

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 4TH FEBRUARY 2024 WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

First Reading: [Job 7:1-4. 6-7](#)

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3](#)

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due. **(R.)**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **(R.)**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23](#)

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mark 1:29-39](#)

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.



REFLECTION

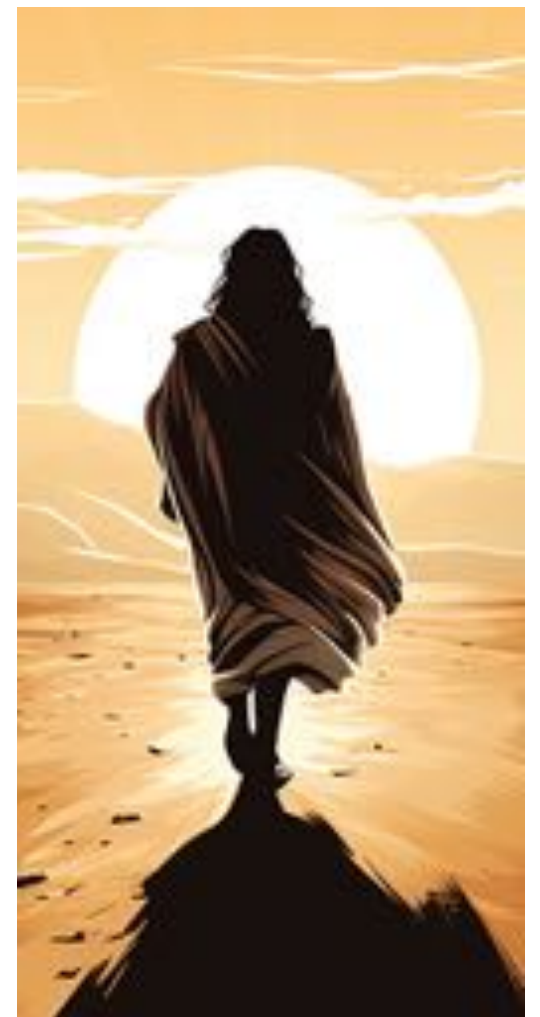
by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see three snapshots from the photo album of life.

Suffering comes to everyone. It can take such a hold of us that the happiness of the past is swallowed up, the beauty of better days is forgotten, and the hope of a brighter future is imperilled. Life ceases to be an adventure and takes on the guise of drudgery. At such times suffering appears to be our permanent fate, and life seems too short for suffering to run its course. If we become identified with our distress, we will be tormented.

Jesus knew the harshness of life, because he was one of us. He saw it in the lives of those he loved, and he was touched by their torment. He came to release people from the demons that possess them, from the illness that undermined their lives. He came to bring the reign of God, the reign of peace and fulfilment. He came to heal the brokenhearted, to bind up their wounds.

Paul was a messenger of this gospel of salvation and fulfilment. He was so committed to his mission that he empathised with all those who heard his preaching – the slaves, the weak, the brokenhearted, all those who knew well the harshness of life. Now it is our turn. We are the disciples who must bring the good news to the brokenhearted, to those who are enslaved, to those who are weak. We are the ones who will then share in the blessings of this good news.



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GULGONG ROSTER		
	11th February	18th February
Commentator	D.Kelly	J. Thatcher
Reader	C. Leotta	B. Toole
Sacristan	R. Saliba	M.&E. Carney
Leader		D. Kelly

MUDGEES ROSTER
Saturday 10th Jan / Sunday 11th February 2024

Commentator	C. Furney	G. Myles
First Reader	I. Byrne	E. de Vries
Second Reader	I. Byrne	B. Redden
EMOC	D. Cunningham	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Music	Rue & Barry	Jerry & Marianne
Welcomer	S. Walker	O. O'Brien
Offertory	Katherine Isbester	M. Dunnachie
Sacristan	A. Baker	R. Gawthorne
Counter	5th Feb	D. Donnelly

Saturday 17th / Sunday 18th February 2024

Commentator	A. McLean	M. Matthews
First Reader	D. Delahunty	K. Cassidy
Second Reader	D. Delahunty	L. Croake
EMOC	C. Furney	R. Croake
Altar Server		
Music	Rachel	
Welcomer	K. Isbester	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	J. Goodlet	O. O'Brien
Sacristan	I. Browne	R. Gawthorne
Counter	12th Feb	P. O'Brien

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

February - For the Terminally Ill...

We pray that those who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Baptism

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish community:

Angus Mark Whitmore

son of Nicholas and Charlotte



Congratulations to:

*David Wheeler
and
Hayley Farrugia*



who celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Maureen Hutchison, David Allan, June Potts, Kathleen Meers.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Eve Gawthorne, Molly Jenkins, Llewellyn Davies, John Hemsley, Edward Hayman, Tobias Brennan, Judy Roberts, Pearl Partington, Priscilla Rayner, Ambrose Williams, Thomas Welch, Teresa Welch, Kevin Organ, Garry Longhurst, Shirley Sawyers Valerie McGrath, Michael Sgroi, Nola Price.

For the deceased, especially:

Ante Poplasen, Sara Roche (Gulgong), Richard Loneragan, Joe Turner, 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:

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

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.



To recommitment for another year or volunteer for any ministry, please fill in a Ministries form which can be found at the back of the church.

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 5/2	St Agatha, virgin, martyr
	Parish Office opens at 10am
Tues, 6/2	St Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - St Matthews Primary School Commissioning Mass
12 Noon	Angelus
2.00pm	Funeral - Mudgee - Maureen Hutchison
Wed, 7/2	Week 5 in Ordinary Time
10.40am	Mass - St Matthews Secondary School Commissioning Mass
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 8/2	Week 5 in Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
11.30am	Funeral - Gulgong - David Allan
12 Noon	Angelus
Fri, 9/2	Week 5 in Ordinary Time
10.30am	Mass - Whiddon Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon	Angelus and the Rosary
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 10/2	Week 5 in Ordinary Time
9.15am	SRE Meeting in Parish Centre
5.15pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 11/2	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Communion Service - Kandos

Gulgong News

The Gulgong Catholic Womens Group will have their first meeting on Tuesday 6th February at 2pm in the Convent. All welcome.

