

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.



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 30th August 2020

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The Catholic bishops of Australia have released the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, on the critical subject of mental health for Social Justice Sunday, August 30.

The, ***To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today***, encourages faith communities, governments and individuals to make mental health a priority.

Bishop Terry Brady, Bishop Delegate for Social Justice on the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, has called on all Catholics to take up the message and challenges of the Statement.

The full Social Justice Statement *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, can be read on line at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

(from the Bathurst Diocese Website)

There are copies of the Social Justice Statement for 2020 at the back of the church for those who wish to take home a copy.

Prayer for Social Justice Sunday



Jesus, you invite us all into the fullness of life.
May we support one another to flourish in body,
mind and spirit.
Strengthen our commitment to ensure that nobody
falls through gaps in our systems of care.

People called you mad.
Help us to recognise you
in those who suffer mental ill-health today.
Show us how to eliminate
stigmatisation of mental ill-health
from our parishes, schools, communities and
organisations.

You drew near to those who
were suffering in body or mind.
May we too feel your nearness
when we struggle with mental health challenges.
May we be one as members of Your Body.

You invite us to share in your ministry
of love and true compassion.
May we be empowered by your Spirit
to reach out to all people in need.
May we build communities of welcome and inclusion.
Amen

Live Streaming of Sunday Mass this Sunday

is from St Raphael's Parish, Cowra beginning at **8.00am**

Please use the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/straphaelscowra2014/>



Next Sunday 6th September will be Live Streamed from Mudgee at 9.00am

Other options: Daily Mass from the Church of St Francis Xavier, Lavender Bay, available

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ

Choose 'Mass on Demand'

Sunday Mass is also available to watch on television every **Sunday at 6.00am on Channel Ten.**

First Reading: Jer 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;

for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary

to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,

my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**



For you have been my help;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;

your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our heart,

that we might see how great is the hope

to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jeremiah's words of complaint are some of his most pathos-filled sentiments. They begin with a searing accusation that God misled him when he was called to deliver God's word. Jeremiah allowed himself to be misled, but only because he was inexperienced and naive. He is caught between fidelity to his vocation as a prophet and his own natural inclinations. He did not seek this calling. In fact, he resisted it. He is now forced to bear a threefold burden. He must deliver a message of doom to his own people; he is mocked by those to whom he has been sent; and he receives no comfort from God. Jeremiah is indeed a man of sorrows.

The psalm contains expressions of longing, a short hymn of praise, and words of confidence. Arid land is used to portray the intensity of the psalmist's longing. It makes this longing concrete and suggests that the need for an experience of God is as natural and basic to a human being as water is basic and essential for life itself. Arid life without God is contrasted with a sumptuous life with God. As important as such joys might be, the psalmist insists that the authentic covenant bond of lovingkindness (hesed) is more precious than life itself. The psalmist's trust in being heard by God is actually rooted in this covenantal bond.

Paul appeals to the mercies of God as the basis of his admonition to the Christians of Rome. They are to offer themselves as a living sacrifice in spiritual service, an offering that is no less demanding, no less total than bloody holocaust. Paul further exhorts them: Do not conform to this age. Through faith in Jesus Christ, they have entered into the eschatological age of fulfilment. They have been saved through the blood of Christ and, filled with the Spirit of God, they are being transformed into Christ. Therefore, they must put aside the standards of this world in order to take on the standards of Christ and of the reign of God. This is the transformation and renewal of which Paul speaks.

Jesus predicts his fate and then discusses the need for the disciples to bear their own suffering. Too often the opposition of Jewish leaders has led Christians to hold an attitude of anti-Judaism. Instead we should recognise that Jesus was rejected for religious as well as for political reasons. The unrest that he caused was a political threat to Rome, and his bold claims greatly troubled the religious leaders. Peter objects to Jesus' words and Jesus accuses him of acting as an obstacle (skándalon) to the unfolding of God's will. Turning to the other disciples, Jesus insists that those who selfishly save themselves from the cross really lose in the arena of eschatological judgment, while those who unselfishly offer themselves are saved from this judgment.

Dianne Bergant CSA

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First Communion:

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Mary's on Saturday 19th September with limited candidates attending over a number of Masses during the day. Because of Covid and social distancing regulations there will be a limit of immediate family (mum, dad and siblings) able to attend.



The safety of everyone is of utmost importance. Families are urged to advise the parish office immediately of the number of family attending so as the number of Masses required can be organised.

Fathers' Day Appeal Sunday 6 September

Each year, on Fathers' Day, we have a special collection in support of our retired priests. They have given years of service to God's people and many continue, as health and strength allow, as ministers of Word and Sacrament. They continue to help our local church with their prayers. I encourage you to give generously to this appeal.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

As we are still limited to the number of people who can attend Mass, this year's Fathers' Day Appeal will move to an ONLINE format.

