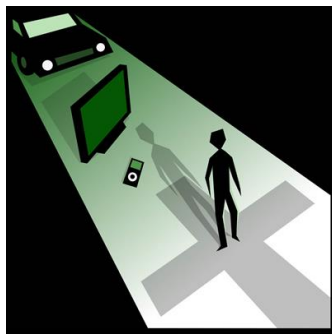
## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.



**Baptism:** We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee



*Felix Gilbert Ramnac*

son of Clare

Congratulations to:

*Christopher Mann  
and  
Emma Doolan*



who celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

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

***For the recently deceased especially:***

Bernadette Mahon, Malcolm Petrie, Laurence McGuinness, Russell Lutchini, Barry Slater, Rex Donnelly, Helen Shearman, Craig Lynch, Peter Williams, Charlie Xuereb, Deborah Dziendziel, Stasia Rozenblatt, Tracie Thomson nee Gant.

***We remember the anniversaries of:***

Mary Carragher, Thomas Parkinson, Hilda Mealy, Charlotte Maxwell, Robert Prowse, Walter Rayner, Patricia Morrall, Dennis McGarth, John Tomlinson.

***On this Fathers Day, we also remember our Fathers who have gone to the heavenly kingdom*** including Jim Betts, Rick Tompsett, Joe Tompsett, Burt Dalmay, Leslie Whelan, Jack Hawkins.

***We also pray for:***

Jeff Jones, Paul Flynn, Michael Azar, Dave Doyle, Barbara Pierce, Michael Maloney.

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

Dennis Petersen, Joe Saliba, Tony Spina, Geoffrey Munn, Gwen Ausburn, Tony Harris, John Cross, Dianne Brown, Molly Jenkins, Howard Brady, Alicia Knights, Tony Dimmock, Elizabeth Donnelly, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Dyanna Thomeny, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

*Farewell...*

This week we farewelled Richard and Sue Loneragan, who are moving away from our Parish. We wish Richard and Sue all the best in the future.

**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 parish community. Amen!



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

***Ex 32:7-11. 13-14***

***Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18***

***1 Tm 1:12-17***

***Lk 15:1-32***

## A Blessing Prayer for Father's Day

*by Greg Sunter*

God of Kindness and Compassion,  
we are your children and you are Father to us all.  
We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your fatherly example:

those who are dads and grandads;  
step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law;  
those who are coaches, leaders and mentors;  
and those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.

We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character.

We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.

We look to them to protect and provide.

We look to them for care and compassion.

We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of the world.

For all those who embrace their role as father, we give thanks.

For those who struggle with being fathers, give them strength.

For those who are distanced from their children, give them comfort.

For those who have passed from this world, give them peace.

Bless these men that we call father.

Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.

Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.

Bless them in their work and in their play.

And bless them, Father, for being fathers.

We make this prayer through the one who taught us to call you  
Our Father:

Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.



### DIOCESE OF BROOME

**Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service  
NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER  
WORKERS**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist in working with the local Church, in various Aboriginal communities. There is a variety of important voluntary tasks in **administration, building and vehicle maintenance, gardening, hospitality, general cleaning etc.** Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus.

In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and a small weekly allowance.

**For further details, and an application form, please contact:**

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The St Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering “a hand up” to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.



The Vinnies Conference is seeking New Members to help them with this vision. If you would like volunteer for this position and

- are available for 2 hours per week in the mornings
- respect confidentiality
- have empathy
- have some basic computer skills (This can be taught on the job).

or would like to discuss help in some way, please contact Carol Jones, St Mary's Vinnies Conference President on 0417480025 or at S.V.D.P 6372 0715  
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