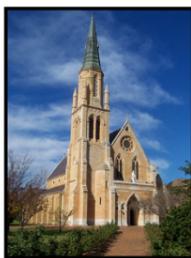


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 20th September 2020

#### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

#### Assistant Priest

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Deacon Charles Applin

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**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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### First Holy Communion

#### St Mary's, Mudgee

Alice Bond

Audrey Bonham

Emily Bourke

Hugh Carter

Finn Chapman

Taylor Diprose

Katie Doyle

Eadie Faulkner

Adele Flynn

Matt Lacko

Grace Thomas-Grimes

Felicity Goodlet

Vronesky Cediell

Ava Lewis

William Forster

Jack Hudson

William Kearns

Edward Keen

Lucas Kelly

Alyra Kemp

Lauren Marchant

Roy Maskey

Jameson McGeachie

Madison Meuret

Tyce Pettitt

Hamish Pirie

Oliver Price

Desmond Smith

Lilly Roe

Jayde Chantrill

Ruby Azar

Paris Corbett

Diezel Fitzgerald

Joshua Palmer

Harriet Portelli

Patrick Portelli

Bridie Ramien

Louis Rodgers

Stephanie Rogers

Sam Rusten

Raffaele Scotti

Noah Robertson

Marcus Stein

William Holden

Maggie Freebody

Samual Gjessing

Angus Patten

Marley Weaver

#### St John the Baptist, Gulgong

Hallie Britten

Ronnie Henningham

Paxton Henningham

Chelsey Williams



*Congratulations to all the candidates in the Parish of Mudgee and Gulgong who received the Blessed Sacrament for the first time over various Masses during the weekend.*

*We have been unable to celebrate as in previous years, however we pray that it has been a memorable occasion for all the children and their families.*

#### Prayer for Children on their First Holy Communion

*Lord Jesus,*

*Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy communion for the first time.*

*May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.*

*Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.*

*thank you for their innocence and goodness.*

*May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.*



## Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**First Reading: [Is 55:6-9](#)**

*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

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

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

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

*For me to live is Christ.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**Gospel [Mt 20:1-16](#)**

*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

### Live Streaming of Sunday Mass this Sunday

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Mass this Sunday is live streamed from St Mary's Parish,  
Mudgee

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

Next Sunday 27th September Mass will be live streamed  
from St Raphael's Parish, Cowra.

**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.**

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

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## How Much Is Enough?

The judge was surprised when he read the complaints. Before him sat four people who were the adult children of a recently deceased millionaire. The older two siblings were contesting the will - a very generous will, I might add. What was their gripe?

"We were his children longer than these other two who didn't come along until 10 and 12 years later. We feel that since we were his children longer, we ought to get a higher percentage of his estate".

The judge sat and thought that one over for a few minutes. Then, shaking his head, he said, "What, are you goofy? Your father gave you everything that he had. It's a very generous settlement, with no strings attached and all taxes pre-paid. You all get equal shares of his great wealth and you come in here complaining because one of you happened to be born 10 years earlier than the other?"

God gives us everything: life itself, the ability to learn, grow and love, and eternal happiness in heaven. And yet we often find it easy to complain because of what we perceive we don't have, or that someone has more than us or should get less. To quote the judge, "What, are we goofy?"

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**REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES**

Fr Owen and Fr Dong have been unable to visit the residents in the nursing homes during this Covid period. If you have family members either in hospital or in the various nursing homes who are unwell it is important that the family notifies staff if you would like the priests to visit them, take Communion and anoint them. Due to privacy this is always the process - unless the patient or family request the priests to visit staff cannot call the priest when someone is seriously ill or dying.

**Masses and prayers Requested for the following:**

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

**We remember the anniversary of** Robbie de Vries, Vena Robinson, Rosemary Douglas.

**We also pray for** John and Judith Watson, Anne Minogue deceased members Blazavic and varga families.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Rebecca Fetcher, Enid Auld, Debbie Solti, Kathertine Szulc (Poland), Anne McLean, Judith Grant, Maria Brec, Brian Kurtz, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Eliza Vasilis, Julie Collins, Anna Swientek, Elizabeth Donelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing

**Baptism:**

We welcome to the parish community this weekend

**JACK ROBERT JOHN STEIN,**  
son of Joshua and Sarah.



**GOOD NEWS STORY:** Little Ben Fleitmann aged 2, who has been on our prayer list intermittently over the past couple of years, - the family received some great news this week, he is cancer free. Ben is the grandson of Brian and Marjorie McCarney and they are elated with this wonderful news.

**COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND**

This year, due to COVID-19, it was not possible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Holy Land. Pope Francis accepted the request to move the collection this weekend.

The collection in favour of the Holy Land, is a small gesture of solidarity that the Church is called to make in order to support, through the Custody of the Holy Places, the Christian communities that are in the Holy Land and feel the weight and also the glory of the Cross of Jesus on their shoulders.

On behalf of the Church and people of the Holy Land, I sincerely thank you in advance for your kind assistance with this act of solidarity of the Universal Church with the people of the land of Jesus.

*Wishing you peace and all good,*  
*Fr Mario Debattista ofm*  
*Commissary of the Holy Land*

**SMCS Yr 12 Graduating students**

The 2020 St Matthews School Yr 12 cohort will graduate in a special Mass and presentation next Wednesday evening. This has been a particularly difficult year for these young people. It is regrettable our Prayer Partners have been unable to join the students for the Graduation Mass this year. Please know their thoughts and prayers are with the students.

Please continue to pray for all the students as they continue their study period before the HSC begins on 20th October.



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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Abbey Alhovirta          | Alexis McNamara        |
| Mikayla Barton           | Mary Glezelle Medrano  |
| Paige Bowden             | Gabrielle Mills        |
| Anna Brennan             | William Moog           |
| Veruska Cediel Rodriguez | Jack Newman            |
| Georgia Chantler         | Corey Paine            |
| Matthew Cleary           | Sian Potter            |
| Nicholas Cook            | Max Rhodes             |
| Tomas Drinkwater         | Madeleine Sharp        |
| Sarah Dryburgh           | Hollie Smith           |
| Zarli Harrison           | Mathilda Thomas-Grimes |
| Hayden Lowe              | Taylor Tidey           |
| Emily Luke               | Jorja Whale            |
| Charlotte Mahon          | Imogen Woods-Smith     |
| Saxon McGowan            |                        |

**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*



**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 in and view the range of works.



## MASS TIMETABLE

### MONDAY - 21st September

Feast of St Matthew  
No Mass  
12 Noon Angelus

### TUESDAY - 22nd September

9.30am Mass Mudgee  
12 Noon Angelus

### WEDNESDAY - 23rd September

St Pius of Pietrelcina, memorial  
9.30am Mass Mudgee  
9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group  
12 Noon Angelus

### THURSDAY - 24th September

9.30am Mass Mudgee  
12 Noon Angelus

### FRIDAY - 25th September

12 Noon Angelus  
12.30pm Mass Mudgee

### SATURDAY - 26th September

Sts Cosmas and Damian, memorial  
11.00am Baptism  
12 Noon Angelus  
5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

### SUNDAY: 27th September

#### Twenty Sixth 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



**Mudgee Parish**  
BSB - 066 781

Acc No 100004583  
Reference: Your name.

**Gulgong Parish**  
BSB - 066 781  
Acc No 100006612  
Ref: 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
Sat 19th Sept	C.Furney	J.Newman	I.Byrne
Sun 20th Sept.	R.McKeown	M.Cassidy	M.Dunnachie
Sat 26th Sept.	A.Fergus	G.Brymora	J. Newman
Sun 27th Sept	M.Dunnachie	R.Disher	L.Disher
Sat 3rd Oct	<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	" "
Sun 4th Oct	J.Tioseco	L.Nicholson	S.Abbey

### Gulgong Roster for September

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
20th Sept.	C.Gaudry	B.Toole	R.Saliba
27th Sept.	S.Parnell	C.Leotta	M & E Carney
4th Oct.	E.Donnelly	K.O'Brien	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn

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

[Ez 18:25-28](#)

[Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6](#)

[Phil 2:1-11](#)

[Mt 21:28-32](#)