

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 FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 21ST AUGUST 2022

First Reading: [Is 66:18-21](#)

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15](#)

(R): Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading: [Heb 12:5-7, 11-13](#)

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

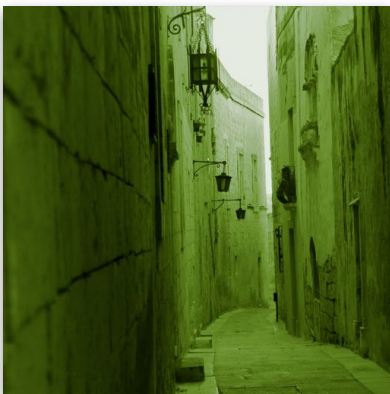
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Lk 13:22-30](#)

*From East and West they will come to take their place in
the kingdom of God.*



REFLECTION

by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.

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Mudgee Roster
Saturday 27th / Sunday 28th August 2022

	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. Matthews
First Reader	I. Byrne	S. Abbey
Second Reader	G. Brymora	C. Devitt
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	J. Vros	M. Devitt
Altar Server	C. Collins N. McLean	L. Robbins
Music		
Welcomer	HELP NEEDED	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	HELP NEEDED	Children's Liturgy
Counter	Mon 22nd August	P. O'Brien

Mudgee Roster
Saturday 3rd / Sunday 4th September 2022

	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	B. Petersen	A. Myles
First Reader	K. O'Brien	J. O'Brien
Second Reader	O. O'Brien	R. McKeown
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	I. Byrne	P. O'Brien
Altar Server	N. Witheriff	Potelli Family J. Potgieter
Music		
Welcomer	HELP NEEDED	G. Stokes
Offertory	HELP NEEDED	Children's Liturgy
Counter	Mon 29th August	L. Nicholson

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
28 Aug	S. Parnell	K. Ritar	M.&E. Carney
4 Sep	C. Gaudry	P. Leotta	G. Ausburn E. Donnelly
11 Sep	E. Donnelly	O. O'Brien	C. Holland

Pope's Universal Prayers 2022 August - Small Businesses
 For small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Baptism: We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee



Lucy Frances Gray
 &
Emma Susan Gray
 daughters of Christopher & Bettina
 and Gulgong
Benji Brian Ruming
 son of Callum & Ali

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 22nd August

12.00 Noon Angelus
 5.00pm Word & Faith - Parish Centre. All Welcome

TUESDAY - 23rd August

9.30am Mass Mudgee
 12.00 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 24th August

ST BARTHOLOMEW, apostle - Feast Day
 10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group
 10.30am Funeral, St Marys - Craig Lynch
 12.00 Noon Angelus
 5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 25th August

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Year 6
 10.30am Funeral, Lawson Room - Peter Williams
 12.00 Noon Angelus
 12.30am Mass Gulgong - All Hallows
 6.00pm Pastoral Council Meeting

FRIDAY - 26th August

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
 2.00pm Funeral, St Marys - Charlie Xuereb

SATURDAY - 27th August

11.00am Baptism
 4.15pm Reconciliation
 5.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee

SUNDAY - 28th August

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Mass - Mudgee
 10.30am Mass - Gulgong
 11.00am Mass - Rylstone

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:

Craig Lynch, Peter Williams, Charlie Xuereb, Deborah Dziendziel, Barbara Pierce, Stasia Rozenblatt,

We remember the anniversaries of:

Pom Fitzgerald, Vonny Gliders, Carmen Attard, Slavko Baricevic, Col Gardiner, Joseph Hope, William Hudson, Joe Swientek.

We also pray for:

Jack & Mark Barrett, Jeff Jones, Paul Flynn, Michael Azar, Peter Ward, Paul Power, Malcom Whiteley, Dave Doyle, Eduardo M Cojuangco Jr.

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

Dennis Petersen, Joe Saliba, Tony Spina, Gwen Ausburn, 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.



