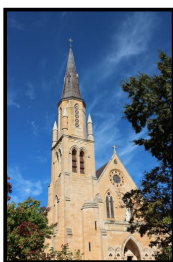


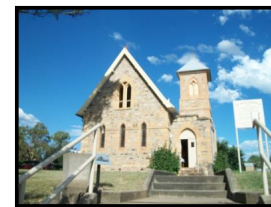
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - YEAR A 6TH AUGUST 2023 VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK



Reflection

by Greg Sunter

First Reading: [Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14](#)

His raiment was as white as snow.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.](#)

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.

Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**

The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.

The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [2 Peter 1:16-19](#)

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:
listen to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 17:1-9](#)

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them – suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. Moses was the great Law-giver of Jewish tradition and Elijah the great prophet. Together, they represent the Law and the Prophets – the combined wisdom that make up the tradition of Jewish teaching and Jewish scripture. It is the Law and the Prophets that Jesus' life and ministry brings to fulfilment. It is fitting that Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus, as the three figures combined represent the fullness of Jewish tradition – the Law of Moses; the challenge and promise of the Prophets; and the compassion of Jesus that completes the other two.

Sadly, the disciples don't really get the point of what they see before them. Peter, caught up in the moment, wants to build tents on the spot to mark the moment and to continue to dwell in the moment. Jesus, however, leads them back down the mountain – back into the valley; back into the reality of life; back into the tragedy that he knows lies before them. No matter how powerful a religious experience may be, Jesus shows us that we always have to return to real life. It is not possible to remain on the 'mountaintop' as Peter would have liked to do; we have to take the experience back into the everyday of our lives.

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GULGONG ROSTER		
	13 August	20 August
Commentator	P. Leotta	E. Donnelly
Reader	C. Leotta	J. Ritar
Sacristan	M & E Carney	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn
Leader		R. Saliba

MUDGEES ROSTER		
Saturday 12th/ Sunday 13th August 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	A. McLean
First Reader	I. Byrnes	J. O'Brien
Second Reader	G. Brymora	F. McConville
EMOC	L. Nicholson	P. O'Brien
Altar Server	Layla W	Patrick C
Music		
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	FHC	FHC
Counter	Mon 7th Aug	M. Walker

Saturday 19th/ Sunday 20th August 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	A. Myles
First Reader	D. Cunningham	E. de Vires
Second Reader	D. Cunningham	P. Tracy
EMOC	G. Brymora	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	William's Family	Jonathon P Lincoln C
Music		
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	S. Walker
Offertory	FHC	FHC
Counter	Mon 14th Aug	L. Nicholson

Pope's Intentions for July...
For World Youth Day
 We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 7/08	Week 18 of Ordinary Time
	Office opens at 10am
12 Noon	Angelus
Tues, 8/08	St Mary of the Cross, virgin, Solemnity
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 Noon	Angelus
Wed, 9/08	Week 18 of Ordinary Time
10.40am	Assembly - St Mathews Secondary School
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 10/08	St Lawrence, deacon, martyr, Feast
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yrs 2 & 4
12 Noon	Angelus
Fri, 11/08	St Clare, virgin - Memorial
10.30am	Mass - Whiddon Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 12/08	Week 18 of Ordinary Time
11.00am	Baptism
4.15pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 13/08	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong First Holy Communion
11.00am	Communion Service - Kandos

Baptism

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish community:

Kayleigh Joy Bartrim

daughter of Bradley & Chloe



Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Maggie Swientek, Janice Moloney, Jimmy Freeman, Fr Laurie Beath

We remember the anniversaries of

Judith Watson, Garry Gibbins, Peiter Paauwe, Ornella Bin, Stanislaw Rozenblatt, Nita Cox, Benjamin Roberts, Dragica Pelin, Doris Carroll, Charles Xuereb, Enid Devoy, William McRae, Craig Lynch, Reginald Barrett, Colleen Condon, Terence Balston, Mervyn Bryant, Raymond Rayner, Brian Curry, Marie McGrath, Edna Power, Isabel Treasure, Evelyn Bull, Mervyn Costello, Fredrick Ballard, Grace Wheeler, Brian Patterson, Dorell Toth, Catherine Neely, Robert English, Mona Patman, Joseph Woods, Helen Corwley, Desmond Fleming, Patricia Goldspink, Lorna Wakeling, Sarah Lett, James Glynn, Gerald Doherty.

