



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.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 14TH JANUARY 2024

First Reading: [1 Sam 3:3-10.19](#)
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9](#)
(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord.
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R.)**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20](#)
Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [John 1:35-42](#)
They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.



REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the call to discipleship. The readings outline the various stages of this call and provide a sketch of some of the characteristics of each stage: the invitation, the discerning process and the resulting transformation.

The call is an invitation from God. It might come to us as inner sensitivity, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naivete of childhood, in the vigour of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls.

The second stage involves discernment. Most of us need help recognising moments of religious importance and so we seek out women and men who are practiced in the ways of God, who can help us test the spirit. They might be recognised religious leaders or prophetic guides, or they could be friends or loved ones who know us well and who are also attuned to the workings of God in their own lives.

Finally, when we respond to the call, we discover that we no longer belong solely to ourselves; as disciples, we belong to the body of Christ. We belong to the reign of God; we are now part of the mission of Christ. As disciples, we are called to proclaim to the world the justice of God. What a glorious honour this is!

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GULGONG ROSTER		
	21st January	28th January
Commentator	C. Gaudry	S. Parnell
Reader	M. Golino	D. Hudson
Sacristan	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn	C. Holland
Leader	S. Parnell	

MUDGEES ROSTER

Sat 20th Jan / Sun 21st January 2024

Commentator	C. Furney	M. McLean
First Reader	L. Nicholson	J. O'Brien
Second Reader	L. Nicholson	P. Tracy
EMOC	D. Cunningham	P. O'Brien
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Music	Rue & Barry	Jerry
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Gilbert
Offertory	K. Isbester	M. Dunnachie
Sacristan	L. Robinson	R. Gawthorne
Counter	Mon 15th	E. Goodlet

Sat 27th Jan / Sun 28th January 2024

Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. McLean
First Reader	C. Furney	J. O'Brien
Second Reader	C. Furney	P. Tracy
EMOC	I. Bryne	P. O'Brien
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Music	Rue & Barry	Jerry
Welcomer	S. Walker	M. Gilbert
Offertory	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie
Sacristan	K. Wall	R. Gawthorne
Counter	Mon 22nd	L. Nicholson

Bells	Mon - E. Goodlet Tue - R. Gawthorne Wed- J. Cooper Thu- I. Brown Fri - I. Brown Sat - I. Brown / Fr Owen Sun - R. Gawthorne	
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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

January - For the Gift of Diversity in the Church...

We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 15/1	Week 2 in Ordinary Time
	Parish Office opens at 10am
11.00am	Funeral - Rylstone - Joe Turner
Tues, 16/1	Week 2 in Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 Noon	Angelus
Wed, 17/1	St Anthony, abbot - Memorial
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 18/1	Week 2 in Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 Noon	Angelus
Fri, 19/1	Week 2 in Ordinary Time
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon	Angelus and Rosary
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 20/1	Week 2 in Ordinary Time
5.15pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 21/1	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Communion Service - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass - Rylstone

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Richard Loneragan, Joe Turner, Jackie Johnson

We remember the anniversaries of:

Fr Tim Cahill, Marie Trounson, Timothy Foreman, Julie Walker, Bonnie Berrell, Lawrence Goldpink, Amanda Flynn, Robert Lee, Douglas Halpin, Atol Roberts, Ellen Waller, Salvatore La Garassa, Peter Golden, Veronica Swords, Lawrence Dolan, Noel Wheeler, James Munro, Kathryn Gleeson.

For the deceased, especially:

Fr Pat Ruane, Ted Jordan, Mons Peter Shannon, Maggie Swientek.

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

Prayers requested for the sick:

Angela Marakovic, Zvonko Glavacevic, Trevor Roberts (England), Maureen Hutchinson, Eleni Roberts, Tomislav Marakovic (Sydney), Iris McBeath, Tony Spina, Josephine Debattista, Margaret Doble, Tracy Donnelly, Elizabeth Donnelly, Joe Saliba, Graham Hawkins, Lynne Daly, Tony Harris, Carmel Thompson, Dennis Petersen, Rodrigo Jaboneta, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Expression of Interest Membership of Diocesan Finance Council



The Diocesan Finance Council is an advisory council established by the Bishop in accordance with the code of canon law of the Catholic Church to advise him in the stewardship and administration of the temporal goods of the Diocese, in accordance with sound principles of financial administration and legal compliance.

The Council is made up of people of good character and judgement, committed to the Church and with experience in finance, law, banking, property development and administration.

Meetings are usually held four times a year, for a duration of 2-3 hours, with detailed papers prepared and circulated a week before the meeting.

Council Members also are allocated membership of the Standing Committees of the Council, being the Catholic Development Fund Investment & Audit Committee and the Property Committee.

