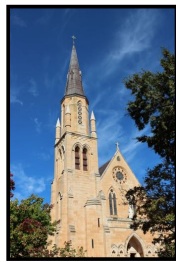


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*

## 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 LENT - YEAR A 26TH FEBRUARY 2023

**First Reading:** [Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7](#)

*Creation of our first parents, and sin.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3](#)

**(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**

My offences truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R.)**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Rom 5:12-19](#)

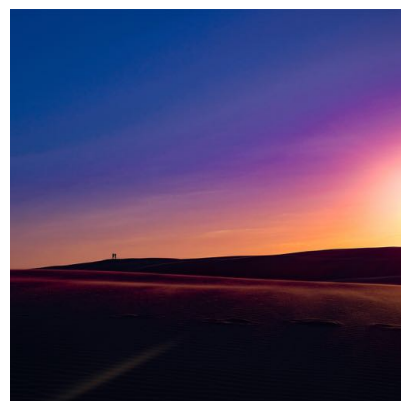
*Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

**Gospel:** [Mt 4:1-11](#)

*Jesus fasted for forty days and  
nights.*



### LENT 2023

The Season of Lent is a journey to the celebration of Easter. Like all journeys, it can have its moments of difficulty and discomfort. We keep going because we hope to arrive at a destination better than the place where we started.

Pope Francis has drawn a comparison between the Lenten journey and the synodal journey that he has called the Church to follow. My own recent Pastoral Letter to you reflecting on the synodal path for our local church was entitled "Are We There Yet?" This was to acknowledge the weariness and the temptation to lose hope that a people on pilgrimage can experience.

We need the gift of patience from God, who is always patient with us, even when we grow impatient with him. We also pray for patience with one another, which St Augustine called the sacrifice of being Christian.

The individual and communal paths of conversion must intertwine during Lent if our journey is to arrive at the destination where God awaits. Let us never forget that we are travelling together; and that every day presents opportunities for simple, practical acts of love and forgiveness that can be our gift to one another.



+Michael McKenna  
Bishop of Bathurst

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Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm

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

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

**OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

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**Baptism**

We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee:

*Kayce Gordon Williams*

&

*Mya Maree Williams*

children of Adam and Emelia and

*Jacques David Preston*

son of Luke and Sandrine

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

**For the recently deceased especially:**

Anna Mengatos, Patricia Scott,

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Gastone Candutti, John Cross (Kandos), John Babbage, Rick Tompsett, Thelma Scott, Mark Dwyer, Esther Boxx, Shirley Mahon, Honora Buffier, Robert Budin, William McGreevy, Adriel Maloney, Jean Croake, Elisa Fajarda, Gloria Windle.

**For the deceased, especially:**

Cherylanne Adamson, Tammy Bull, Mary "Molly" Jenkins.

**Prayers requested for:**

Rebecca Fletcher, Ian Johnson, Anne Mead, Roland Barros, Maria Knezevic, Joe Saliba, Ava Marakovic (Syd), Vikki Treves, John Carney, Debra O'Loughlin, Tony Spina, Eleni Roberts, Dennis Petersen, Tony Harris, Geoffrey Munn, Dianne Brown, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Masses for Special Intentions, Thanksgivings and for all the Holy Souls.

**Lenten Program 2023**

*Triumph*

Short daily reflection and longer-form Sunday reflections, questions and prayer - perfect for Lenten groups and individual devotional reading.

Cost: \$8 per book

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**FAITH**



The group meeting on Sunday evenings at 6pm in the Parish Centre in Mudgee.

**Ministries in our Parish Community**

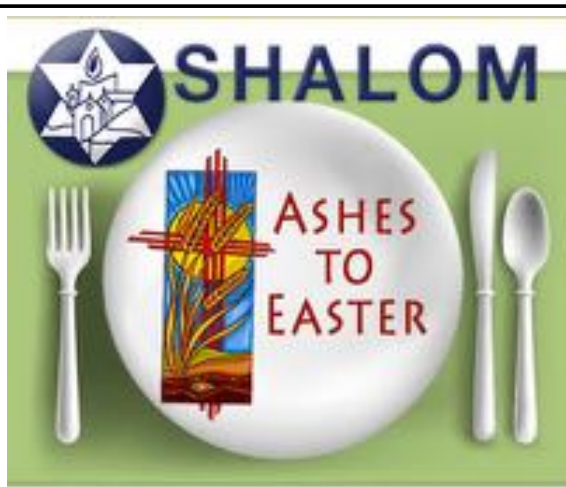
*'There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different people, it is working in all of them.'*

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

Thank you to all who have filled in and returned a Volunteer form or who have contacted the Parish Office or spoken with the Ministry Coordinations in your Parish. We still need more volunteers. If you volunteer last year and would like to continue this year, please fill in a form. 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 Parishes and the Parish Office. Commitment is for one year.

