



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.



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 5TH NOVEMBER 2023

First Reading: [Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10](#)

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 130](#)

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **(R.)**

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **(R.)**

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13](#)

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 23:1-12](#)

They do not practise what they preach.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Since Vatican II the responsibilities of leadership have been spread throughout the community. This has not happened simply because there are fewer priests and religious. It has occurred primarily because the Council itself insisted that by virtue of their baptism all Christians are called to discipleship, which includes active participation in the mission of the church. While those who are ordained continue in specialised forms of leadership, other people have stepped forward to assume their newly recognised responsibilities. Sometimes they have more influence in the church than do the ordained.

We derive the connection between pharisaical and hypocritical from Jesus' description of the Pharisees found in today's reading. His condemnation, along with the condemnation of the priests in the first reading, should be a warning to all who in any way exercise leadership. We must always be on our guard lest the trappings of leadership ensnare us and we fail in our responsibilities toward God and the community we serve.

There is a mode of leadership that reflects the very meaning of authority. This way of leadership authors life. It is characterised by the striking image of a nursing mother who both gives and sustains life. Those who exercise leadership in this way create a community where life is fostered, not stifled, where talents serve all of the members, and the talents of all of the members are invited to serve. Such a community not only nurtures its members, it is itself the author of life in the world.

Please take the bulletin with you.

Put it on your fridge or share it with someone who wasn't able to celebrate the Mass with us this weekend.

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GULGONG ROSTER		
	12th November	19th November
Commentator	E. Donnelly	R. Saliba
Reader	M. Golino	M. McGregor
Sacristan	R. Saliba	M.&E. Carney
Leader		J. Thatcher

MUDGEES ROSTER
Saturday 11th/Sunday 12th November 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	A. McLean
First Reader	C. Furney	W. Bodycote
Second Reader	C. Furney	M. Bodycote
EMOC	I. Byrne	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server	Layla W	Lincoln C
Music	Rue & Barry	Jerry & Marianne
Welcomer	K. Isbester	Mr S. Walker
Offertory	D. Bennett	M. Gilbert
Counter	6th Nov	P. O'Brien

Saturday 18th/Sunday 19th November 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. Matthews
First Reader	L. Nicholson	L. Croake
Second Reader	L. Nicholson	O. O'Brien
EMOC	C. Furney	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	Michael W	Haddie L
Music	Rachel	Jerry
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Gilbert
Offertory	K. Isbester	A. White
Counter	13th Nov	M. Walker

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023
November
For the Pope...

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 06/11	Week 31 of Ordinary Time
	Parish Office will be open at 10am.
12 Noon	Angelus
1.00pm	Funeral - St Mary's Ray Baskerville
Tues, 07/11	Week 31 of Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 Noon	Funeral - St Dominic's Kandos Joyce Doble
12 Noon	Angelus
Wed, 8/11	Week 31 of Ordinary Time
10.40am	Mass - SMCS Year 9 Secondary Campus
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation - Mudgee
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 9/11	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr 2
12 Noon	Angelus
Fri, 10/11	Week 31 of Ordinary Time
10.30am	Mass - Whiddon Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 11/11	St Martin of Tours, Bishop - Memorial
11.00am	Baptism
5.30pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 5/11	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Communion Service - Kandos
6.00pm	Word & Faith Group - Parish Centre

GULGONG NEWS

CLAIM THE DATE:

Tuesday 7th November

The Gulgong Catholic Women's Group will hold a Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

Where: Margaret and Col Evans' house.

Please bring a plate to share and BYO drinks. For more information, please speak to Margaret Evans or June Ritar.



Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially: Joyce Doble, Pat Cox, John Fergus, Ray Baskerville.

We remember the anniversaries of: Giuseppe Spina, Maria Leotta, Edward Eales, Marie Paine, Nolene Lennox, Patrick Organ, Cecily Rayner, Marie Loy, Norman Dent, Mary Hyland, Arthur Brackenrig, Raymond Ellis, Hilton Morhan, James Cluff, Brian McMurtrie, Patricia Donnelly, Emily Warren, Keeghan Munn, Helen Ryan, Francis Wolfe, Anna Swientek.

For the deceased, especially: Gary Hill, Darryl Gorrie, Dean Endacott, Elias & Therese Sadaka, Warren Hawkins, Sue Loneragan, Maggie Swientek.

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

Prayers requested for the sick: Maureen Hutchinson, Eleni Roberts, Tomislav Marakovic (Sydney), Josephine Debattista, Margaret Doble, Tracy Donnelly, Maureen Turner, Elizabeth Donnelly, Iris McBeath, Graham Hawkins, Lynne Daly, Carmel Thompson, Joe Saliba, Tony Spina, Dennis Petersen, Tony Harris, Rodrigo Jaboneta, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Baptism

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish community:

Eve Bettina Flynn

daughter of Matthew and Edwina
and in to our Kandos Parish community



Remi Joyce Turner

daughter of Luke and Elizabeth

We would like to thank you again for your generosity, whether it be a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your action will make a real, lasting impact.



Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

The Grace of Grief

The companioning model

Grief can impact pre-existing or underlying mental health conditions and past traumas, making the grief experience more prolonged in intensity and more complicated. Only a small percentage of people will go on to need professional or expert help in their grief and it's important that this is recognised and that they get help they need.

