

*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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 13th September 2020

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#### Parish Office Hours

Mon, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am -

1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

#### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

##### St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:

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## Child Protection Sunday



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

Find out more at:

[www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday) and  
[www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding](http://www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding)

### Prayer

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required. We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

## Live Streaming of Sunday Mass this Sunday

is from St ST RAPHEL'S PARISH, COWRA AT 8.00AM

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

Next Sunday 20th September, Mass will be live streamed from St Mary's Parish, Mudgee



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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hCHFJD\\_HVaQ](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: [Sir 27:30 – 28:7](#)

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 102:1-4, 9-12. R. v.8](#)

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)



It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults (R.)

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

### Second Reading: [Rom 14:7-9](#)

*Christ is Lord of the living and the dead.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

### Gospel [Mt 18:21-35](#)

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentment, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

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### Loosen Your Grip

My old school pal Kim was the queen of Mercy. No, I don't mean she was anything like our Mother Mary. I mean no one could beat her at the playground game of "Mercy," where kids stand in a circle and interlock fingers with the person next to them and then try to twist back the wrists of their neighbours until they cry, "Mercy!"

Sometimes I'd make it to the finals with Kim, where we'd stand face to face and interlock both hands, grimacing as we tried to contort the other's wrists to a point of unbearable pain. The key to winning is pushing to the tipping point first - once your opponent is on defence, it's usually impossible for them to recover. Even so, I could stand my ground with Kim for a long time before she won.

Mercy in real life reminds me of that game. Of how the failure to forgive can be a painful standoff. When I'm honest with myself about those who have hurt me - friends, family, classmates, co-workers - I usually have hurt them too. And that mutual hurt keeps me locked in excruciating struggle. The only way to win that game is to release them, and yourself, and let it go.

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## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

MUDGEE PARISH

Saturday 19th September

Mass 10.30am, 12 noon and 3.00pm



Students and families have been allocated a Mass. Due to the number of candidates and Covid restrictions for the church with social distancing, the Masses can only be attended by the children and their immediate family (mother, father and siblings.)

GULGONG

**Sunday 20th - 11.00AM MASS**

*Please note the change of time.*

### St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

The ladies have for sale in the Parish Centre a range of craft items, including a variety of face masks at reasonable prices. Available on Wednesday's 10am-11.30am and Thursday's 10am-11am. Call and view the range of works.



### Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

**For the recently deceased especially** Peggy Woods, Alma Ristau (formerly of Ilford).

**We remember the anniversary of** Ron Lynch, Dick Gawthorne, Burt Dalmay, Alan Isbester, Jack Fogarty and Joan Stuart.

**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.

### 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.

## Centacare Sunday – 13<sup>th</sup> September



This weekend we celebrate the works of Centacare, the social service arm of the Diocese of Bathurst. Centacare reaches out to thousands of people across the region through nearly 20 different programs. If you would like to find out more or want to make a tax deductible donation, please call 1800 451 760.

We thank you for your prayers and support.

### Centacare Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord of mercy and love, who through your Son gave us a marvellous example of charity and the great commandment of love for one another. Send your blessings upon us so that when we are called on in times of need, we will faithfully show your light and love to our neighbour. May we go forward confident in the intercession of our mother Mary, and in the name of our creating, liberating and ever loving God. Amen

### Prayer Partner Cards

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*



### Thoughts for Yr 12 students

- ◆ **Sleep** well
- ◆ **Eat** well
- ◆ **Exercise** well
- ◆ **Meditate** and pray well
- ◆ **Identify** someone you trust who you can talk to - *really* talk to
- ◆ **Improve** your listening skills

### Thought for the week:

*Most people are so busy trying to get somewhere else they never stop and appreciate the miracles all around them.*

*They never stop and appreciate the magic of the journey.*



## MASS TIMETABLE

### MONDAY - 14th September

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus

3.45pm First Communion Lesson for State School students

### TUESDAY - 15th September

Our Lady of sorrows, memorial

9.30am Mass Mudjee

12 Noon Angelus

### WEDNESDAY - 16th September

Sts Cornelius & Cyprian, memorial

9.30am Mass Mudjee

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

### THURSDAY - 17th September

9.30am Mass Mudjee

12 Noon Angelus

### FRIDAY - 18th September

12 Noon Angelus

12.30pm Mass Mudjee

### SATURDAY - 19th September

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudjee

### SUNDAY: 20th September

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass Mudjee

**11.00am Mass Gulgong (Please note change of time)**

11.00am Mass Rylstone

12 Noon Angelus

**Confession/Anointing/ Home Communion**

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 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	Ruella & Barry
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
13th Sept.	P.Leotta	M.McGregor	C.Holland
20th Sept	C.Gaudry	B.Toole	R.Saliba
27th Sept.	S.Parnell	C.Lotta	M & E Carney

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty-Fifth 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](#)