

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.



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 21st June 2020

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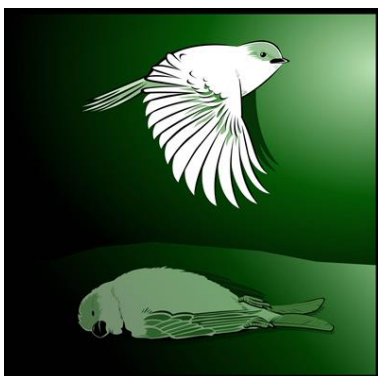
SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jeremiah is the innocent victim of slander, entrapment and vengeance. Still he is confident, for God is on his side as a mighty champion who will fight for him. This military imagery calls to mind the cosmic war that God victoriously waged against evil (see Ps 24:9-11). Jeremiah believes that God will turn upside down the plans of his assailants. They watched for him to mis-step, but God will cause them to stumble; they hoped to prevail over him, but they will not triumph; they tried to take vengeance on Jeremiah, but God will take vengeance on them. They will be put to shame and confusion, a fate sometimes worse than death.

Elements of a lament can be detected in the psalm: the cry of lament (vv.14, 17); reasons for the lament (vv.8-10); expressions of confidence (vv.33-34); and praise for having been heard (v.35). We may not be accustomed to complain to God, but a lament is a statement of profound faith. Acknowledging that God has power over the circumstances of life, it is an expression of humble faith that God will come to the aid of those who cry out. This passage contains covenant vocabulary: lovingkindness; truth; salvation; and passionate love. The psalmist brings the strength and the personal dimension of the covenant to the plea for deliverance.

Paul proclaims the incomparable nature of God's salvific grace by contrasting the actions of Adam and Christ. Though the contrast appears to be between Adam and

Christ, it is really between the epochs that each inaugurated. Adam brought in the era of sin and death; Christ established the eschatological era of acquittal and life. Paul points to the first offence (Gen 3:6) and the common experience of all people to explain the pervasive presence of sin and death in the world. All die, therefore all must have sinned. However, as death for all entered the world through the sin of one – Adam, so grace was won for all through the gift of one – Christ.



Jesus exhorts: Fear no one! Neither those who resist the gospel, nor those who might put you to death. Rather fear total destruction in Gehenna and rejection by God. It is now time for the gospel to be proclaimed openly and boldly. The doors have been flung open:

what was concealed, must be revealed;
what was secret, must be made known;
what was said in darkness, must be spoken in light;
what was whispered, must be shouted.

Jesus encourages the disciples to trust in God despite hardships. Suffering is not proof that God is disinterested. Rather, if God cares for the insignificant sparrows, how much more will God care for them? If God can count the hairs on their heads; how much more does God know their needs?

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First Reading: [Jer 20:10-13](#)

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,

"Terror from every side!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All those who used to be my friends

watched for my downfall,

"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him and take our revenge!"

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

my opponents will stumble, mastered,

confounded by their failure;

everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,

who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them,

for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the needy

from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14](#)

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,

that shame covers my face,

that I have become a stranger to my brothers,

an alien to my own mother's sons.

I burn with zeal for your house

and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**

This is my prayer to you,

my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,

with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;

in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**

The poor when they see it will be glad

and God-seeking hearts will revive;

for the Lord listens to the needy

and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,

the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**



Second Reading: [Rom 5:12-15](#)

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation [See Apoc 1:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mt 10:26-33](#)

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'



DUE TO NUMBERS ATTENDING MASS DURING THIS TIME WE WILL HAVE A 5.00PM VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY.

IF THE NUMBERS INCREASE WE WILL REINTRODUCE THE 6.00PM VIGIL MASS.

MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY - 22nd June

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 23rd June

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 24th June

The Nativity of St John the Baptist, Solemnity

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 25th June

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 26th June

12 Noon Angelus

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 27th June -

12 Noon Angelus

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY: 28th June

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass Mudgee (Live Streamed)

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Rylstone

12 Noon Angelus

Confession/Anointing

Please ring and make an appointment, the priests are available.

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN
FOR MASS AND
VISITATION
TUES-THURS
9.15 -10.30AM
FRIDAY
11.30AM - 1.00PM**

LITURGY ROSTERS

FROM NEXT WEEKEND WE WILL BE PRINTING AN INTERIM ROSTER FOR READERS TO COVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. WE ARE UNABLE TO HAVE SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST. ALTAR SERVERS ETC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Restrictions for Mass attendance will be eased from 13th July, however distancing restrictions are still required.

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE ARE NOW ABLE TO TAKE PLACE - following the regulations of safe distancing for Church capacity.

VINNIES COVID -19 WINTER APPEAL

YOU CAN HELP FAMILIES IMPACTED BY COVID -19 TO PAY THEIR BILLS, PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE AND KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD.

ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOR DONATIONS. THEY CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR HANDED IN AT THE SVdP CENTRE.

