



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.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 21ST JANUARY 2024

First Reading: [Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#)
The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4](#)
(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 7:29-31](#)
The world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

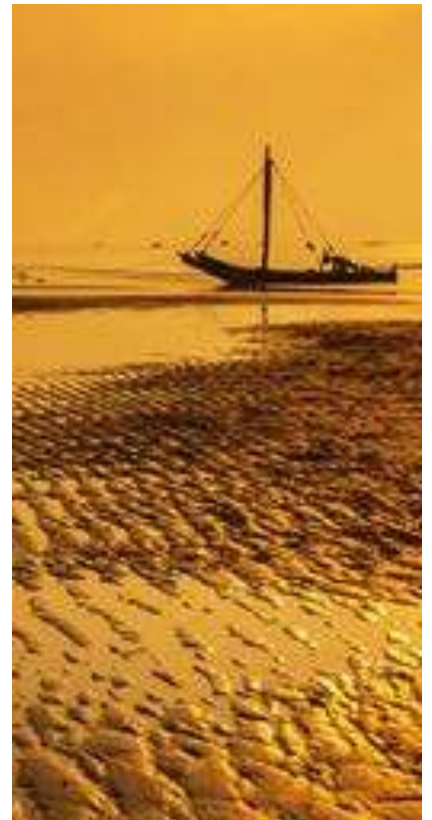
Gospel: [Mark 1:14-20](#)
Repent, and believe the Good News.



REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who brings the good news, but who receives it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.



Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.

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GULGONG ROSTER		
	28th January	4th February
Commentator	S. Parnell	E. Donnelly
Reader	D. Hudson	C. Gaudry
Sacristan	C. Holland	R. Saliba
Leader		j. Thatcher

MUDGEES ROSTER

Saturday 27th Jan / Sunday 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	M. Walker

Saturday 3rd / Sunday 4th February 2024

Commentator	B. Petersen	A. Myles
First Reader	D. Cunningham	W. Bodycote
Second Reader	D. Cunningham	M. Bodycote
EMOC	C. Furney	M. Gilbert
Altar Server		
Music	Rachel	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	C. Carberry	S. Walker
Offertory	D. Bennett	A. White
Sacristan	D. Cunningham	R. Gawthorne
Counter	29th Jan	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	

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, 22/1	Week 3 in Ordinary Time
	Parish Office opens at 10am
Tues, 23/1	Week 3 in Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 Noon	Angelus
Wed, 24/1	St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor - Memorial
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 25/1	The Conversion of St Paul, apostle - Feast
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 Noon	Angelus
Fri, 26/1	Australia Day
	Public Holiday - Parish Office is closed
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 27/1	Week 3 in Ordinary Time
5.15pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 28/1	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Communion Service - Rylstone

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Ante Poplasen, Sarah Roach (Gilgandra), Richard Loneragan, Joe Turner

We remember the anniversaries of:

Rosie Thomspn, Ciro Spedaliere, Elaine Morrissey, Anges Turczak, David Brown, Arthur Tatham, Doug Rayner, Bede Hogan, Clive Pilley, Marcia Curry, Paul Stewart, Lesley Wicks, Thomas Farrell, Florence Maffeo, Ron McCarthy, Johanna Breitkopf, Brian Kelly.

For the deceased, especially:

Jackie Johnson, 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.

Sacraments 2024 Important Dates

Mudgee

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 your child is not at All Hallows, please contact the Parish office on 6372-2122.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Cast Out Your Nets

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'The call to discipleship'.

The passage from the Book of Jonah gives a perspective on the mercy of God. It shows that God will forgive anyone who takes the call to conversion seriously. The Ninevites change their behaviour and ways of living that led to evil and show by their actions that they are willing to embrace a new way of life. And God, to the dismay of Jonah, does not destroy them.

The psalm recognises God as teacher and implores us to call upon the Lord to teach us the ways of the Lord. God is good and merciful. We are all welcome to walk in God's ways – even those who have taken the wrong path before – proud people and sinners.

Paul's letter is a wake-up call for all those who may become too worried about life in this world. The world as we know it is not the Kingdom God promises. We need to live in this world with one eye on the next. Paul has a sense of urgency about this because at the time of this letter, he believed the Second Coming of Christ would occur in his lifetime.

Mark tells us how Jesus began his mission and called the first disciples. Jesus calls on all who will listen, saying, 'Reform your lives and believe in the good news.' Jesus finds his first disciples in ordinary places doing ordinary things. He asks them to give up all they know and follow him. They are to become members of the Kingdom of God and to play an active role in establishing the Kingdom – to proclaim the Good News and be the Good News.



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

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.

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS... WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are inviting you to volunteer to help with one or more ministries in our parish. Below, is some information about the some of the different Ministries. 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.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion



To assist with the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass. Training and commissioning is required for this Ministry.

Reader (Lector)

At each Mass, the Word of God is proclaimed. The priest proclaims the Gospel and delivers the Homily. The Reader/Lector proclaims the First and Second Readings, and the Responsorial Psalm (if there is no cantor).

If you commit to this ministry, there will be a formation to help carry out this ministry as it is required.



Musicians

Music is an integral part of the celebration of the Eucharist. Musicians (organists, guitarists and others) and singers are encouraged to commit to this ministry, so that this ministry can be shared.



Altar Servers

Children are invited to be part of this ministry. They are given formation and practice. Their participation is an important contribution to the celebration and helps them gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the Mass. Year 3 and up.

Commentator

As we celebrate the Mass together, there are announcements made which help the community to participated more fully. The Prayer of

the Faithful is prayed by the Commentator.

The Commentator is required to arrive about 20 minutes before Mass.

Offertory

As we celebrate Mass, we bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar on behalf of the community. Families and others are encouraged to be part of this ministry.

Welcomer

As we gather for Mass, we all have come from different places, different situations and with different stories. The Ministry of Welcome encourages all to feel part of this celebration. Welcomers give out the bulletin, hymn book and Mass sheet as they welcome everyone as they enter the church.

Welcomers are required where possible, to arrive about 20 minutes before the beginning of Mass.

Sacristans

Help setting up for Mass.

Liturgy Group

To prepare for the various seasons of the Church year and special celebrations, the Liturgy group assists in the choice of music, structure and various ways to enhance the celebrations.



Hospitality

On various occasions, we gather after Mass to meet other parishioners, visitors and others to enjoy and cuppa and a chat.

Children Liturgy

To help the young children understand the Liturgy of the Word during Mass, children have materials and stories relevant to their age. This

takes place at 9.00am Mass and are guided in these activities.

Sacramental Preparation Team:

Each year families enrol their children to prepare for Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. To assist parents in this time of their family life, sessions are held prior to the celebration of the sacrament. Assistance with hospitality and preparation of these sessions is welcomed.

Catechists/Helpers:

Children in the Government schools in Mudgee have a half hour lesson of Special Religious Education each week. When they are preparing for the sacraments, they also attend 4-6 lessons after school beforehand. Teaching material and support is available for those who are able to help in this area.

Pastoral Council

Please consider being part of this vibrant group who work so hard for the pastoral care of our parish community. Meeting once a month to plan events and social gathers to help grow our Parish community. Please give this some thought. Nominations for these positions will be called for in the next few weeks.

If you are interested in any of the ministries in our Parish, please complete the form that is available in the church return to the Parish Office.

Your help is appreciated.