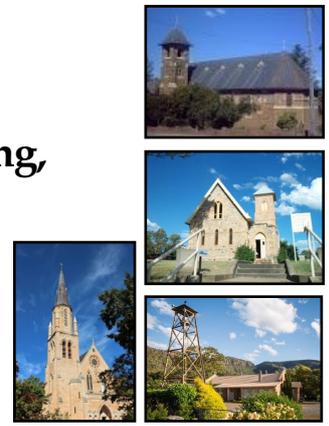


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*

## 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.



### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES — YEAR C 29TH JUNE 2025

#### First Reading: **Acts 12:1-11**

*Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.*

#### Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5**

**(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.**

I will bless the Lord at all times  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued his from all his distress. **(R.)**

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

#### Second Reading: **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18**

*All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.*

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

#### Gospel: **Matthew 16:13-19**

*You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

#### Peter's Pence Appeal

#### This Weekend (Sunday 29 June 2025)

This weekend, our parish will take up the annual **Peter's Pence Appeal**, held on **Sunday 29 June**.

This global appeal supports **Pope Leo's** mission of charity—helping those most in need, including victims of war, natural disasters, poverty, and persecution. It also contributes to the Church's work in promoting peace, education, and human development.

**A leaving collection** will be taken up at all Masses.

To donate, please **use the QR code** on the flyer or **go to our Diocesan website**.

Thank you for your generous support of the Holy Father's outreach across the world.



## PETER'S PENCE

June 29th, 2025



#### Collection of St. Peter's Pence: A gesture to support the Pope in his mission

The aims of your donation:

- to support the Holy Father's mission
- to support the Pope's charitable initiatives
- to provide aid in humanitarian emergencies

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#### REMINDER TO ALL CHILDREN'S LITURGY PARENTS AND CARERS:

Please scan the QR code to sign in your children if they are attending Children's Liturgy.



#### Priests

Fr Owen Gibbons  
Fr Cong Hoang

#### Parish Deacon

Rev Charles Applin

#### Parish Secretaries

Mrs Kristie Newman  
Ms Krista O'Brien

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#### Parish Office Hours

Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

#### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**

Ph 02 6372 1742

Principal: Mrs Angela Myles

[www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/)

**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**

Principal: Mr Bradley Toole

Ph 02 6374 1582

[www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au)

Gulgong Roster		
	6th July	13th July
Commentator	D. Kelly	P. Leotta
Reader	C. Golino	M/ McGregor
Sacristan	TBA	M & E Carney

**Mudgee Roster**

**Saturday 5th / Sunday 6th July**

Commentator	B. Petersen	A. McLean
First Reader	F. Chauraya	O. O'Brien
Second Reader	M. Dorney	R. McKeown
EMOC	I. Byrne	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server		
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	A. Blazevic
Offertory	K. Isbester	M. Gilbert
Sacristan	D. Cunningham	L. Browne
Counter	Mon 30th June	K.O'Brien

**Saturday 12th / Sunday 13th July**

Commentator	D. Cunningham	R. McKeown
First Reader	D. Delahunty	A. Myles
Second Reader	L. Nicholson	A. McLean
EMOC	C. Furney	M. Gilbert
Altar Server		
Welcomer	K. Isbester	B. Redden
Offertory	G. English	M. Dunnachie
Sacristan	E. Potgieter	R. GAWthorne
Counter	Mon. 7th July	L. Hawkins
Bells	Mon - E. Goodlet Tue - R.Gawthorne Wed - J. Cooper Thu - I. Browne	Fri/Sat - I. Browne Sun - R. Gawthorne

# Bible Trivia

Q. Who is the mysterious Old Testament presence, referred to in the New Testament as being "without mother, without father, having neither beginning of days nor end of life"?

- A. Melchizedek
- B. Nebuchadnezzar
- C. Ebenezer

A. Melchizedek, a priest-king during the age of Abraham

**BAPTISMS**



We welcome to our Parish:

*Zola Jolanta Preston*

*Daughter of Luke and Sandrine*

**DAY BY DAY**

**Mon, 30/06** 13th Week of Ordinary Time

12 noon Angelus

**Tue, 1/07** 13th Week of Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass—Mudgee

12 noon Angelus

**Wed, 2/07** 13th Week of Ordinary Time

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

10.30am Mass—SMCS Primary Campus

12 noon Angelus

5.20pm Reconciliation - Mudgee

5.45pm Mass - Mudgee

**Thu, 3/07** St Thomas, apostle—Feast

9.30am Mass—Mudgee

11.30am Mass—SMCS Secondary Campus

12 noon Angelus

**Fri, 4/07** 13th Week of Ordinary Time

10.30am Mass—Opal Nursing Home

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Mass—Mudgee

**Sat, 5/07** 13th Week of Ordinary Time

11.00am Baptism

12 noon Angelus

4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee

**Sun, 6/07** FOURTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

8.30am Rosary

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Mass - Gulgong

11.00am Mass—Kandos

12 noon Angelus

5.00pm Word and Faith Group

**HELP NEEDED**

Now that winter has taken hold, St Vincent de Paul are in need on blankets. If you have any spare blankets that you would like to donation, please give them to the St Vincent de Paul Conference or to the Parish Office.