ALTERNATIVELY

DONATE AT : VINNIES.ORG.AU

Phone. 131812 Donations of \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially

Dulcie Baskerville, Kevin Williams and Doug Graham.

We remember the anniversary of Leo and Kathleen Robinson, David Roth, Phyllis Archer and Wallace Chapman.

We also pray for Rita Ottley and Syd Ottley.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Gwen Gaffney, Anne McLean, Judith Grant, Betty Price, Maria Brec, Brian Kurtz, Sylvia O'Brien, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Eliza Vasilis, Julie Collins, Anna Swientek, Elizabeth Donnelly, Tony Gillham, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing Homes.

LIVING THE GOSPEL From the house - tops

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the roof-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.

BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT DEBIT PLANNED GIVING

Gulgong Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100006612

Reference: Your name.

Kandos Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100005344

Reference: Your name

Mudgee Parish

BSB - 066 781

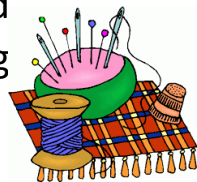
Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your continued financial support of our Parish in these difficult and unprecedented times for we, like so many others, have suffered a tremendous loss of income during Covid-19.

It is due to this situation we find ourselves in that we have been unable to inform you of the financial position of our parish as we would usually do by way of a Gifting Sunday and outline of income and expenditure for the financial year, and promoting our financial support for the coming year, so I am writing this letter.

RISE
YOUTH FESTIVAL

Our Parish is the focus of our faith life, our mission and outreach as disciples of Jesus. It is in these very different times particularly, that we support not only each other in our Church community but our wonderful Parish School, St Matthews and our wider community. We have put a lot of effort into keeping you informed and connected during the Covid shut down by way of Live Streaming the Sunday and Daily Mass, emailing and hand delivering the weekly bulletin. We are very thankful to all those who willing supported us in this mission.



Often we focus on the inevitable costs of operating the parish - electricity, salaries, insurance, rates etc. and not on the outreach and other good things within this parish that are supported by your contributions to Planned Giving. We have a wonderful group of ladies who meet in the Parish Centre each week and apart from the beautiful craft work they produce, it is a tremendous support network for this group of ladies, and it is growing. The sale of their work supports the wider community by way of donations to organisations such as CanAssist, they also donate to the local schools to support student families who may be struggling from time to time. We introduced a parishioner Prayer Partner in conjunction with St Matthews Year 12 students in the lead up to their HSC exams. Parishioners and students gathered for Mass followed by a lunch provided by the parish in conjunction with Pastoral Council to enable those involved to get to know the students on a personal level. Covid permitting this will again take place this year. Our end of year Parish Christmas Dinner held in the church grounds is another welcome event on the parish calendar that is very much appreciated by all who are able to attend. Our Parish supports our After School Youth Group and youth who wish to attend diocesan events, such as Rise, Risen and the Catholic Youth Festival. Our outreach to the sick and housebound in our parish, our hospital and nursing homes bring great spiritual and emotional comfort to many and helps these people to feel connected to our parish. We support the great work of St Vincent de Paul through our parish resources. We hope



to start our monthly community light lunch after our 12.30pm Friday Mass as soon as Covid restrictions allow, as well as our Mens Breakfasts and our Ladies Luncheons. Our parish nourishes and support the growth in faith and love of each parishioner beginning with the support of young parents in their baptism preparation, through the steps in faith from the parish sacramental programs for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, to the many young couples being prepared for marriage. Sadly, like many other gatherings, they have been postponed until later in the year. The parish has continued to nurture our faith through our Alpha dinners and meetings and our sharing of the scriptures in our Word and Faith group which continues online. Your financial support helps us do all this and more, so thank you very much.



ST. MARY'S PARISH, MUDGEE

Gifting Card

☐ Mr & Mrs ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Miss

Surname Phone

Christian Name(s)

Address

I wish to donate the following amount to my parish community:

☐ \$10 per week ☐ \$15 per week ☐ \$20 per week ☐ \$ per week

Given:

☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly ☐ annually

Signature Date/...../.....

If you are able, could you please complete a new Gifting Card and return in the sealed envelope provided either on the collection plate or drop it into the Parish Office or post it to us. This will help to update our parish records and maintain our Planned Giving records, which are a guide on projected income for future planning.

If you are giving to the Planned Giving Programme for the first time you will see payment options on the Gifting Cards. Contributions can be made via the weekly Planned Giving Envelopes, credit card or direct debit. I would encourage you towards contributing via direct debit or credit card system especially given the times we are currently facing.

Thank you for your support which will allow our wonderful parish to continue to support, spiritually nourish and build up our community and so carry on the work of Jesus. God Bless you.

Fr Owen

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16](#)

[Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2](#)

[Rom 6:3-4. 8-11](#)

[Mt 10:37-42](#)