

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023 SEASON OF CREATION FATHER'S DAY

First Reading: [Jeremiah 20:7-9](#)

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v.2](#)

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Romans 12:1-2](#)

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the
eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the
hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 16:21-27](#)

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction. After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

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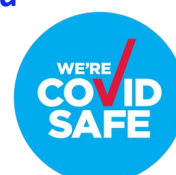
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GULGONG ROSTER		
	10 September	17 September
Commentator	P. Leotta	C. Gaudry
Reader	K. Ritar	M. Golino
Sacristan	M & E Carney	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn
Leader		S. Parnell

MUDGEES ROSTER

Saturday 9th/ Sunday 10th September 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	C. Furney	A. Myles
First Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
Second Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
EMOC	St Matthews	St Matthews
Altar Server	Layla W	Freeman Family
Music	Rachel	Jerry & Marianne
Welcomer	St Matthews	St Matthews
Offertory	St Matthews	St Matthews
Counter	Mon 4th Sept	P. O'Brien

Saturday 16th/ Sunday 17th September 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	A. McLean	L. Croake
First Reader	I. Bryne	M. Cassidy
Second Reader	I. Bryne	F. McConville
EMOC	G. Hennessy	R. Croake
Altar Server	Williams Family	H. Lewis
Music	Rue & Barry	Jerry
Welcomer	Mrs S. Walker	Mr S. Walker
Offertory	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie
Counter	Mon 11th	M. Walker

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 04/09	Week 22 of Ordinary Time
	Office opens at 10am
11.00am	Funeral - Hill End - Bob Fraser
12 Noon	Angelus
Tues, 05/09	Week 22 of Ordinary Time
9.30am	Communion Service - Mudgee
12 Noon	Angelus
Wed, 06/09	Week 22 of Ordinary Time
10.40am	Mass - St Matthews Secondary School Assembly
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 07/09	Week 22 of Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Kinder and Yr 6
12 Noon	Angelus
Fri, 08/09	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
10.30am	Mass - Whiddon Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
6.00pm	Ordination - Cong Van Hoang and Duong Van Ha will be ordained as Deacons in Bathurst Cathedral.
Sat, 09/09	Week 22 of Ordinary Time
4.15pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 10/09	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Communion Service - Kandos

Word

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FAITH



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

KANDOS NEWS

SVDP will keep a basket at the entrance to both churches, for donations of non perishable food. This will help families with children. For further information see Carol.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Bob Fraser, Gregory Adcock (Syd)
We remember the anniversaries of Mary Carragher, Patricia Morrall, John Tomlinson, Catherine Powles, Mary Robinson, Thomas Tomkins, Kevin Murphy, Cecil Evans, Marea Cox, Philomena Loneragan, John Crowen, Veronia Clarke, John Maloney, Thora Rusten, Cecil Phillips, John Byrnes, Robert Hough, Newton Daniel, Patricia Crowe, Joseph Dolanski, Robert Prowse, Hilda Mealy, Thomas Parkinson, John Mini, Anthony Innes, Joan Paine, Jamal Khoury, Grace Mountford.

For the deceased, especially:

Burt Dalmay, Alan Isbester, Marcia Gleeson, Marie Attrill, Christopher Kinsela, Simon Bennett, Marcia Chapman, Maggie Swientek.

Prayers requested for the sick:

Margaret Doble, 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.

Pope's Intentions for August...

For People Living on the Margins
 We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Year 12 Prayer Partner Mass and Morning.

The last Mass and Morning tea for Year 12 and their Prayer Partner will be on Wednesday 13th September at 10.30am in St Mary's Church, followed by a morning tea. Please bring a plate to share.

Planned Giving.

Just reminder that if you are direct depositing your Planned Giving into one of the Parish accounts, please put into the reference field **PG** followed by **YOUR NAME**. PG will tell us that it is for Planned Giving and your name will let us know who made the deposit. In the last couple of weeks, we have had a couple of deposits put into the Parish accounts with some missing details.

Anniversary of Ordination

Congratulations to Fr Owen, who was Ordained a Priest 42 years ago on 29th August. May God continue to bless Fr Owen in his vocation.