You can make a donation in support of our retired clergy in the following ways:

Online: Donate online at bathurst.catholic.org.au

Phone: Call the Chancery Office on 02 6334 6400

Mail: Send your donation to The Fathers' Day Appeal, Catholic Diocese of Bathurst, PO Box 246, Bathurst NSW 2795

Prayer Partner Cards

Due to current restrictions we are unable to have Mass with our HSC students.

If you volunteered to pray for a student please collect your card from the back of the Church.

We ask all parishioners to please pray this prayer for all our students as they continue to prepare for their HSC.

PRAYER FOR HSC STUDENTS

We remember in our prayers our young women and men as they prepare for the Higher School Certificate. We ask our Heavenly Father to give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them with understanding and good memory. Give them the ability to grasp what is before them correctly. Holy Spirit, send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Baptism:



We welcome to the parish community
Aria Grace Keipert daughter of
Andrew & Samantha-Lee.

Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially Brian Constable, (Wollongong), Colleen Condon.

We remember the anniversary of Tony Blazevic, Bob Prowse, Mervyn Costello, Anthony Innes, BJ Harris, William Sant.

We also pray for deceased members of the Saliba, Blazeic and Varga Families.

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

COVID - 19 REMINDERS

It is 'strongly recommended' that facemarks should be worn while in an enclosed space: Places of worship (Church, Synagogue or Mosque), shopping centre and on public transport). We want to keep everyone safe so please follow this advise.

If you have flu like symptoms please do not enter our church, stay at home and be tested.

- ◆ If you are a vulnerable person the advice is to remain at home.
- ◆ We have parishioners assigned to usher you to your seats. We do this for your protection and also to ensure you are seated according to Covid regulations. Where there are families attending together (more than 2 or more people living in the same household) we need to regulate the spacing (a vacant seat is required in front and behind). Please assist us by allowing those on duty to seat you accordingly.
- ◆ Please place your name and contact number on the sheets provided at the entrance of the church.
- ◆ Please remain 1.5 metre apart unless you are from the same household.
- ◆ Please sanitise your hands as you enter the church and when you leave the church.
- ◆ Parishioners are **NOT TO JOIN IN SINGING AT MASS.**
- ◆ All parts of the Mass will be said.
- ◆ Church capacity St Mary's Church, Mudgee - 80
St John the Baptist Gulgong - 47
St Malachy's, Rylstone - 40
St Dominic's, Kandos - 50
- ◆ **PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU** - otherwise place in the bin as you leave the Church.

MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY - 31st August

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus

3.45pm First Communion Lesson for State School students

TUESDAY - 1st September

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 2nd September

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 3rd September

St Gregory the Great, memorial

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 4th September

12 Noon Angelus

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 5th September

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY: 6th September

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12 Noon Angelus

Confession/Anointing/ Home Communion

Please ring and make an appointment, Fr Owen and Fr Dong are available, and we can visit you at home.

**THE CHURCH IS
OPEN
FOR MASS AND
VISITATION
TUES-THURS
9.15 -10.30AM
FRIDAY
11.30AM - 1.15PM**

Pope Francis's Universal Prayer for August

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Thought for the week:

"People who wonder if the glass is half empty or full miss the point.

The glass is refillable." –

Author Unknown



Thank you for supporting our parish. To donate to the Parish go online or call at the Parish Office.

BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT CREDIT PLANNED GIVING

Kandos Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100005344

Ref: Your name



Gulgong Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100006612

Ref: Your name

Mudgee Parish

BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100004583

Reference: Your name.

Tap and Go Credit Card Facility

We have installed a Tap and Go Credit Card facility. Many of us no longer carry cash and this is a very convenient way to donate to the parish. Donations are in \$5 lots - if you wish to donate more than \$5 just re tap your card for the amount you wish to donate.

The machine is located at the back of the church during Mass times.

(Tell your friends)



Mudgee Roster

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful	MUSIC
Sat. 29th Aug	L.Nicholson	C.Furney	I.Byrne	
Sun.30th Aug.	S.Abbey	R.Disher	M.McLean	
Sat. 5th Sept	I.Byrne	G.Brymora	L.Nicholson	
Sun 6th Sept	N.Whitmore	C.Whitmore	C.Devitt	Ruth & Marianne
Sat 12th Sept	L.Ryan	A.Fergus	B.Slater	
Sun 13th Sept.	R.McKeown	M.Cassidy	M.Dunnachie	John & Karen

Gulgong Roster for august

Date	Commentat or	Reader	Sacristan
30th August	M.O'Brien	O.O'Brien	M & E Carney
6th Sep.	D.Kelly	R.Saliba	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn
13th Sept.	P.Leotta	M.McGregor	C.Holland

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Ez 33:7-9](#)

[Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8](#)

[Rom 13:8-10](#)

[Mt 18:15-20](#)