

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 6th September 2020

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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

To all the Fathers who

*Stepped up, Plugged in, Held on, Forged ahead,
Committed to, Learned how, Embraced all,
Encountered much, Battled through, Held tight,
Loved soft, Never quit, Backed off, Let loose,
Braved courage, Faced fears, Prayed for,
Tightened up, Loosened reigns, Remembered
when, Helped often, Inspired much, Led Forward,
Stayed True, Taught morals, Said yes, Valued life,
Reasoned well, Gave in, Made Time, Had fun,
Helped out, Played fair, Took care, Provided
plenty, Let go, Stood up, Followed pride, Changed
paths, Took risks, Dug deep, Went easy, Pushed
forward, Fought for, Carried burdens, Kept going,
Dreamed big, Never quit, Shed tears, Gave often,
Found patience, Shined light, Suffered pain,
Made dates, Had faith, Showed respect, Wrote
notes, Held hands, Stayed safe, Laughed loud,
Lost sleep, Slowed down, Tackled choirs, Tried
hard, Let win, Chose right, Opened up, Gave
grace, Got involved. Gave your all.....*

I COMMEND YOU.



A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things possible.

Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of parenting.

*Bless those who have lost a spouse to death, broken marriage, and who are parenting their children alone.
strengthen all dads by your love that they may become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.*

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Live Streaming of Sunday Mass this Sunday

is from St Mary's Mudgee

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

Next Sunday 13th September, Mass will be live streamed from St Raphael's, Cowra



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: [Ez 33:7-9](#)

Ezekiel is to be the watchman for Israel.

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

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

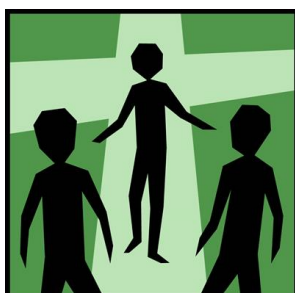
Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;

hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in; let us bow and bend low;

let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)



O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading: [Rom 13:8-10](#)

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel [Mt 18:15-20](#)

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Special Agent of God

If we are special agents of God, then we serve as agents of grace for one another. I am, in a real sense, at your service, as you are at mine. Together, we invite the kingdom of God into our midst. It's not the sort of commission one can achieve alone.

Of all that we do together to promote God's reign, the hardest may be our gentle mutual connection. Unlike yourself, I'm sure, I dislike being told I am wrong. When I respond in anger and treat someone unfairly, I want to be justified, not reprov'd. But some of my friends love me enough to tell me when I'm way off base and need to examine my motives. Sometimes it's enough to hear it from one person. Sometimes, I need to hear it from every direction before I'm ready to change. I value this honesty in my life, because I can't always punch my own way out of ignorance. My friends know how dearly I want to hear yes in heaven, so they're willing to say to me in the here and now.

Have you ever corrected someone you love when they're in error?

How do we respond to such correction?

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It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

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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



Thoughts for Yr 12 students

- ◆ Your God cares for you and wants you to succeed.
- ◆ Our parish is praying for you as a group and individually.
- ◆ Pray to God for yourself and each other.
- ◆ Draw strength from celebrating Mass with our community.
- ◆ Before your study time and before and after exams, draw strength and inspiration by blessing yourself with the sign of the cross and saying a prayer.

It is **GOD** who arms me with **STRENGTH** and keeps my way secure.

~ 2 Samuel 22-33~

COVID REMINDERS

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.
- ◆ 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.

Quote: When it hurts, observe,
Life is trying to teach you something.

Baptism:



We welcome to the parish community

Landen Stephen Patrick O'Reilly

son of Sarah and Tim.

Congratulations and very best wishes to

Samuel Timothy Condon and

Paris Kristiana Maggs

who were married at St Mary's this weekend.



Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially Alma Ristau (formerly of Ilford), Brian Constable, (Wollongong), Colleen Condon.

We remember the anniversary of Dick Gawthorne, John Mini, Dennis McGrath and John Tomlinson.

We also pray for John and Judith Watson, Anne Minogue, **Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Enid Auld, 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.

Those seeking Special Intentions and all the Holy Souls.

Season of Creation

Pope Francis is encouraging parishes and schools to participate in a Season of Creation, commencing September 1 and ending October 4, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We are called to prayer, reflection and action towards care of our common home, the planet Earth and, to this end, we will publish resources on each of the four coming Sundays.



Prayer for Climate Change

O Lord, we understand the sacred duty to protect our children and future generations. We pray for the courage to lead the way and to combat climate change on their behalf.



The Global Catholic
Climate Movement
www.CatholicClimateMovement.global

MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY - 7th September

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus

3.45pm First Communion Lesson for State School students

TUESDAY - 8th September

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 9th September

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 10th September

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 11th September

12 Noon Angelus

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 12th September

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY: 13th September

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Rylstone

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

SPRING/SUMMER VIGIL MASS TIME

THE Saturday Vigil Mass will change back to 6.00pm beginning Saturday 3rd October.

Pope Francis's Universal Prayer for September

Respect for the Planet's Resources We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

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 - September

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful	MUSIC
Sat. 5th Sept	I.Byrne	G.Brymora	L.Nicholson	
Sun 6th Sept	N.Whitmore	C.Whitmore	C.Devitt	
Sat 12th Sept	L.Ryan	A.Fergus	B.Slater	
Sun 13th Sept.	C.Devitt	M.Dunnachie	S.Abbey	John & Karen
Sat 19th Sept.	C.Furney	J.Newman	I.Byrne	
Sun 20th Sept	R.McKeown	M.Cassidy	M.Dunnachie	Ruth & Marianne

Gulgong Roster for September

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
6th Sep.	D.Kelly	R.Saliba	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn
13th Sept.	P.Leotta	M.McGregor	C.Holland
20th Sept	C.Gaudry	B.Toole	R.Saliba

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

[Is 55:6-9](#)

[Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18](#)

[Phil 1:20-24. 27](#)

[Mt 20:1-16](#)