For the deceased, especially:

Michael Azar, Peter Lynch, Dorothy Osmond

Prayers requested for the sick:

Tracy Donnelly, Maureen Turner, Elizabeth Donnelly, Iris McBeath, Graham Hawkins, Lynne Daly, John & Nola Clark, Frances Saliba, Ruth Hyde, Tony Spina, Tony Harris, Joe Saliba, Jackie Cummins, Charles Micallef, Ian Johnson, Roland Barros, Vikki Treves, Dennis Petersen, Dianne Brown, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Eleni Roberts, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

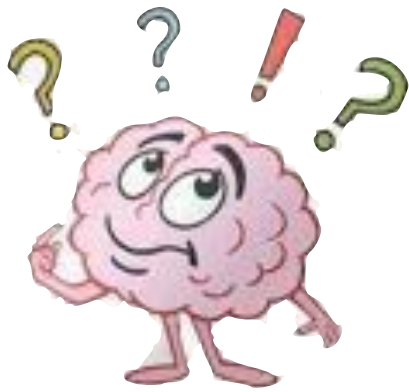
Masses for Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving and For All the Holy Souls.

Save the Date

Friday 15th September.

St Mary's Parish
Fun Trivia Night for All.

More information will follow early August.



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The group meets on
Sunday evenings at 5pm
in the Parish Centre,
Mudgee.

Diocese of Bathurst World Youth Pilgrims Update.



Our Pilgrims continue their pilgrimage, with the World Youth Day opening Mass on Tuesday, 1st August in Lisbon.

You can follow the pilgrims via the Diocese of Bathurst website <https://bathurst.catholic.org.au/w/> or on the Rise Bathurst Youth facebook page.

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Brigidine Sisters 140th Anniversary



You are invited

to Celebrate the 140th Anniversary

of the arrival of the Brigidine Sisters in Coonamble, NSW in June 1883

Thursday 14 September 2023

**10:00am Blessing of the Story Boards,
at St Brigid's Primary School followed by Morning Tea**

11:00am Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

12:30pm Lunch at the Bowling Club

3:00pm Remembrance Ritual at the Cemetery

RSVP by 4th September and advise which event/s you will be attending

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Reading for Next Sunday: **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A**

1 Kings 19:9-11-13

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST 2023**

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Mary is taken up to heaven,
and the angels of God shout for joy.
Alleluia!*

Mass Times

9.20am St Matthews Primary Hall - Lewis St
All Welcome

10.40am St Matthews Secondary School

12.30pm St John the Baptist Gulgong
All Hallows Catholic School
All Welcome

5.45pm St Mary's Mudgee
Followed by Cheese platter and drinks in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 16th August

11.00am St Dominic's Kandos
Join us for a Cuppa afterwards.

Save the Date

100th Anniversary of the opening of
St Vincent's Hospital, Bathurst.
Saturday 9 September 2023.

Mass in the Cathedral at 10.00am, followed by Morning Tea
in the Cathedral Parish Centre.

Journey to First Eucharist

The Parts of the Mass

There are two major parts in the rite of Mass, The Liturgy of the Word, which leads to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Before the Liturgy of the Word, there are the Introductory Rites. After the Liturgy of the Eucharist, there is the Concluding Rites.

Liturgy of the Word

During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the bread and wine is offered at the altar. The priest consecrates them, which is when he says that they are the body (bread) and blood (wine) of Jesus. According to the teachings of the Catholic Church, this turns them into the actual blood and body of Christ (transubstantiation) even though they still look, smell, and taste like bread and wine.

After this, the Lord's Prayer is said. Next, people in the congregation do a sign of peace (usually a nod or handshake while saying "peace" or "peace be with you") with one another to show that they are now one family in Christ. The bread and wine are then eaten in a process called Communion. Only baptised Catholics who are sorry for their sins are allowed to take part in Communion. After Communion, there is a prayer to give thanks to God.

Action:

- Did you know, at St Mary's, we ring bells during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. When the bells ring, listen and watch what Fr Owen is doing. What do you think is happen at that moment?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are here with us now in our family gathering.

We give thanks to you and ask you to bless our time together and the meal we are about to share.

Amen



Have you thought? Transfigured / Transformed

Jesus' transfiguration was a physical transformation that was able to be witnessed by his disciples. In our lives we have many transforming moments but they are rarely as physically obvious to others as Jesus' transfiguration. Sometimes we fail to recognise a transformative event until well after the fact – sometimes years later. It might be nice if our clothes began to shine white whenever something significant and transformative was happening to us! It might help us to pay attention to the important and life-changing moments of our lives instead of letting them slip by!

Living the Gospel – Down from the mountain

Sometimes we experience powerful moments of connection with God or with other people. Sometimes this might be through a special experience of nature; a meaningful retreat experience; a powerful sense of being 'in tune' with another person; a reflective prayer experience; or some other significant experience. The temptation when we have these experiences is to wish that we could remain in the experience. The challenge, however, is to take that experience back into the everyday of our lives – changed by it without remaining in it.