The Bishop is seeking nominations of people to be considered for membership of the Council. You may nominate yourself or, with their consent, another person you think may be suitable.

A covering letter and curriculum vitae outlining the relevant skills and experiences of the nominee, including a reference from their Parish Priest, should be sent to the Diocesan Financial Administrator by email to dfa@bathurst.catholic.org.au. For further information, please call Patrick Cooper on 0419 460 404.

Thank you

Thank you to all our volunteers who help to undecorate the Church this week.



Happy New Year to Congregations in Mudgee

My name is Catherine Darnell – the new coordinator of Mudgee's Pantry

Mudgee's Pantry is a vital part of the Mudgee community with a large number of clients accessing the Pantry each week for low cost groceries.

As with most services volunteers are required to keep this service open on a regular basis.

I am writing to seek some more volunteers so that we can continue to operate 2 days a week, Tuesday and Saturday.

If there is anyone that is interested in volunteering and supporting Mudgee's Pantry I would love to chat with you.

Please contact me on 0427368304 or via the Mudgee's Pantry email mudgeebapsfood@gmail.com

With thanks Catherine Darnell

Have you thought? Why disciples?

Why did Jesus call a group of people to follow him closely and share in his ministry? Certainly, it was not uncommon at the time that a charismatic leader might attract a group of followers and 'hangers-on' but Jesus appears to have deliberately called some people to travel with him and share in what he was about. So much of what Jesus spoke about was living in right relationships: with God; and with one another. Rather than simply being a 'back-up group' for Jesus, the disciples provided a lived example of trying to live in right relationships. They didn't always get it right, but they were on the way. © Greg Sunter



Do you want to make more time for prayer? Be prompted every morning via an emailed reflection and prayer from our Bishop or one of our priests or deacons

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Living the Gospel – Vocation

These days, the word 'vocation' seems to be applied to whatever job someone happens to find themselves in. More traditionally, the word carries with it a sense of undertaking work that has a deliberate purpose about it and that is outwardly focused. Usually, there is a sense that there is 'importance' to the work and that it is linked to God's dream for the world. The Church has tended to use vocation in reference to religious life. The word comes from the Latin, vocare, meaning call or name. Realising to what it is we are called can be one of the great challenges of life.

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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Body Language

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'God's call and our response'.

The story of Samuel's call in the first reading indicates that the call of the Lord can be confused with the call of other people and the attraction of things. Help may be needed to recognise God's voice. When one recognises God's voice, it takes courage to reply, 'Speak Lord, for your servant is listening,' and to say as the psalmist, 'Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.'

Paul focuses God's call on challenges that continue in our world today. One challenge is to respect our body and the bodies of others when tempted by drugs, alcohol, premarital sex, and even junk food. Paul holds up the body as a gift from God to be treated as such. We are members of Christ's Body; we must respect others as part of that Body.



Like the first reading and the psalm, John's Gospel features God's call and our response. Jesus invites us to ponder the question, 'What are you looking for?' We need to be open to the Lord working in our life, to recognise that he is calling us and to be ready to respond to the call.



Following Jesus

Following the example of Jesus' life isn't always easy. For each of the following things that Jesus asks us to do, write down why you find it either easy or difficult to do.

Love your enemies

Be a peace maker

Help people in need

Forgive those who do wrong by you

Be kind to others

Lead others to Christ

Sacraments 2024

Mudgee

Important Dates

If you are considering the Sacrament of Confirmation or the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for your child in 2024, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to come along to a Parent/Carer Information Session as part of our preparation required for the sacramental journey of your child.

SAVE THESE DATES

Confirmation

From Year 6 onwards

Thursday 7th March 12:30pm or
Tuesday 12th March 6.30pm

First Holy Communion

From Year 3 onwards

Thursday 25th July 12:30pm or
Tuesday 30th July 6.30pm

** Please note that the journey for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be for Year 3 students onwards from 2023 **

Further Information will be available on the Parish website (mudgee.catholic.org.au) including registration, which is open now. All enquiries to sacraments.mudgee@cdob.org.au

Kandos

Please contact the Parish office on 6372-2122 or via email office.mudgee@cdob.org.au

Gulgong

If your child is at All Hallows, information regarding sacraments will be available via the school. If you child is not at All Hallows, please contact the Parish office on 6372-2122.

Ministries in Our Churches

Thank you to all who have participated in parish ministries over the past year. We are very grateful to have so many parishioners from a variety of age groups involved in various ministries.

We are visiting for you to volunteer to help with one or more ministries in our parish. Over the next couple of weeks, we will provide information about the various ministries in our churches. There is something for everyone.

We thank everyone who has volunteered in the past and urge you to re-commit for another year. 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 Parish Office. Commitment is for one year.

Reading for next Sunday: **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

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

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20