



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.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

First Reading: [Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46](#)

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7](#)

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **(R.)**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **(R.)**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1](#)

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mark 1:40-45](#)

The leprosy left him and he was cured.



REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

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Rev Cong Va Hoang
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| GULGONG ROSTER | | |
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| | 18th February | 25th February |
| Commentator | J. Thatcher | C. Gaudry |
| Reader | B. Toole | C. Golino |
| Sacristan | M.&E. Carney | E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn |
| Leader | D. Kelly | |

| MUDGEES ROSTER | | |
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| Saturday 17th / Sunday 18th February 2024 | | |

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| 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 |
| Children's Liturgy | | Matthew & Felicity |
| Sacristan | I. Browne | R. Gawthorne |
| Counter | 12th Feb | P. O'Brien |

| Saturday 24th / Sunday 25th February 2024 | | |
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| Commentator | D. Cunningham | M. Dunnachie |
| First Reader | P. Cannon | M. Cassidy |
| Second Reader | C. Furney | O. O'Brien |
| EMOC | A. Fergus | R. Gawthorne |
| Altar Server | | |
| Music | Rue & Barry | |
| Welcomer | D. Delahunty | Mrs S. Walker |
| Offertory | K. Isbester | K. O'Brien |
| Children's Liturgy | | Ross & Mel |
| Sacristan | L. Nicholson | |
| Counter | 19th Feb | R. Croake |

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

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Maureen Hutchison, David Allan.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Dawn Lloyd, Ted Hayman, Llewellyn Davies, Vincent Adams, Robert Moritz, Meryl Astill, Daphne Sampson, Patricia Scott, Ronald Archer, Gordon Waterhouse, William Adams, Doris Murray, Joan McGowan, Christopher Wood, Reg McGrath, Lorraine Smith.

For the deceased, especially:

June Potts, Kathleen Meers, Ante Poplasen, Sara Roche (Gilgandra), Richard Loneragan, Joe Turner, Jackie Johnson, Fr Pat Ruane, Maggie Swientek.

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

Prayers requested for the sick:

Horace Saliba, 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, Elizabeth Donnelly, Joe Saliba, Graham Hawkins, Lynne Daly, Tony Harris, Carmel Thompson, Dennis Petersen, Rodrigo Jaboneta, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

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.

| DAY BY DAY | |
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| Mon, 12/2 | Week 6 in Ordinary Time |
| | Parish Office opens at 10am |
| Tues, 13/2 | Week 6 in Ordinary Time |
| 9.30am | Mass - Mudgee |
| 12 Noon | Angelus |
| Wed, 14/2 | Ash Wednesday |
| 9.10am | Mass - Gulgong |
| 9.30am | SMCS Ash Wednesday Liturgy - Primary Campus |
| | SMCS Ash Wednesday Liturgies - Secondary Campus |
| 11.30am | Mass - Rylstone |
| 12 Noon | Angelus |
| 5.20pm | Reconciliation |
| 5.45pm | Mass - Mudgee |
| Thu, 15/2 | Thursday after Ash Wednesday |
| 9.30am | Mass - Mudgee |
| 12 Noon | Angelus |
| 12.15pm | Mass - Gulgong - All Hallows Yr 6 All Welcome |
| Fri, 16/2 | Friday after Ash Wednesday |
| 10.30am | Mass - Kanandah Nursing Home |
| 11.30am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| 12 noon | Angelus and the Rosary |
| 12.30pm | Mass - Mudgee |
| Sat, 17/2 | Saturday after Ash Wednesday |
| 5.15pm | Reconciliation |
| 6.00pm | Vigil Mass - Mudgee |
| Sun, 18/2 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT |
| 9.00am | Mass - Mudgee |
| 10.30am | Communion Service- Gulgong |
| 11.00am | Mass - Rylstone |

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.

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.

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.

GULGONG NEWS

The Catholic Women's Group are appealing for new women to join our group. We meet at the Convent at 2pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month. We are usually finished by between 3 and 3.30. We are in danger of folding because of lack of numbers. This would be a great pity because the group has been in existence for many years. We are open to all women and do not do a great deal of work, it's just to keep the parish ticking.

Please consider joining us and having a cuppa and a chat. If interested please just turn up at the convent or talk to one of the ladies. We look forward to seeing you on the 7th March.

AGM meeting - 7th March at 2pm in the Convent

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Turn Around

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Turn to the Lord to be healed'.

The first reading relates an old Jewish practice of branding as unclean those who have leprosy and setting them apart from the community. It may also symbolise current practices of labelling persons and groups and excluding them from the community. The psalmist then tells us that we can attain acceptance and healing if we turn to the Lord.

In the reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul calls upon the people to build up the community by imitating him, who imitates Christ.

The leper in the Gospel reading did not wait for Jesus to come to him; he recognised his affliction and turned to Jesus for healing. Jesus healed him and sent him back to the community.

What did Jesus say to the man after he cured him of leprosy? Use the words below to find out!

Say _____ of this to anyone; but go and _____ yourself to the _____, then make an offering at the _____ as Moses _____, then all will know you are _____.



**temple show
commanded
healed nothing**

Deacons Cong Van Hoang and Duong Van Ha to be ordained priests

Bishop Michael McKenna has announced he will ordain Deacon Cong Van Hoang and Deacon Duong Van Ha as priests.

The ordination will take place on Friday 12th April 2024, during 6.00pm Mass in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Mother Ignatius Hall (in the Cathedral Precinct). The Mass will be livestreamed and details of that will be available on our Diocesan website - bathurst.catholic.org.au - closer to the date.

Please keep both men in your prayers as they continue their ministry as deacons in the Mudgee and Orange Parishes, and in particular as they now make their final preparations for ordination to the priesthood.



Ash Wednesday

Mudgee

9.15am Liturgy - St Matthews Primary Campus

Liturgies - St Matthews Secondary Campus

5.45pm Mass - St Mary's Church

Gulgong

9.15am St John's Church
with All Hallows Catholic School

Kandos

11.30am - St Malachy's Church Rylstone

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.

Some 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

World Day of Prayer

Friday, 1st March

6pm at St John's Anglican Church

"I Beg You...

Bear With One Another In Love"

Ephesians 4:1-3



**World Day of Prayer
AUSTRALIA**

Reading for next Sunday: **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B**

Genesis 9:8-15

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15