**Ministries include but not limited to:**

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Reader (Lector)
- Musicians
- Altar Servers
- Commentator
- Liturgy Group
- Hospitality
- Sacramental Preparation Team
- Catechists/Helpers
- Pastoral Council
- Offertory - Gift Bearers
- Welcomers
- Bell Ringers
- Church Cleaning



A prayerful sequence of songs and stories on Lenten and Easter themes.

**Sunday 12th March, 11.15am**  
Immaculate Conception Church CARCOAR. Admission: by donation

FOLLOWED BY SHALOM LONG LUNCH  
1PM Shalom Long Lunch. Cost \$55 (3 Courses) Bookings are essential as numbers are limited. For Bookings & Payment Online: go to shalomcarcoar.com

**Minister of the Word**

**Diocesan Pilot Program mid-February 2023**

**There is still time to register...**

The Ministers of the Word program is designed to support the ministry of Lector, a ministry that requires skill and practice so that the word of God is brought to life in the liturgy. This course is an interactive workshop that provides current and aspiring lectors with techniques for effective proclamation.

This interactive online training program is conducted over 4 weeks. Modules 1, 2 and 4 each include a Zoom class with your instructor. The program features a practical training session with your local community leader. A helpful introductory Zoom session assists participants before the program begins.

To register:

[http://www.acu.edu.au/MOW\\_Registration](http://www.acu.edu.au/MOW_Registration)

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**DAY BY DAY**

**MONDAY - 27th February**

12.00 Noon Angelus

**TUESDAY - 28th February**

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.00am The Official Opening of St Matthews Secondary Campus - Invitation Only

12.00 Noon Angelus

1.00pm Diocesan Meeting with Pastoral Council

**WEDNESDAY - 1st March**

10.40am Mass St Matthews Secondary Campus - Year 9

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.15pm Reconciliation

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

**THURSDAY - 2nd March**

9.30am Mass Mudgee- SMCS Kindergarten

10.00am Baptism Preparation - Paris Centre

10.30am Mass - Gulgong - All Hallows Years 3, 5 and 6. All Welcome

12.00 Noon Angelus

**FRIDAY - 3rd March**

10.30am Mass - Opal Nursing Home

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Reconciliation available on request.

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

**SATURDAY - 4th March**

11.00am Baptism

5.15pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY - 5th March**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A**

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong - Communion Service

11.00am Kandos - Mass

**Hospital visitation Anointing/ Home Communion:**

If you know of anyone who is in hospital or at home and would like the Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion, please ring the office. Fr Owen is available, and will happily visit them at home or in hospital.

Please note, reconciliation is available anytime on request

Gulgong Roster			
	27th Feb	5th Mar	12th Mar
Commentator	E. Donnelly	R. Saliba	E. Donnelly
Reader	M. McGregor	M. Golino	M. McGregor
Sacristan	E. Donnelly G. Ausbun	R. Saliba	M & E. Carney
Leader		J. Thatcher	

Mudgee Roster Saturday 4th/ Sunday 5th March 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	C. Furney	A. Myles
First Reader	D. Cunningham	M. Dunnachie
Second Reader	L. Nicholson	M. Matthews
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	G. Brymora	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Music	Rue & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	K. Isbester	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	Williams Family	HELP NEEDED
Counter	Mon 27th Feb	L. Nicholson

Mudgee Roster Saturday 11th/ Sunday 12th March 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Parry	S. Abbey
First Reader	C. Furney	L. Croake
Second Reader	G. Brymora	O. O'Brien
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	D. Cunningham	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Music	Rue & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	Mrs. S. Walker	S. Walker
Offertory	K. Isbester	HELP NEEDED
Counter	Mon 6th Mar	R. Croake

**IMPORTANT...**

We need more people to take on ministries in our Parish. Please complete a Ministry Volunteer Form and return ASAP.

**GULGONG NEWS**

The Gulgong Catholic Women's Group wish to advise their Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th March, at 2pm, in the Convent.

