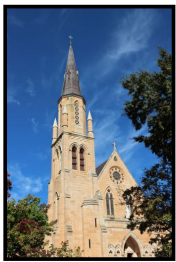


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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 C 24TH JULY 2022

First Reading: [Gen 18:20-32](#)

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3](#)

(R): Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R.)**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Col 2:12-14](#)

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Lk 11:1-13](#)

Ask, and it will be given to you.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

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Mudgee Roster Saturday 30th / Sunday 31st July 2022		
	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. McLean
First Reader	B. Slater	N. Whitmore
Second Reader	S. Walker	J. Wilkinson
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	L. Nicholson	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	L. Wrigley C. Collins	Freeman Family
Music	Ruella & Choir	
Offertory	Help Needed	Children's Liturgy
Counter	Mon 25th July	M. Walker

Mudgee Roster Saturday 6th / Sunday 7th August 2022		
	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	B. Petersen	A. Myles
First Reader	St Matthews	N. Whitmore
Second Reader	St Matthews	J. Wilkinson
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	G. Hennessy	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	William's Family	N. Hay J. Rosetto
Music	Ruella & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Offertory	Help Needed	Children's Liturgy
Counter	Mon 25th July	M. Walker

Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
24 Jul	C. Gaudry	O. O'Brien	R. Saliba
31 Jul	E. Donnelly	D. Hudson	M.&E. Carney
7 Aug	R. Saliba	C. Gaudry	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn

First Holy Communion Parishioner Prayer

Lord,
We pray for the young children in our parish community as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.
Help us to show witness and example to them as they learn more about you and our church through our community.
Amen!

Baptism: We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee

Levi James Sluyter
son of Brian & Brinkley

and

Sienna Maxted
daughter of Bowe & Cody

and in Rylstone

Toby Oscar Sam Vassallo
son of Oscar and Kathleen

and

Rainer Eddy Desch
son of Peter and Karen



DAY BY DAY

MONDAY -25th July

12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 26th July

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Year 7

12.00 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 27th July

10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 28th July

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Year 3

11.30 Funeral - Paul Flynn

12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 29th July

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)

12.00 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 30th July

11.00am Baptism

4.15pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee

SUNDAY -31st July

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Mass - Gulgong

11.00am Mass - Kandos

Anointing/ Home Communion:

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

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

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Paul Flynn, Peter Ward, Paul Power

We remember the anniversaries of:

John Krismer, Hugh Lenard, Betty Curry, Ernest Nairne, Robyn Cafe, John Bradley, Rina d'Ilio, Michael Shumack, Patrick Woods, John McRae, Lyn Pilley, Emmanuel Farrugia, Brian O'Farrell, Audrey James, Marie Adams, Ruby Gawthorne, Maxwell Pilley, Rita Kurtz, Susan Peterson, Mary Hooker.

We also pray for:

Olive Milton, James Milton, Ivy Sproule, Bradley Quinn, Malcom Whiteley, Dave Doyle, Eduardo M Cojuangco Jr, Rodney Fitler, Mattie Gardiner, Isabell Miles, Ivan Brec, Graeme Warren, Bernice King, Joan Hardie, Timothy Hundy.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Jeff Jones, Gwen Osbourne,

Tony Harris, Sue Kearins, Cherylanne Adamson, John Cross, Howard Brady, Dianne Brown, Alicia Knights, Tony Dimmock, Eleni Roberts, Elizabeth Donnelly, Barry Slater, Molly Jenkins, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Dyanna Thomeny, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Living the Gospel – Ask, Search, Knock

Jesus says in the gospel, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.' The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.

Gospel Focus – Relationship

A crucial aspect of prayer is the attitude with which we view God. We trust in God's character that it is not a pointless exercise to ask for something. We trust that God is even more loving than a parent who tries to give their child what they need. If we did not make these basic assumptions about God, there would be little point in prayer. When our prayer lives falter at times, perhaps we need to first check out our relationship with God and our attitude towards God before trying to 'fix' the ways we pray.



Celebrating a Return to Global Mission

Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider Mission opportunities abroad. If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 about a placement to engage your skills and Register for a Webinar on 7pm Monday 1 August for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.



Palms Australia

Mary MacKillop Feast Day Celebrations 2022

[Mary MacKillop Place](#) and the [Sisters of Saint Joseph](#) extend a warm invitation to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Monday, 8 August 2022.

"After two years of disruption due to COVID, we look forward to welcoming pilgrims and supporters to Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney," says Sr Monica Cavanagh, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

"Mary MacKillop Place is a site unlike any other because Mary lived, died and is buried here."

Visitors will have the opportunity to visit the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, attend Mass, pray at St Mary's tomb, and visit the Mary MacKillop Museum. Mary MacKillop memorabilia, ethica Peruvian products, and light refreshments will be on sale.

When: Monday, 8 August 2022

Where: Mary MacKillop Place

Pedestrian and Wheelchair access: 80 William Street, North Sydney

Wheelchair access: Via the Museum Gates, 7 Mount Street, North Sydney

Mass times: 8:00am, 10:00am and 1:00pm

Chapel opening time: 9:00am to 3:30pm (The Chapel will be open for private prayer and visits to Mary MacKillop's tomb)

Museum opening time: 9:00am to 3:30pm (On Feast Day, Mary MacKillop Place offers free admission to the Museum so that pilgrims may explore the story of Mary MacKillop and the foundation of the Sisters of Saint Jose

Gift Shop & Café opening time: 9:00am to 3:30pm

After much planning and preparation on site, and hard work by Sisters, staff and volunteers, we look forward to welcoming you.

Reading for Next Sunday: THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Lk 12:13-21

Hymn

There's A Wildness In God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good.

There is mercy with the Savior,
there is healing in his blood.

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Shalom August Retreats

Why not refresh, renew, and revive the richness of your Christian spirituality on a weekend retreat at Shalom Venue: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar To Register: Ph:02 63673058 or email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

Note: Our retreat protocols to keep everyone attending Shalom COVID Safe require that you must be fully vaccinated and be prepared to show proof of vaccination if requested.

5-7 Aug - Water, Wind, Earth & Fire, Woman's Weekend Retreat.

This retreat is for women to refresh, enliven, nourish and reignite their Christian spiritual life.

Cost: \$280 (includes all meals and accommodation)

27-28 Aug - Art and Prayer 'Exploring the Present'

Come along and be refreshed by your inner creative world and maybe, just maybe, be surprised by all the beauty your inner world can reveal to you.

Cost: \$185 (includes all meals and accommodation)



YEAR 12 PRAYER PARTNERS

Calling on all parishioners that would like to be a Prayer Partner to one of our current Year 12 cohort.

If you are interested, please put your name and contact number on the Year 12 Prayer Partners form on your pews or contact the parish office on 6372-2122.

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
24th July 2022**

'They shall bear fruit even in old age' Ps 92:15

Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July to coincide with the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, to emphasise the pastoral care of the elderly as a priority.



PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I give thanks to you, Lord,
For the blessing of a long life
For, to those who take refuge in You,
Grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord,
Resignation and disillusionment,
But forsake me not
When my strength declines.
Teach me to look with hope
To the future you give me,
To the mission you entrust to me
And to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman
Of Your revolution,
To guard with love my grandchildren
And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.
Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis
And grant Thy Church
To deliver the world from loneliness.
Direct our steps in the way of peace.

Amen