

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 18th - October 2020

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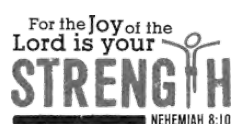


PARISH PHONES

The Parish Phones are still not working. We sincerely apologise for this inconvenience, especially if you have been trying to contact us.

PLEASE PHONE THIS ALTERNATE NUMBER FOR ASSISTANCE

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Still today, landmine accidents are prevalent in Cambodia, a cruel reminder of the country's troubled past, even for those who were not yet born during the tumultuous years of the Khmer Rouge regime and ensuing civil conflicts.

You will hear about Chen's story - how his landmine accident has affected not only his life, but that of his family; and how the Arrupe Centre, led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, is providing many children and families affected by disability with the support they need to lead fulfilling lives.

Today you have the opportunity to support the Arrupe Centre as it continues this essential work. You may choose to become a monthly partner, in which your gifts will fund community and child-focused programs run by the Church in Cambodia. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need in Cambodia and around the world.



THERE WILL BE A LEAVING COLLECTION AFTER MASS TODAY TO SUPPORT THE MISSION APPEAL.

ALTERNATELY THERE ARE ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO USE CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/cambodia

Dear Mudgee parishioners

You will note there are NO actual collections at Mass as we are unable to pass the plate around with Covid restrictions. We are grateful to all who have continued to contribute in these troubled times.

The collection plate is situated near the back seats as you enter the church.

Alternately 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.

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

Twenty - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: [Is 45:1.4-6](#)

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7](#)

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Thes 1:1-5](#)

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia! alleluia!

Gospel [Mt 22:15-21](#)

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.



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The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

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Tax Time

What is a tax? In the best of circumstances, it's a private payment for the public good. It's how individuals contribute to the interests of the community of which they're a part. In the time of the Roman empire, taxation among the occupied provinces was a troubling matter. It could be argued that what went into the pocket of Rome went out of the province for good.

Those who questioned Jesus about taxes, of course, weren't asking for a moral decision. They wanted him to betray himself by being politically incorrect in front of the people. And Jesus, of course, was above politics, framing his answer in larger terms than the Pharisees cared to consider. Those who are obliged to Caesar should certainly make payment in the coin of the realm. But those who are obliged to God - and who isn't - owe a debt to be paid in the province of the human spirit. It is this larger obligation that should capture our concern.

Do we commit more of our time, energy, and resources to Caesar or to God?

What do we currently give to Caesar that belongs to God?

Consider making a new tithe to God. Allot a portion of your time to worship, contemplation and spiritual reading. Give a portion of your wealth to the needy. Spend a portion of your energy on a just cause.

"Then give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give God what is God's".

October Month the Rosary

Aid to the Church In need Australia

Invite all to make a conscience approach in joining and praying the Rosary at your own time, with family and friends or at your own place of worship, which takes place every year on the 18th October 2020, at 9am. We hope and pray that through the spirit of Christ you can join us in this special prayer of the Rosary that only comes around once a year. Visit the website for more information www.aidtothechurch.org or phone (9679-1929)

Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially Con Nathan (Syd), Jim Lynch, Daryl Baker, Jenny Williamson, Margaret Meehan and Pam Parnell.

We remember the anniversaries of Patricia Cruz and Greg Wesley.

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

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION:

Children who are in Yr 2 and have already been baptised are eligible for the sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Lessons for the Government school children will begin on Monday 19th October in the Parish Centre

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Bishop Michael has given permission for the Sacrament of Confirmation to go ahead with some restrictions and inline with Covid 19 medical advice.

Lessons for Government school students will begin **Monday 19th October at 3.45pm in the Parish Centre.**

All students from St Matthew's School and the Government schools who registered in March will not need to re-register.

Families who have children eligible for Confirmation and have not already registered are encouraged to do so immediately.

The registration forms for First Reconciliation and Confirmation are on the parish website. Registration is via the Parish only.



Congratulations to **Kevin Scott** celebrating his **90th Birthday** on Monday 19th October.

Quote:

Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work in hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus.

POSITION VACANT - Assistant Parish Secretary (Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos)

28 hours per fortnight.

Mrs Patti Kiddle will be retiring as Parish Secretary in the coming weeks. The current Assistant Secretary, Mrs Kristie Newman will take on the position of Parish Secretary.

We are currently seeking to fill Kristie's position. The successful application must have a sound background in Office Administration and be willing to work in a team environment.

For enquiries and a Position Description please contact the Parish Office at office.mudgee@cdob.org.au (Please note this alternate phone number) Ph 63000101.

To apply please send your application including your resume with three references, via email to the Parish Priest, Fr Owen Gibbons: pp.mudgee@cdob.org.au

Applications close Friday 30th October 2020

Marriage:

Congratulations to **Christopher William Firbank** and **Kate Marie Austin** who celebrated the sacrament of Marriage in the St Mary's this weekend.



Baptism: We welcome with great joy **Poppy Ann Roe** daughter of Dale and Cheryl.

Thomas Edward Scott son of Joshua and Bridgette.

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

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.

MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY - 19th October

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus

2.00pm Funeral Prayers Jenny Williamson

Chrism Mass -Dubbo

TUESDAY - 20th October

9.30am Communion Service Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 21st October

9.30am Mass Mudgee SMCS YR 3B,4B

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

11.00am Mass Gulgong AH Yrs 3/4

12 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 22nd October

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 23rd October

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 24th October

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY: 25th October

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Kandos

Sunday Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion

**THE CHURCH IS
OPEN FOR MASS
AND VISITATION**

Tues -Thurs

9.15 - 10.30am

Friday

11.30am - 1.15pm

**Confession/
Anointing/ Home
Communion**

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

Please join us each day at 12 noon for the Angelus, from your home, in the garden or wherever you may be as the Church bell calls us to prayer.

On Friday in the Church at 12 noon we invite you to **pray the Angelus** followed by the **Rosary**, and join us for **Mass** at 12.30pm.

November - Month of the Holy Souls

Mudgee Cemetery Mass - Monday 2nd November , 6.30pm

Rylstone Cemetery Mass - Wednesday 11th Nov, 9.30am

Gulgong Cemetery Mass - Wednesday 11th Nov 6.00pm

Pope Francis's Universal Prayer for October

The Laity's Mission in the Church - We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

QR CODE

A QR Code to sign into the church is situated on the front doors of the church - You will need to have the Services NSW App on your phone for this to work.

Alternately continue to sign in manually until we are able to provide easier solution.

HELP NEEDED

We need helpers to be rostered so as to assist those who have been available each weekend to seat parishioners appropriately, see that all are signed in correctly, sanitised their hands and help with the cleaning of the church after Masses.

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

Mudgee Roster - October/November

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful
Sat. 24th Oct.	J.Newman	J.Newman	G.Brymora
Sun. 25th Oct	M.Matthews	M.McLean	M.Dunnachie
Sat. 31st Oct	A.Fergus	K.Fitzsimmons	B.Slater
Sun. 1st Nov.	R.McKeown	C.Devitt	A.Littler

Gulgong Roster for October/November

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
25th Oct	C.Gaudry	K.Ritar	M & E Carney
1st Nov	P.Leotta	C.Gaudry	E.Donnelly G. Ausburn
8th Nov.	M.O'Brien	D.Hudson	

COUNTRY MASS ROSTER FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 25th October

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Kandos

Sunday Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion

**COUNTRY MASS TIMETABLE BACK TO NORMAL
FROM SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2020**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Ex 22:20-26](#)

[Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2](#)

[1 Thes 1:5-10](#)

[Mt 22:34-40](#)