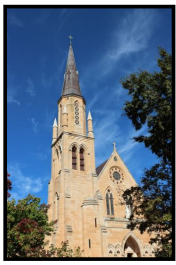


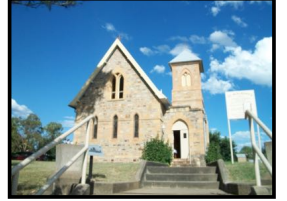
*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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.



### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 31ST JULY 2022

**First Reading:** [Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23](#)

*What do people gain by all their work?*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1](#)

**(R): In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. (R.)

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

**Second Reading:** [Col 3:1-5, 9-11](#)

*Seek the things that are above where Christ is.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Lk 12:13-21](#)

*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*



### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

**Parish Priest**

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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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**Mudgee Roster**  
Saturday 6th / Sunday 7th August 2022

	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	B. Petersen	A. Myles
<b>First Reader</b>	St Matthews	St Matthews
<b>Second Reader</b>	St Matthews	St Matthews
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	G. Hennessy	M. Dunnachie
<b>Altar Server</b>	William's Family	N. Hay J. Rosetto
<b>Music</b>	St Mathews	Ruth & Marianne
<b>Welcomer</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>	Children's Liturgy
<b>Counter</b>	<b>Mon 1st August</b>	L. Nicholson

**Mudgee Roster**  
Saturday 13th / Sunday 14th August 2022

	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	D. Cunningham	S. Abbey
<b>First Reader</b>	K. O'Brien	M. Price
<b>Second Reader</b>	O. O'Brien	N. Whitmore
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	B. Slatter	A. Myles
<b>Altar Server</b>	W. Forster A. Egan	J. Potgieter
<b>Music</b>	Rachel & Choir	
<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	M. Dunnachie
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>	Children's Liturgy
<b>Counter</b>	<b>Mon 8th August</b>	E. Goodlet

**Gulgong Roster**

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
31 Jul	E. Donnelly	D. Hudson	M.&E. Carney
7 Aug	R. Saliba	C. Gaudry	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn
7 Aug	D. Kelly	C. Leotta	C. Holand

*"It always seems impossible until it's done."*  
Nelson Mandela

**DAY BY DAY**

**MONDAY -1st August**

12.00 Noon Angelus  
11.00am Funeral - Jeff Jones  
5.00pm Word & Faith - Parish Centre

**TUESDAY - 2nd August**

9.30am Mass Mudgee  
12.00 Noon Angelus  
5.30pm First Holy Communion Workshop

**WEDNESDAY - 3rd August**

10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group  
12.00 Noon Angelus  
5.45pm Mass Mudgee

**THURSDAY - 4th August**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Year 4  
12.00 Noon Angelus  
12.30pm Mass - Gulgong - First Holy Communion Enrolment

**FRIDAY - 5th August**

10.30am Mass - Opal Nursing Home  
12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)  
12.00 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)  
12.30pm Mass Mudgee  
5.30pm Holy Hour - In the Presbytery

**SATURDAY - 6th August**

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

4.15pm Reconciliation  
5.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 7th August**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK**

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.



**VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK**  
7 TO 14 AUGUST 2022



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**Masses and prayers requested for the following.**

**For the recently deceased especially:**

Jeff Jones, Paul Flynn, Peter Ward, Paul Power, Veronica Mowland nee Robinson,

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Brian Kelly, Robyn Cafe, Jude Watson. Penelope Hoyer, Helmut Miller, Bill McRae, Warren Roche, Allan Heaslip, Siegfried Braun, Joseph Woods, Alan Forwood, Peiter Paauwe.

**We also pray for:**

Olive Milton, James Milton, Ivy Sproule, Bradley Quinn, Malcom Whiteley, Dave Doyle, Eduardo M Cojuangco Jr, Rodney Fidler, 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:**

Joe Saliba, Tony Spina, Gwen Osbourne, Tony Harris, Sue Kearins, John Cross, Cherylanne Adamson, 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.

### 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.



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### GULGONG NEWS

The next Gulgong Catholic Womens Group meeting with Tuesday, 2nd August at 2pm. New members welcome.

### JOSEPHITE MEETING

No meeting on Friday, 5th August. There will be a Lunch on Monday, 8th August to celebrate Feast of St Mary of the Cross. More details to follow.