VINNIES GULGONG NEEDS YOU!

We urgently need volunteers to keep our doors open. Give back to your local community, make friends, and gain new skills as a Vinnies volunteer.

All funds raised at Vinnies Gulgong go straight back into local programs and services.

No prior experience needed, there is a role for anyone and everyone!

Register your interest here, or visit the shop on our Open Day 5th September between 10am and 1pm: ring and chat to Karen: 0490 709 391

SAVE THE DATE

**ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
GULGONG**

1883 - 2023

**CELEBRATING 140 YEARS OF
CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Friday 20th October 2023

- School Celebration Day
- P & F Grand Bazaar Market Night

Saturday 21st October 2023

- 140 Years Celebration Dinner @ Gulgong RSL Club

Sunday 22nd October 2023

- Mass @ 10.30am followed by BBQ Lunch at School

**Season of Creation
1st September - 4th October**

Let Justice and Peace Flow

The Prophet Amos cries out: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

Reflection:

Are we responding in a way that is listening to the cry of the earth? Are we considering how our choices will impact the earth and its precious resources?

Creator God,
You fill the earth with life,
Lead us to live in harmony with the
earth you have created.
May we respect all life from the
smallest of plants to the tallest of trees,
the vastness of the oceans to the majesty of mountains
and the tiniest insects to the wildest beasts.
We ask this in your name. Amen

Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', #92

Cong and Duong to be ordained deacons

Bishop Michael McKenna will ordain Cong Van Hoang and Duong Van Ha as deacons on Friday 8th September 2023, the Feast of the Nativity of Mary.

The ordinations will take place during 6.00pm Mass in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst. Light refreshments will be available after Mass in the Mother Ignatius Croke Hall, in the Cathedral Precinct and everyone is welcome.

Cong and Duong will complete their final year studies at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Homebush following ordination. Please keep both these men in your prayers as they continue their formation and journey towards ordination to the priesthood.



Reading for Next Sunday: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A
Ezekiel 33:7-9 Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

Father's Day Appeal - 2nd & 3rd September

The annual Fathers' Day Appeal will take place at Masses across the Diocese this weekend.

Although a priest may retire from administrative duties and from the demands of full-time parish work, he continues the lifelong priestly ministry to which he dedicated himself at ordination.

The Priests Retirement Fund provides financial support to care for the retired and sick priests of our Diocese. That includes things like convalescent care, nursing home and hostel care when required, assistance in transitioning to retirement, health insurance, medical and dental expenses and assistance with board and lodging.

Most of our Diocesan priests work well into their 70s, 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 continue to serve the community in ways like celebrating weekend Masses in parishes, stepping in while priests are on leave and assisting as chaplains in aged care facilities.

The annual Fathers' Day Appeal is an opportunity for us to give a little back. Please consider generously supporting these men who have so generously supported the people of the Diocese of Bathurst over many years.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate the children who will be making they First Holy Communion this week.

Saturday, 2nd September

- Ada Kelly
- Jack Marskell
- Patrick Sullivan
- Layla Davison
- Georgia Patten
- Tille Kaida
- Maddie Lancashire
- William Pirie
- Isabelle Diprose
- Layla Burns
- Hunter French
- Max Williams



Sunday, 3rd September

- Lawson Freebody
- Ryan Goodlet
- Emeila Gilbert
- Lawson Claypole
- Archibald Callander
- Heather Hay

Wednesday, 6th September

- Arthur Keightley

Father's Day Blessing

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 granddads;
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.

Amen



St Mary's Parish Community
Invite you to our...

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 15th September 2023

6.30PM

St Matthew's School Gymnasium Lewis Street

Cost \$5 per person

BYO Picnic Basket & BYO Drinks

Individual bookings or group bookings

Bookings via

Facebook page- St Mary of the Presentation

website - www.catholic.org.au

at Parish Office – during office hours

scan the QR code below.

When booking:

Advise Table Name and number of people on table

Total payment for tables required

Water, Tea & Coffee provided

Under 18's must be accompanied

and supervised by an adult

Bookings close 12MN Sunday 10th September 2023

