

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023 SEASON OF CREATION WORLD REFUGEES AND MIGRATION SUNDAY



First Reading: [Isaiah 55:6-9](#)

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R. v.18](#)

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Philippians 1:20-24, 27](#)

For me to live is Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 20:1-16](#)

Why are you jealous because I am generous?



In this year's World Day for Migrants and Refugees Message, Pope Francis focuses on the theme, "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay."

In the message he points out that for a healthy society there should always be "the freedom that should always mark the decision to leave one's native land."

Migration movements throughout the world continue unabated. The Pope insists that we should always be "ensuring that that freedom is a widely shared pastoral concern."

We don't often reflect on this given our current understanding of refugees, but the Pope reminds us, once again, that there are Biblical examples of refugees. We think first of all of the experiences of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Pope notes, "The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt was not the result of a free decision." He then insists that, "The decision to migrate should always be free, yet in many cases, even in our day, it is not." He reminds us of St John Paul II who stated that there should be a real commitment "to safeguarding first of all the right not to emigrate, that is, the right to live in peace and dignity in one's own country."

Archbishop Anthony Prowse

For more information, go to our website:
www.mudgee.catholic.org.au



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MIGRANT & REFUGEE OFFICE



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GULGONG ROSTER		
	1 October	8 October
Commentator	D. Kelly	E. Donnelly
Reader	C. Gaudry	C. Leotta
Sacristan	R. Saliba	R. Saliba
Leader	J. Thatcher	

MUDGEES ROSTER

Saturday 30th September/ Sunday 1st October 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	A. McLean
First Reader	C. Furney	P. Tracy
Second Reader	C. Furney	M. Dunnachie
EMOC	L. Nicholson	A. Mort
Altar Server	Steph R	Patrick C Lincoln C
Music	Rue & Barry	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	M. Gilbert
Offertory	K. Isbester	A. White
Counter	Mon 25th	L. Nicholson

Saturday 7th/ Sunday 8th October 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	C. Furney	M. McLean
First Reader	L. Nicholson	L. Croake
Second Reader	L. Nicholson	O. O'Brien
EMOC	G. Brymora	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	Layla W	Freemans
Music	Rachel	Jerry & Marianne
Welcomer	K. Isbester	S. Walker
Offertory	C. Carberry	M. Gilbert
Counter	3rd Oct	P. O'Brien

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 25/09	Week 25 of Ordinary Time
	Office opens at 10am
12 Noon	Angelus
Tues, 26/09	Week 25 of Ordinary Time
	Parish Office Closed from 1pm
12 Noon	Angelus
5.45pm	Mass with Bishop Michael for the Parish Secretaries Seminar
Wed, 27/09	St Vincent de Paul, priest - Memorial
	Parish Office Closed.
12 Noon	Angelus
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 28/09	Week 25 of Ordinary Time
	Parish Office Closed until 2pm
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 Noon	Angelus
Fri, 29/09	Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels - Feast
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Prayers for Synod
12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 30/09	St Jerome, priest, doctor - Memorial
9.00am	Craft Sale in Parish Centre
2.00pm	Wedding
4.30pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 01/10	TWENTY-SIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME BLESSING FOR MARRIED COUPLES
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Communion Service - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass - Kandos

Pope's Intentions for September 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.

IMPORTANT NEWS

Due to a Parish Secretaries Conference, the Parish Office will be closed from 1pm on Tuesday 26th to 2pm Thursday 28th.

Fr Owen will be on annual leave as of the 1st October, for one month. We will have two visiting Priest over this time. Fr Greg Cooney SSP will be here from 1st to 23rd October and Fr Steven Sinn SJ. will be here from 25th to 30th.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Dean Endacott, Gwen McDonald, Beatrice Casey, Barry Sheehan, Judith Keightley, Darrell Gorrie,

We remember the anniversaries of:

Reg Ellery, Robby de Vries, Ivan Baker, Ronald Hartley, James Lynch, Thomas Fitch, Deirdre Cover, Billy Holland, Sheila Croake, Merlene Crouch, Caitlin Marchant, Shirley Willing, Marilyn Travess, Ellen Maloney, Janice Williamson, Muriel Morley, Annie Grooms, Edward Lynch, Shayree Power, Gordon Fuller.

For the deceased, especially:

Brian Hanigan, Lance Reimers, Warwick Lee, Christopher Kinsela, Bob Fraser, Gregory Adcock, Marcia Gleeson, Marie Attrill, Simon Bennett, Marcia Chapman, Maggie Swientek, Matthew Prowse.

Prayers requested for the sick:

Margaret Doble, Tracy Donnelly, Maureen Turner, Elizabeth Donnelly, Iris McBeath, Graham Hawkins, Lynne Daly, Carmel Thompson, Joe Saliba, Tony Spina, Tony Harris, Dennis Petersen, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Frances Saliba, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

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

Reminder...

Day light saving starts on Sunday 1st October. Turn you clocks forward one hour. Saturday Mass will move to 6pm on the 7th October.



Bishop Michael will be celebrating Mass on Tuesday 26th September at 5.45pm in St Marys Church as part of the Diocesan Secretaries Seminar.

This is a wonderful opportunity to say 'Hello' to Bishop Michael.

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate Mass with our Bishop and the Parish Secretaries from across our Diocese that keep our Parishes running.



Please note, no 9.30am Mass on Tuesday.

We are invited to join the universal church as we prayer for the opening of the Synod of Bishops in Rome, where the concerns of the universal church that have been gathered over the last three years will be discussed and reflected on by laity and bishops. Please join us as we offer our holy hour on Friday 29th September for the success of the Synod.