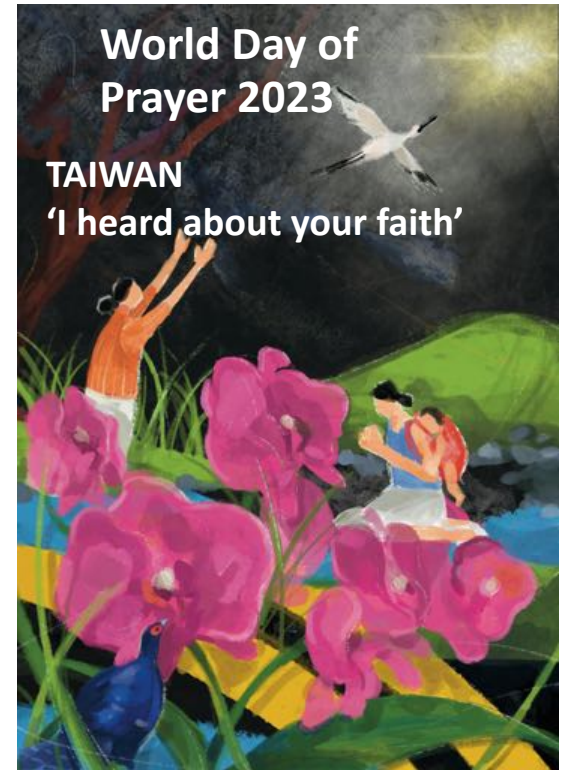
**MUDGE NEWS**

**REMINDER**

As it is now the hottest part of the year, many people are opening the windows in the church to allow a breeze to come in. We would like to remind everyone to be gentle when opening the windows. We have found many of the wire screens that protect the Stained Glass windows on the outside of the church have been broken due to the windows being open to far.

**CLAIM THE DATE**

**Secondary Campus Open Day**  
Sunday, 12th March 2023  
between 10.30am and 2.30pm.  
All welcome.



The World Day of Prayer 2023 will be celebrated at the Uniting Church on **Friday, 3rd March 2023 at 7pm.**

**Pope's Intentions for February...**

**For Parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**Reading for Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent - YEAR A**

**Gen 12:1-4**

**Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22**

**2 Tim 1:8-10**

**Mt 17:1-9**

### St Matthews New House Patrons

Following on from last weeks bulletin, below is more information about the New House Patrons for St Matthews Catholic School.

Following the 2021 school review, there was a recommendation that St Matthews rename the house Patrons in honour individuals who reflect our Catholic Identity. In consultation with students, staff, parents and the Priests of the Parish, a selection criteria was established.

**MacKillop House** - In honour of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1842 - 1909) - Australia

Mary MacKillop, along with Fr Julian Tenison Woods, founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in 1866. She dedicated her life to doing God's work including opening schools, orphanages, and shelters for women. MacKillop embodies St Matthews Way particularly through her compassionate service of others, and her courageous willingness to endure hardships and adversity. As Australia's first saint, she is a shining example of a call to holiness.

*"Never see a need without doing something about it"* - St Mary MacKillop

**O'Connor House** - In honour of the Servant of God Eileen O'Connor (1892-1921) - Australia

Eileen O'Connor founded Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor at the age of 21 to provide care for the sick and disabled in their own homes. At that time there was no government support for such a service. The fact that Eileen developed this service whilst suffering a lifetime of crippling pain is highly inspiring.

She demonstrated incredible courage in the face of immense trials both physically and socially. Eileen earned the affectionate nickname, The Little Mother.

*"The cause of a person's poverty is not yours to question. The fact the person is poor is the reason you help"* - Eileen O'Connor

**Ozanam House** - In honour of Blessed Frederic Ozanam (1813-1853) - France

Frederic Ozanam began the Society of St Vincent de Paul as a response to the challenge: "What do you do besides talk to prove the faith you claim is in you?" Like St Matthew, Ozanam was called to do more and lived a life of compassion and service to the poor of France. He founded Vinnies on his 20th birthday and demonstrates the ability of young people to see the needs of their world and respond in new and meaningful ways. Furthermore, his fine career as a professor of law and journalist exemplifies the importance of striving for excellence in all facets of life.

*"In my life I want to become better and do a little good"* - Blessed Frederic Ozanam

**Romero House** - In honour of St Oscar Romero (1917-1980) - El Salvador

Like St Matthew, who turned from tax collecting to the message of the Gospel, Oscar Romero had a radical transformation to a prophetic voice challenging the social injustices of his time. His opposition to the military dictatorship of El Salvador and advocacy of the voiceless is the embodiment of courage. Despite his assassination, Romero's witness of the Gospel and ongoing legacy is a living example of the school's motto "Truth and Excellence Will Prevail."

*"Aspire not to have more, but to be more"* - St Oscar Romero

**Congratulations** to our St Matthew's School Community on the opening and blessing of the New Campus by Bishop Michael this coming Tuesday. The New school has been fully funded by the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst on land purchased by St Mary's Parish Mudgee. May it be a place of excellence in the spiritual, academic and human development of young woman and man of the future.



### Project Compassion

Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line.

Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.



With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

### Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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 [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



**Come and join us for a night of fun  
as we celebrate  
St Patrick's Day**



**Friday, 17th March, 6.30pm  
St Mary's Parish Centre  
2 course dinner**

**\$10pp - Pre pay at the Parish Office.  
Children free.**

**BYO refreshments**

**RSVP - Monday 13th March.**

**Please place your name on the clipboard at the back  
of the church**

**or leave your name at the Parish Office.**