**HSC Trail Exams** start this week. Students will sit their exams over the next two weeks in the Parish Centre. Please be aware when visiting the Parish Office to keep noise to a minimum.

### Bishop to ordain Deacon Nam Dinh Le to the Priesthood

Bishop McKenna has announced he will ordain Deacon Nam Dinh Le to the Priesthood.

The ordination will take place on 4 November 2022, during 6pm Mass at the Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst. Further details will follow at a later date.

Please keep Deacon Nam in your prayers as he spends these coming months preparing for priestly ordination.



### 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!

### KANDOS NEWS

The St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal raised \$277.50.

Thank you to all for your kind donations.

### Gospel Reflection

One of the themes running through the gospels is that wealth can be an obstacle to entering fully into relationship with God. It is not wealth in itself that is problematic but rather valuing material riches above everything else and the constant desire to accumulate more and more. We have the story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit the kingdom and Jesus tells him to sell everything he has and give away the proceeds. The young man goes away sad because he thought that with his great accumulation of wealth he'd be able to buy anything that he needed to gain the kingdom. We also have the saying of Jesus that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

The parable in today's gospel depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others.

Liberation theology introduced the catch phrase, 'live simply so that others may simply live'. The call was for those in wealthier countries to simplify their wasteful and indulgent lifestyles so that others may be able to meet their most basic of needs.

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

Wis 18:6-9

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

Lk 12:32-48

St Patrick's Presbytery cordially invites all parishioners,  
friends and family of

*Fr Garry McKeown*

in celebration of his 50th anniversary  
of ordination to the priesthood

Sunday, 28th - Family Celebration Day at 11.00am at  
St Patrick's School  
please bring a plate to share, tea/ coffee supplied

On the day of the anniversary of his ordination:  
Mass of Thanksgiving  
Thursday, 1 September 2022  
5.30pm

St Patrick's Church, Mort Street, Lithgow

Followed by:

Supper a Lithgow Workies, Tank Street, Lithgow  
\$20.00 per head

RSVP 25 August 2022

Lithgow Presbytery on 02 63513092 or email

[office.lithgow@cdob.org.au](mailto:office.lithgow@cdob.org.au) for

RSVP and direct deposit details.

## 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.

## The following is a summary of Bishop Michael McKenna's intervention at the Plenary Assembly of the Dicastery for Inter-religious Dialogue held in Rome from 6 to 8 June 2022

**Background:** The Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue supports Pope Francis' ministry of dialogue with followers of other religions. It is the central office of the Church for the promotion of interreligious dialogue in accordance with the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, in particular the declaration *Nostra aetate*. It is responsible for promoting mutual understanding, respect, and collaboration between Catholics and followers of other religious traditions; encouraging the study of religions; and promoting the formation of persons dedicated to dialogue.

**Context:** The Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue, presided over by Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot M.C.C.J., President, held its Plenary Session in Rome on the theme "Interreligious dialogue and conviviality," on 6-8 June 2022. The theme was addressed through presentations by Dicastery members from different geographical areas, including Bishop Michael McKenna, and through moments of reflection and exchange between the participants.

Australia is a self-consciously multi-cultural nation of immigrants, who began arriving on the continent 234 years ago. In the context of our theme of "conviviality", these were uninvited guests, who then behaved badly. Today, we are walking with the first peoples of our land on a journey of reconciliation. Some of the insights into the possibilities and difficulties of living together, in diverse situations around the world, that we have listened to at this meeting offer us wisdom worth pondering.

The part of the world we call Oceania is already experiencing the effects of climate change in more catastrophic floods and fires and droughts. The island nations of the western Pacific are existentially threatened by rising sea levels. As we gather here to talk about living together in human fraternity, the words of Pope Francis about caring for our "common home" impel us to more fervent cooperation.

The largest and fastest growing religious group in Australia is, as we have heard to be so in other countries represented at this meeting, "no religion". This is sometimes accompanied by an aggressively secularist push to drive religion from public discourse, or even to seek to restrict religious activities. More deeply, it is accompanied by a loss of confidence in the possibility of transcendent truth. This offers an opportunity for serious interreligious dialogue in which believers of different traditions can meet one another as fellow seekers after truth, sharing with one

another the nourishment of what they have learnt along the way.

+Michael McKenna  
**Bishop of Bathurst**

July 2022

