



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.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 25th July 2021 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

First Reading: [2 Kgs 4:42-44](#)

*They will eat
and have some left over.*

Responsorial Psalm:

[Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16](#)

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**



All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(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: [Eph 4:1-6](#)

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Gospel Acclamation: [Lk 7:16](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Jn 6:1-15](#)

*He distributed to those who were seated
as much as they wanted.*



**AS 6:00PM SATURDAY 26 JUNE UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.**

THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY...

- All organisations must continue to ensure they keep accurate records of all attendances, including through [QR Codes](#), to enable fast contact tracing in the event of any community transmission.
- **All parishioners are required to scan a QR code or sign in before entering the Church.** Scanning QR codes are the preferred method as it does not require you to touch a common pen.
- The number of people allowed in a place of worship is limited to **1 person per 4 square metres.**
- **Mask are compulsory** in all indoor non-residential settings and certain outdoor events.
- Singing by audiences and choirs at indoor venues or indoor places of worship will not be allowed.
- It is critical everyone continues to practise COVID-safe behaviours, hand sanitising, practising social distancing, staying home if unwell and getting tested if suffering from the mildest of symptoms.

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Fr Owen Gibbons

Assistant Priest
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Parish Deacon
Deacon Charles Applin

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Parish Office Hours

Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:
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DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 26th July

12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 27th July

9.30am Mass

12 Noon Angelus

2.30pm Funeral Prayers - Nola Brand (Mudgee)

WEDNESDAY - 28th July

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 29th July

9.30am Mass Mudgee - Year 1

10.00am Faith Series - Mudgee Parish Centre

10.30am Mass Gulgong Yr 3 / 4

12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 30th July

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)

12 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 31st July

12.00 Noon Angelus

4.15-4.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY - 1st August

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.00pm Faith Series

Anointing/ Home Communion:

If you know of anyone who would like Anointing/ Home Communion, please ring the office.

Fr Owen and Fr Dong are available, and can visit at home or in hospital.

"How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society!"

*Pope Francis
World Youth Day 2015*



GULGONG NEWS

Gulgong Catholic Womens Group next meeting on 3rd August has been **cancelled.**

Trial HSC

Trial HSC Exams start on Monday 26th July. The Exams will take place in the classrooms in the Parish Centre at St Marys. We ask that all Parishioners to be aware of this when attend the church or the Parish Office. Thank you.

Prayer Partner Program

Due to current Covid restrictions, we are unable to have a Student and Prayer Partner Mass and Luncheon. The Students in Year 12 at St Matthews have provided the Parish with Prayer Cards for each of them. These card are available for the people who have volunteered to be a prayer partner. You will find them at the back of the Church.

If you would like to volunteer, please write your name on the pink sign up sheet at the back of the Church.



Different View – A miracle of sharing

Some scripture scholars suggest that the real miracle of the feeding of the multitude was not so much a multiplication of meagre resources by Jesus but rather a personal response by individuals within the crowd. It is suggested that upon seeing the willingness of Jesus (and the small boy whose food it was) to share the small amount of food available, everyone dug into their pockets and pulled out the small amount of food they also had and shared it with one another. The miracle was a breaking through from selfishness and isolation to a spirit of sharing and community.

Although we are the ones who approach the altar in a procession to receive communion, in reality it is Christ who comes towards us to assimilate us in him. There is an encounter with Jesus! To nourish oneself of the Eucharist means to allow oneself to be changed by what we receive.

Pope Francis Catechesis on the Mass 2018

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially

Nola Brand, Anna Salomoni, John Capare and Brenda Nyman (Canberra)

We remember the anniversaries of

Brian Kelly, Rita Camilleri, John Krismer, Hugh Lenard, John Cuthbert, Rina d'Illio, Betty Curry, John Bradley, Lyn Pilley, Michael Shumack, Patrick Woods, John Little, John McRae, Brian O'Farrell, Emmanuel Farrugia, Max Harris, Audrey James, Marie Adams, Ruby Gawthorne, Maxwell Pilley and Rita Kurtz.