## Farewell Fr Owen

This weekend, we farewell Fr Owen.

Fr Owen has been our Parish Priest for the last seven and a half years. He guided us spiritually through Covid 19 and lockdowns and share his humour with us through his weekly joke. He will be greatly missed by all in our Parishes.

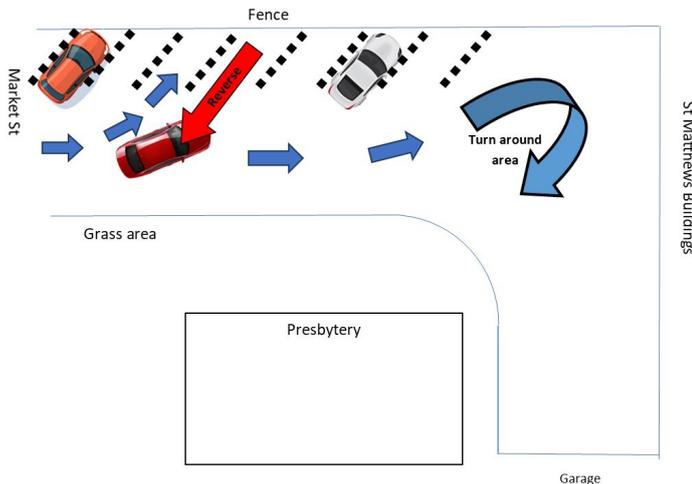
We wish him all the best in Oberon.

### MUDGEES NEWS

#### Parish Car park.

We have now installed parking dots on the Parish Car park.

Please note that after the trial period of change of parking direction, it was decided that we will return to the original parking direction and to avoid damage to the edge of the driveway, we ask that when you are leaving, please use the turn around space at the St Matthews end of the driveway. Please spend the word. Thank you for your cooperation.



#### Flower Committee

Do you have a flare for decorating? Do have a green thumb? Would you like to regularly help decorate our beautiful church? The parish would like to form a Flower Committee to source and arrange the flowers in our church.

#### A Gentle Reminder

Many people coming in to our beautiful churches to pray and to spend time with Our Lord, especially before and after mass. Please be mindful of this atmosphere of silence when quietly saying hello to friends in the church.

Thanks for you thoughtfulness.

### KANDOS NEWS

Prayer Meeting will be held in Kandos/Rylstone each Monday at 10am. 1st Monday of the month—Kandos Church Hall. Every other Monday—Rylstone at the back of the church

### GULGONG NEWS

#### First Holy Communion Commitment

**Priest:** *Do you promise to support these children in preparing to receive the Lord for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and keep them in your prayers?*

**All:** *We will.*

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group will met on Tuesday 1st July at 2pm in the Convent. All welcome.

SRE Teachers are needed in the Gulgong area. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

#### Planned Giving

As we approach the end on another financial year, we express our sincere gratitude to all parishioners who have supported our parishes financially over this past year.

Without your financial support, we can not continue to do what we are called by God to do—look after the pastoral life and outreach of our parishes which is our most important ministry. To do this we must pay the everyday running cost of electricity, rates, salaries, the increasing insurance cost and attend to the maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

Thank you everyone who has filled in and return a new Planned Giving Card. The new envelopes are now available at the back of the church. It is not too late to contribute to the planned giving for your Parish. Fill in a Planned Giving Card and put it in the collection bag or return it to the Parish Office.

The Planned Giving helps the parish plan for maintenance and repairs of our beautiful buildings and grounds. New Giving cards are available at the back of the church or from the Parish Office.

#### MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED

**For the recently deceased especially:**

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Owen Milton, Tom Kearins, Phil Kearins, Noel Croake, Ian Forrester, Daniel Berke, Harold Day, Paul Power, Timothy Rayner, Leslee Cruickshank, Alison Thompson, Katrina Robinson, Hazel Hughes, Marie Gaffney,

**For the deceased:**

Felix Melinz, Brett Sandry, Graham Hodgins, Moira Hennessy, Allan Cole, Margaret O'Reilly, Mervyn Morgan, Jean Kelly, Lisa Martoo (QLD), Rex Donnelly, Olive & James Milton, Ivy Sproule, Mal Whiteley, Sharyn Perry, Tyson Perry, Bradley Quinn, Dave Doyle, Charlie & Rita Saliba, Carmelo Mifsud.