SHALOM HOUSE OF PRAYER

Exploring our spiritual journey with the Enneagram

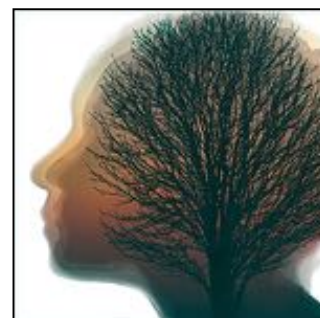
"The Enneagram is a serious spiritual tool, a pathway to release us from over-identification, to the gift of Presence and a possible way of becoming fully human."

This retreat offers a greater insight about your own unconscious habits, and those closest to you. It also offers the opportunity for you to see how divinity lives within all of us.

TIME: Friday 13 October, 6.00pm - Sunday 15 October, 3.30pm

LOCATION: 7-11 Collins Street, Carcoar

COST: \$395 (\$147.50/per day and includes all meals, facilitator fees and accommodation)



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



140 YEARS OF ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We would love to know the story of your All Hallows connection, with any interesting facts and memories you can recall.

Name _____

I was a **student / parent / staff** (circle) from _____ (years at All Hallows)

People I recall being here at the time

Thoughts on my time at All Hallows

Description of the school at the time (buildings, play equipment, canteen..)

What did I learn from my All Hallows time that has stayed with me?

What does All Hallows mean to you?

Thankyou.

Please return your answers to our front office OR via email (k.statham@bth.catholic.edu.au).

You will become one of the, '140 stories for 140 years of All Hallows' .

From the Mudgee Parish Council

'Our goal is to make Jesus present in our local community.'
The following was discussed from the meeting, Thursday 21st September:

- A Men's gathering with a guest speaker
- Youth focus group follow up
- Promotion of the Parish Council
- Altar Serving Ministry
- Articles for the next Catholic Observer
- Reports from various Parish Groups
- Multi-cultural end of year gathering
- Service on the Sound System.



You can read a more detailed report on the Parish website.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 26th October

Baptism

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish community:



Bowie Charles Harris

daughter of Amy & Hilary

Reading for Next Sunday: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

YOUTH -by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

God's Word

Playing Fair (By God's Rules)

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Our generous God'.

Isaiah knows that God's way of doing things is so different from ours that it is hard to understand sometimes. People try to attach human rules to God's actions, and they just do not match. God cannot be confined to certain places. God is found in many surprising places and people. Seek God in your life now. Do not waste a minute.

The psalmist assures the readers that God is nearby, not somewhere distant in the heavens. If called upon, God is there in a flash. This praise psalm blesses the name of God for mercy and kindness, but most of all for answering prayers in times of need. This limitless love of God links the first reading and psalm to the Gospel.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul is torn. He knows his jail term may end in death, and he longs to be with Christ again. Paul does not fear death as others do, for the disciple looks forward to a closer relationship with God. Yet, Paul knows that the Christian community needs him. There is so much more he wants to teach them and share with them. Paul reminds the people of Philippi to live their life in a way that brings honour to the message he taught them about Jesus Christ. We should do the same.

In the Gospel reading, as with many of Jesus' parables, the parable of the workers in the vineyard begins with a common experience and ends with a twist. We might say that Jesus is an unusual businessman. His boss in the parable not only pays a full day's wage for only a part day's work, but he does it publicly so all know about it. Some workers are upset because they think they should get more. They forget that the owner was generous for hiring them in the first place. Jesus' parable teaches that God reaches out to all people, even to those who take a long time to come around to God's message. God never gives up on us but returns again and again in our life to extend an invitation to the Kingdom.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

On a first reading of this gospel story, the reader is probably struck by the unfairness of the situation. The landowner has employed day labourers at different times throughout the day to work in his vineyard. However, come the end of the day, the landowner pays all the day labourers the same amount. Not surprisingly, the labourers employed at daybreak to work the whole day are upset that those who have only worked the last hour of the day are paid the same amount. The landowner reminds them that he is paying



them what they agreed at the start of the day, and yet the reader is left uncomfortable about the whole arrangement.

Of course, this is the purpose of Jesus' story! The key to the story is in the introduction. Most of the kingdom parables told by Jesus begin with a formulaic statement, 'The kingdom is like ...' and this one is no different. What follows is almost always a description of an everyday event that is turned on its head. In all of the kingdom parables recorded in the gospels, Jesus describes a world order in which people respond in unexpected and sometimes confusing ways. His message is that the kingdom, or reign, of God turns expectations upside down. In the kingdom, people who are treated badly in this world are held in great esteem; the balance of power is turned upside down; and the usual order of things is challenged. The landowner's final comment in the parable, 'the last will be first, and the first, last', is a perfect example of the challenging nature of Jesus' kingdom parables. In the kingdom, those who hold themselves to be first in this world will be brought down, and those who are treated as least in this world will be exalted.

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**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 leads to a simpler lifestyle? Are we considering ways in which we can use less resources and energy systems as we go about our daily life?

We all know that it is not possible to sustain the present level of consumption in developed countries and wealthier sectors of society, where the habit of wasting and discarding has reached unprecedented levels.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si, #18

Word & Faith

Come join the Word and Faith Group every Sunday from 5 pm to 6 pm in the Parish centre, where we delve into the Sunday scripture readings with great care.

Discover the meaning behind technical words, explore reflections, and uncover historical backgrounds to deepen your understanding of God's word.

All are welcome to join and learn together!