We also pray for Michael Kearins,

Janelle Hartnett, the Camilleri Family, Peggy West (Newcastle), John Archer, Margaret Large, Bruni Krzysik, Bill Scott Annette Maskell (Randwick), Peter Schaefer, Antony Blazevic, Joe Swientek, and the Swientek and Smieszek Family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:

Anna Blazevic, Robyn Cafe, Sue Kearins, Ivan Brec, Suzana Marakovic, John Graham, John Cross, John Vros, Enid Auld, Tomislav Glavacevic, Carmel Thompson, John Carney (Rooty Hill), Cherylanne Adamson, Mike O'Shea, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Elizabeth Taylor (Newcastle), Allen Fenwick (Newcastle), Julie Collins, Maria Leotta, Eliza and Elena Vasilis, Rebecca Fletcher, Debbie Solti, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Mary Cannon and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Parish Calendar

We are publishing a Calendar for 2022 featuring our local Parish churches with Twelve of Deeb's Kitchens Famous Recipes.

Thank you to those Businesses and individuals who are helping to sponsor its publication. If you are interested in being a sponsor to help with the cost of printing the Calendar, please contact the Parish Office.



Congratulations to

Jack Rosetto

who will receive the Blessed Eucharist for the first time.

Mudgee Roster

Saturday 31st July/ Sunday 1st August 2021

	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	D. Cunningham	L. Croake
First Reader	I. Byrne	M. Barrett
Second Reader	C. Furney	M. Dunnachie
Special Ministers of Communion	G. Hennessy	R. Croake
Altar Servers	D. Fitzgerald	S. Hannigan
Welcomers	K. Newman	S. W. Walker
Counter	Mon 26th July	L. Nicholson

Saturday 7th/ Sunday 8th August 2021

	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	St Matthews	St Matthews
First Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
Second Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
Special Ministers of Communion	St Matthews	St Matthews
Altar Servers	P. Galloway	S. Keaton
Welcomers	St Matthews	St Matthews
Counters	Mon 2nd August	P. O'Brien

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
1st Aug	P. Leotta	F. McConville	R. Saliba

Pope's Universal Prayer for July Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

A young lad and the hungers of humanity

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world.

Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'.

We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.

Catholic Diocese of Bathurst

BREAD COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN

Faith Series

The **Bread Come Down From Heaven Faith Series** is an initiative to help people deepen their appreciation of Scripture and the Eucharist.

When: Sunday at 5pm in the Parish Hall and a repeat session on Thursday at 10am for morning tea in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome.

Time: One hour is the intended maximum time.

How to get involved: If possible, all the Parish Office to register your interest or just come along

All current Covid-19 Restrictions will apply.



Men for Men

"TALKING FATHERHOOD"



Enjoy the opportunity to engage with other fathers – from very new first-time dads, dads of teens, grandads to mentor dads. Support, encourage, laugh, learn and meet in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.

Q & A Forum with opportunity to ask questions or just listen.

Upstairs Oriental Hotel.

Covid safe limits will be as per venue Evening presented by St Mary's Parish Council in this The Year of St Joseph

WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST 2021 6.00PM – 7.30PM

RSVP to Russell Croake 0438721755 Or Annette Fergus 0402934218

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 16:2-4. 12-15

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

I AM WITH YOU
ALWAYS

#IAMWITHYOUALWAYS

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for
those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which
You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.
Amen.



VISITING GRANDPARENTS AND OLDER PEOPLE WHO ARE ALONE

- The first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated in circumstances in which it will still not be possible in many countries for the elderly to physically attend Mass.
- In order for the message of closeness and consolation to reach everyone on this World Day – even those who are most isolated – we ask people to visit their grandparents and the elderly living alone in their community and to give them the Holy Father’s message. <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2021/6/22/messaggio-giornata-nonni.html>
- A visit is a tangible sign of a Church of outreach. At a time of social distancing because of the pandemic, a visit shows that there is a way of being close to older people while still observing safety measures.
- A visit is a personal choice to arise and go in haste to others (cf. Lk 1:39), just as Mary did when she visited her elderly cousin Elizabeth.
- A visit is an opportunity for a grandchild to say to his or her grandparent and for a young person to say to an elderly person they are visiting, “I am with you always”.
- A visit can be an opportunity to bring a gift, such as a flower, and to read the World Day prayer together.
- A visit can also be an occasion to offer the elderly, especially those who have not left their homes for a long time, an opportunity to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and the Eucharist.
- A visit to an older person living alone is one of the ways of obtaining a Plenary Indulgence granted on the occasion of this World Day.
- In places where health emergency measures still make it impossible to visit in person, love can use imagination to find ways of reaching lonely elderly people by phone or social media.
- The World Day message can be shared by posting pictures of visits on social media with the hashtag #IamWithYouAlways.

Year of St Joseph

“Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life”