**For the Sick, Special Intentions and Thanksgiving:**

Warren Bodycote, Mifsud Family, Edward Martoo, Mara Raso, Martin Hilder, Paul Micallef, Luke Gaudry, Pat Ellis, Eleni Roberts, Marilyn Stuart (Kincumber), Suzana Marakovic, Stephen Lee, Olive Quinn, Ellen Johnson (Sheehan), Mary Teeuw, Glennie McGrath (Fr Owen's sister), Keiran Micallef, Donna Pilati, Ron Muscat, Charlie Perrotto, Paula Ryan, Tony Spina, Horace Saliba, Joe Saliba, Iris McBeath, Elizabeth Donnelly, Josephine Debaksta, Lynne Daly, Dean Pilati and all those in our Nursing Homes.

**Expressions of Interest: Regional SRE Coordinators**

Special Religious Education (SRE) is the provision of faith formation in public schools across NSW, allowing children to encounter the message of Jesus and the richness of Christianity during their school week.

*Do you have gifts in supporting others to share their faith in a classroom setting?*

*Are you organised, and do you have a heart to proclaim Jesus to those who may not otherwise hear His message in their lives?*

The Diocese of Bathurst is currently seeking expressions of interest for Regional SRE Coordinator roles. These positions involve supporting and coordinating the SRE program, working closely with catechists, schools, and parishes, and helping ensure young people encounter the love and truth of Christ.

To express your interest or learn more, please email: [admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au) or Deacon Josh on 0458261513

**Discover *Connect@home*  
A Daily Companion in Faith**

Have you heard of *Connect@home*?

Many haven't – but once discovered, it quickly becomes a treasured part of the day.

One parishioner recently shared:

"I now receive it and read it daily. I am most impressed by the short reflections written by our clergy. They are brief, to the point, and thought provoking... *Connect@home* has been a best kept secret – I can't ever recall reading about it in a Church bulletin."

*Connect@home* is a daily email from the Diocese of Bathurst offering a short, meaningful reflection written by local clergy. It's especially appreciated by those who may not be able to attend Mass regularly but still want to stay connected with the faith community.

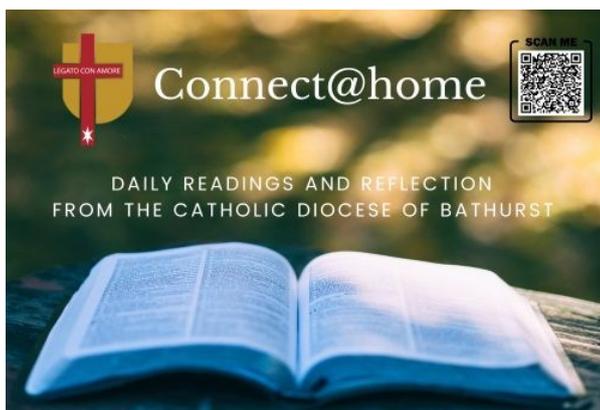
Whether you're housebound, busy with life, or simply looking for a moment of spiritual reflection – *Connect@home* is for you.



Sign up today by visiting

<https://bathurst.catholic.org.au/connecthome-bringing-scripture-into-the-heart-of-your-day/>

Let's spread the word – it's time this "best kept secret" became well known!



**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

This Feast combines the previous feasts of Corpus Christi and the Precious Blood of Christ. It reminds us that the body and blood of Christ were offered as a sacrifice for us, and every time we re-enact this sacrifice, we renew his sacrifice. The Body and Blood of Jesus is the interim meal for the Christian community. We are to feed on it until the Lord returns. We see again the already-but-not-yet character of Christian eschatology, for the Lord has already returned. That means that the Eucharist meal is a re-enactment of Christ's death, an anticipatory celebration of his coming, and a thanksgiving banquet with him present.

The multiplication of the loaves and the fishes prefigures the eschatological banquet of fulfilment. Its miraculous bounty assures us of the abundance of that future banquet.

Its miracle of multiplication prefigures the miracle of Jesus as he changed the bread and wine into his own body and blood. Jesus handed himself over as food and drink on the very night that he was handed over by others. The banquet that he prepared was a celebration of the new covenant; it was an eschatological banquet of thanksgiving. This feast invites us to enter through either the past, the present or the future, for each one will lead us to the mystery that we celebrate: the mystery of the sacrifice of Christ; the mystery of the sacred bread and wine of the future; the mystery of the eschatological banquet of the present.

**Are you looking to VOLUNTEER?**

Centacare Central West and Orana is currently looking

to recruit, train and support new volunteers for the Aged Care Visitors Scheme in **Mudgee**. Over 40% of elderly in aged care are lonely. It only takes 2 hours a month to offer companionship to someone in need in one of the aged care homes in Mudgee.

**Contact Louise Hennessy for more information  
0419 631 781 – phone or text anytime**