Shalom House of Prayer
7 Collins Street,
CARCOAR
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27th-28th August

Art and Prayer “Exploring the Present”

Why not refresh, renew, and revive the richness of your Christian spirituality on a weekend retreat at Shalom?

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.

This weekend retreat will give you a path to feel and see your world: Your outer world & your inner world. You will be led over the weekend about living in the present.

Your prayers will become your art, your art will connect you deeper to yourself, others and God.

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

REMINDER - Parish Carpark

We currently have a few people using the Carpark to drop off and pick up children before and after school and some people parking to attend to other business in town.

The Parish Carpark is only be used when visiting the Church or the Parish Office or the Presbytery.

Thank you.

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 parish community. Amen!



Social Justice Sunday 28 August 2022

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse points out that the roots of domestic and family violence “lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others” and that “this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us”.

The Church in Australia marks Social Justice Sunday on August 28. In their Social Justice Statement, Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse, the Australian bishops speak out about the scourge of domestic and family violence. They call for relationships to be marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control. Access the Statement and related resources at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

RISE UP - Orange 31st AUGUST 2022

Rise up is a one day praise and worship event aimed at students who have completed the CSYMA program, an optional faith formation unit of study, in their schools throughout years 9 and/or 10.

Date: 31st August 2022

Venue: Orange Function Centre - Orange

Time: 9.30am - 2.30pm.

Registrations: <https://formationmission.bth.catholic.edu.au/rise-up.html>



Thank you to everyone who helped with the setting up, decoration and catering for the New Parishioners Dinner and the Feast of the Assumption.

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

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

Lk 14:1. 7-14



Catholic Earthcare Australia:
 THE ECOLOGICAL ADVISORY AGENCY TO
 THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, POWERED BY
 CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Season of Creation 1 September until 4 October

The Season of Creation is fast approaching. It's a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I proclaimed 1 September as a day of prayer for creation for the Orthodox in 1989. The World Council of Churches was instrumental in making this special time a season, extending the celebration from **1 September until 4 October**.

Pope Francis made the Catholic Church's warm welcoming of the season official in 2015. The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home. It's a wonderful opportunity for Earthcare Parishes/Organisations to promote and celebrate their Earthcare journey with their wider community – a great opportunity for moving forward, particularly on the Goals of Ecological Education and Ecological Spirituality.

POPE FRANCIS MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION



AN EXCERPT

The sweet song of creation invites us to practise an "ecological spirituality" (LS 216), attentive to God's presence in the natural world.

To base our spirituality on the "loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures, but joined in a splendid universal communion" (LS 220). For followers of Christ, this luminous experience reinforces our awareness that "all things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being" (Jn 1:3).

In this Season of Creation, we pray once more in the great cathedral of creation, and revel in the "grandiose cosmic choir" made up of countless creatures, all singing the praises of God. Let us join Saint Francis of Assisi in singing: "Praise be to you, my Lord, for all your creatures" (cf. *Canticle of Brother Sun*). Let us join the psalmist in singing, "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!" (Ps 150:6).

BRING FORTH - MARTY HAUGEN

You are salt for the earth, O people;
 Salt for the Kingdom of God!
 Share the flavour of your life, O people;
 Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain:
 Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
 Bring forth the Kingdom of peace,
 Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
 Bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people;
 Light for the City of God!
 Shine so holy and bright, O people;
 Shine for the Kingdom of God!



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Gospel Focus – First and Last

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.' These words of Jesus carry with them a major thrust of his ministry in the gospel of Luke. Jesus reminds his audience that their status in society means nothing when it comes to their status in the kingdom of God. What will make people 'first' in the kingdom is their acceptance of Jesus' message, their faith and their compassionate actions toward others. Jesus' insistence on the inherent value of the 'last' in society must have been a constant irritant to those who considered themselves 'first'.

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@cdb.org.au for
 RSVP and direct deposit details.