The Gulgong Catholic Womens Group will hold their AGM on Tuesday 5th March at 2pm in the Convent.

Year 12 Prayer Partner Program



As school returns this week and Year 12 enter the final terms of their schooling, we call on parishioners to become Prayer Partners for these students.

Prayer Partners journey with the Students from the beginning of the year through to HSC exam time. This program will give opportunities to not only pray for them but to also meet with them and get to know them over the year.

If you would like to be a part of this program, please fill in a Prayer Partner form at the back of the church.

'When you take the time to pray for others, God finds the time to bless you.'

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 is 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.

Word & Faith

Come join the Word and Faith Group every Sunday from 6pm 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.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

A Reply to Paul

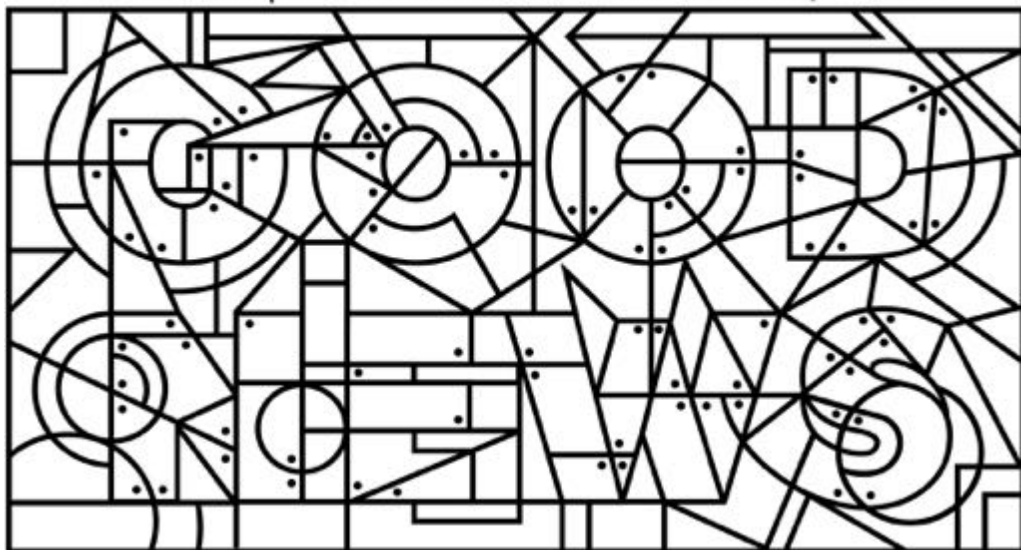
A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Hope in the Gospel of Jesus'.

The reading from Job speaks of the burdens of the world and of the temptation to despair in the midst of them. In contrast, the psalmist offers hope that the Lord will be there to heal human brokenness.

Paul tells the Corinthians that as a Christian he has no choice but to preach the Gospel, and that in doing so, he will be blessed. The Good News of Jesus is not to be heard and stored away on a shelf, but rather lived and preached by us.

The Gospel of Mark offers hope in the face of human afflictions, as Jesus heals sick people and expels demons. Proclaiming the Gospel in word and action exhausts the body and spirit, so Jesus retreats to spend time in prayer. In doing so, he finds new vigour and strength to continue his mission of proclaiming the Good News.

Color in all the shapes that contain dots to reveal what Jesus wants everyone to know.



Preparing for the Easter Season...

Lent begins on Wednesday, 14th February.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251f).

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.

Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once year, in Australia between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

Things that can be done during Lent

- Attend Mass regularly. Come to a weekend or a weekday mass.
- Visit the Church to pray outside of Mass.
- Attend Holy Hour on Fridays at 11.30am
- Fully participate in Mass - Arrive before Mass starts and stay until the Priest has processed out - Join the singing and responses loud and clearly.
- Say Hello to someone new to the Parish or someone you don't know
- Volunteer for a Ministry in the Parish.
- Give to Project Compassion

Living the Gospel – Prayer

In the midst of an extremely hectic 24 hours where Jesus effectively launches his public ministry, Jesus takes time to go aside to a lonely place and pray. The passage tells us that it was 'long before dawn' that he did this. It may have been his usual practice to pray early in the morning or he may have been restless after the events of the previous day and the thought of what lay ahead. Nevertheless, Jesus provides us with a model of using prayer to reflect on events and to prepare ourselves for the day ahead.



ALL SRE CATECHISTS AND PEOPLE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT A MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY IN THE PARISH ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE.

SAT
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FEB

ST MARYS PARISH HALL

CHURCH ST
9:15AM-2:40PM
MORNING TEA SUPPLIED
BYO LUNCH

RSVP TO JACINTA THATCHER

SRE2@BATHURST.CATHOLIC.ORG.AU

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTHWORKS.NET/SRECONFERENCE](https://www.youthworks.net/sreconference)

BIBLE TALK BY CANON CRAIG ROBERTS

WORKSHOP 1: ENGAGING CHALLENGING STUDENTS IN SRE

WORKSHOP 2: ENGAGING CHURCH ADULTS IN SRE

WORKSHOP 3: ENGAGING WITH MUSIC IN SRE

Parish Secretary

(Casual 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.

This position can be performed from the Mudgee Parish Office with some travel to Dunedoo on occasions.

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

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

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Mark 1:40-45