For most, all that is needed is to be with someone who will listen and be alongside them, in whatever they are experiencing, no matter how long it takes... a companion in our grief. Someone who will walk alongside us in our grief.

"The companioning model does not seek to treat or cure, but rather bear witness, learn and accompany. Grievers are the experts of their own experience, Companions offer a safe space, an open heart, affirmation and hope".

Dr Alan Wolfelt Ph.D., C.T.

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**2023 Mudgee Churches Association
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH
12 MIDDAY CHRISTMAS DAY
AT ST JOHNS ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL MUDGEE**



6 Church St, Mudgee

All Welcome

*Join us for a Free Lunch & Fellowship
Please let us know if you're attending*

Places are limited

To Reserve a seat at the table, register online with
the QR code of the poster

or Phone Graham - 0458 242 126 or

Jorie - 0412 179 293

RSVP by 11/12/23

November

Here are some things we could do in November to help the souls in purgatory:

Offering Masses for them. This is the best way to remember the departed souls because mass is a precious gift, the sacrificial offering that our Lord Jesus Christ offered on the cross to the Father to save us from sin (death). Jesus's blood poured out on the cross benefits everyone whether they are alive or dead.

Visit Cemeteries to Pray: Cemeteries are not just places to bury the dead. They are also holy places where we can go to visit and pray for those who have passed away. From 1st – 8th November, we could gain a plenary indulgence for the dead when visiting Cemeteries to pray for them.

Visit Someone Who Is Grieving: caring for the dead also asks us to care for bereaved persons as well. Giving them a call, taking them out for a meal, or offering a prayer like the Our Father or Hail Mary can be a great comfort to bereaved persons at this time.

November - Book of Remembrance

During November the Mass requests for all the deceased will be written in the Book of Remembrance. The book will remain in the St Mary's Church for all Masses during the week and taken up at Offertory Procession during the weekend Masses.

If you would like names added to the book, please write them clearly on a November Mass envelope and either place them on the collection plate or take them to the Parish Office. The November Mass envelopes are available in the church.

Reading for next Sunday: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

Wisdom 6:12-16

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

YOUTH -by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

God's Word

Show Us the Way

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Leaders who serve'.

The author of Malachi, whose name means 'messenger', takes a hard line against holy people who do not set a good example for others. The writer reminds these people that God comes first and that they have done a poor job of teaching this to the people. Malachi goes so far as to say that their blessings will turn into curses unless they remain faithful to God's Covenant. Leadership must not be self-serving, but other-serving. Like any good parent, our God sometimes needs to scold us and remind us to stay on track or face the consequences of our actions.



The psalmist approaches God with humility. He tries to set aside pride and not get too busy, in order to have time for God. Like a young child, he sits still on a parent's lap and listens, impressionable and ready to learn from God.



Paul, in the reading from First Thessalonians, uses the image of a parent and a young child to describe his great love for the infant church of Thessalonica. They have shared God's word and their lives. He rejoices that the Thessalonians have accepted his teaching as God's word, and not as their own word. In this slice of Paul's life,

Paul teaches that good leaders give of themselves and share faith in word and action.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the people to observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach, but not to follow their example. The scribes and Pharisees did not always practise what they preached. Some of them got distracted from the way of life that they taught by public attention, special privileges and guest-of-honour seats. They didn't understand the true spirit of what they were teaching.



Jesus tells the disciples to forget about titles and status and concentrate on serving others. We are challenged to be leaders who serve rather than leaders who are served.

Bell Ringers Required...

Every day at Noon, the bell of St Mary's, Mudgee is rung to call people to pray. This is an important ministry that we would like to continue however we are in need of more volunteers.

If you have a spare 15mins around Noon during the week or on weekends and would like to help ring the bell, please contact the Parish Office on 6372-2122. This ministry will be on a roster and training will be provided.



Dates for the Diary

Cemetery Masses

Thursday 9th November - Gulgong 6pm
 Tuesday 14th November - Kandos 6pm
 Mass will be moved to the church if raining.

Anointing Mass

Sunday 3rd December - Kandos - Followed by a light lunch

Positions Vacant

Cleaner needed in Dunedoo from beginning of January. Cleanings includes cleaning the Presbytery. 3 hours per week.

If interested, please contact the Mudgee Parish Office on 6372-2122.

Parish Secretary (Casual Maternity leave position, 3.5hrs per week) - Dunedoo parish.

The secretary assists the Parish Priest in providing efficient and effective communion and administration. The position requests the successful applicant to:

- Prepare weekly bulletins and prayers of the faithful.
- Maintain Parish records, written and computer records.
- Other administrative duties as required.

Follow more details and a Job description, please contact Mudgee Parish Office on 6372-2122.

Sunday Hymn - St Mary's Parish

Table of Plenty ~ D. Schutte

Refrain

Come to the feast of heaven and earth
 Come to the table of plenty!
 God will provide for all that we need,
 Here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table
 where saints and sinners are friends.
 I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
 to share the cup of my love. Refrain

O come and eat without money;
 come to drink without price.
 My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
 with faith and fullness of life. Refrain

My bread will ever sustain you
 through days of sorrow and woe.
 My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
 to flood the depths of your soul. Refrain

Your fields will flower in fullness;
 your homes will flourish in peace.
 For I, the giver of home and harvest,
 will send my rain on the soil. Refrain

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