



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 of Lent—Year B 25th February 2024

First Reading: [Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18](#)

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9](#)

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Romans 8:31-34](#)

God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: [Mark 9:2-10](#)

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting

caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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Gulgong Roster		
	3rd March	11th March
Commentator	D. Kelly	E. Donelly
Reader	M. McGregor	C. Gaudry
Sacristan	C. Holland	R. Saliba
Leader	R. Saliba	

Mudgee Roster
Saturday 2nd / Sunday 3rd March 2024

Commentator	B. Petersen	A. McLean
First Reader	St Matthews	M. Matthews
Second Reader	St Matthews	M. Dunnachie
EMOC	L. Nicholson	K. Cassidy
Altar Server		
Music		
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Gilbert
Offertory	St Matthews	Children's Liturgy
Children's Liturgy		Nerida & Carolyn
Sacristan	L. Robinson	R. Gawthorne
Counter	26th Feb	E. Goodlet


Saturday 9th / Sunday 10th February 2024

Commentator	C. Furney	G. Myles
First Reader	D. Cunningham	E. de Vries
Second Reader	D. Cunningham	A. McLean
EMOC	I. Bryne	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server		
Music		
Welcomer	S. Walker	O. O'Brien
Offertory	D. Bennett	Children's Liturgy
Children's Liturgy		Belinda & Felicity
Sacristan	K. Wall	R. Gawthorne
Counter	4th March	M. Walker

Bells	Mon—E. Goodlet Tue—R. Gawthorne Wed—J. Cooper Thu—J. Cooper Fri— R. Gawthorne Sat—Fr Owen Sun—R. Gawthorne	
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Baptism
We welcome into our Mudgee Parish:

Clarence Oisin Lees
Rory Cillian Lees
Sullivan Henry Lees



Children of Michael and Kylie

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.

MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.

For the recently deceased especially:
Nancy Comer, Stjepan Knezevic, Michael Ellis

We remember the anniversaries of:
Susan Melinz, Clifford Miller, Anna Menegatos, Richard Tompsett, Thelma Scott, Esther Boxx, Jean Croake, Gloria Windle, Shirley Mahon, Honora Buffier, Adriel Maloney, Nancy Caughey, Elisa Farjarda.

For the deceased, especially:
Maureen Hutchison, David Allan, Ivo & Marija Birtic, Ivo & Neda Erceg, Anthony & Ivica Covic, June Potts, Kathleen Meers, 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), Tony Spina, Angela Marakovic, Zvonko Glavacevic, Trevor Roberts (England), Eleni Roberts, Tomislav Marakovic (Sydney), Iris McBeath, Tracy Donnelly, Joe Saliba, Josephine Debaksta, Elizabeth Donnelly, 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	
Mon, 26/2	Week 2 of Lent
	Parish Office opens at 10am
	Kindergarten Retreat
12 noon	Angelus
Tue, 27/2	Week 2 of Lent
9.30am	Mass —Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
5.30pm	Parish Council Meeting—Parish Centre
Wed, 28/2	Week 2 of Lent
10.40am	Mass —SMCS Year 9
12 noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass —Mudgee
Thu, 29/2	Week 2 of Lent
9.30am	Mass —Mudgee SMCS Year2
12 noon	Angelus
12.15pm	Mass —Gulgong All Hallows Year 2 All welcome
Fri, 1/3	Week 2 of Lent
10.30am	Mass —Opal Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon	Angelus and the Rosary
12.30am	Mass —Mudgee
6.00pm	World Day of Prayer—St John’s Anglican Church Mudgee
Sat, 2/3	Week 2 of Lent
11.00am	Baptism
3.00pm	Wedding
5.20pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	Mass —Mudgee
Sun, 3/3	Week 2 of Lent
9.00am	Mass —Mudgee
10.30am	Communion Service —Gulgong
11.00am	Mass —Kandos

**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.

Year 12 Prayer Partner Program

We are calling on parishioners to become Prayer Partners for our Year 12 students as they enter their final months of school. Prayer Partners journey with the Students from the beginning of the year though o HSC exam time. This program will give opportunities to not only pray for them but so 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.

KANDOS NEWS

A Prayer meeting will be held in the back room of the Rylstone church every Monday at 10am during Lent.

Everyone is welcome.

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.

**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.



REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Have you ever experienced a place or situation that was breathtaking, incredible, glorious and awesome? something that filled you with joy and life and zeal? What was it like? Where was it? What made it so special? Were you alone or with others? Were you able to explain it to someone who was not there? Why or why not?

Why do you think Jesus wanted Peter, James and John to experience him as a glistening, dazzling, transfigured vision? How do you think that affected their faith? How would it have affected your faith? How does it affect your faith just reading about it?

Peter did not want to leave that mountaintop experience. He wanted to build some tents and just 'camp out' there for a while.

Why was it better for Jesus and Peter and the others to come down from the mountain? Why is it important for us to enjoy and remember our 'peak' experiences, but leave them behind and come back to our everyday life?



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Joke Corner...

Q: What do elves learn in school?
A: The elf-abet!

**SAVE THE DATE
Safe Church Awareness Workshop**

When: Saturday, 16th March
Where: St Mary's Parish Centre
Time: To be advised

This workshop is for anyone who volunteers for a ministry in our Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos / Rylstone. Whether you are a Commentator, Reader, Welcomer, Minister of Holy Communion, Choir, Collectors, Cleaner, Sacristan or anyone who has contact with vulnerable or young people in our churches, this workshop is for you.

Topics covered include:

- duty of care, codes of conduct,
- protecting vulnerable people
- how to run a safe church

Everyone who attends the workshop will be issued with a Certificate which is valid for three year. This workshop is free for anyone who is a member of our Diocese.

To RSVP, please contact the Parish Office on 6372-2122.



**SAVE THE DATE
St Patricks Feat Day Dinner**

17th March 2024
More details to follow



World Day of Prayer
AUSTRALIA

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

This weekend is for blokes only

to get away and take some MEN time to reflect on the values in your life and who you aspire to be. It is about having the time to stop and reflect through some simple meditation exercises on what you need most in your life right now.

It is not about being particularly holy, religious, or prayerful. It is about having the time to stop and reflect through some simple meditation exercises on what you need most in your life right now.

If you can't afford the registration fee just give a donation of what you can afford.

All are welcome, just come as you are.

When: March - Friday 15th 6pm to Sunday 17th 3pm

Where: Shalom 7 Collins St Carcoar

Cost: \$300

For Bookings: phone 02 63673058

