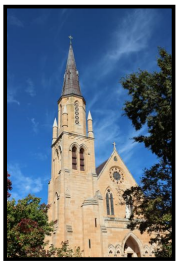


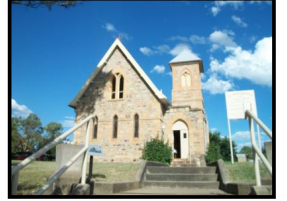
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 28TH AUGUST 2022

First Reading: [Sir 3:17-20, 28-29](#)

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

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

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Heb 12:18-19, 22-24](#)

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Lk 14:1. 7-14](#)

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.



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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	Portelli Family J. Potgieter
Music		
Welcomer	HELP NEEDED	G. Stokes
Offertory	HELP NEEDED	Children's Liturgy
Counter	Mon 29th August	M. Walker

Mudgee Roster
Saturday 10th / Sunday 11th September 2022

	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	D. Cunningham	S. Abbey
First Reader	St. Matthews	St. Matthews
Second Reader	St. Matthews	St. Matthews
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	I. Byrne	N. Whitmore
Altar Server	Williams Family	N. Hay L. Robbins
Music		St. Matthews
Welcomer	HELP NEEDED	G. Stokes
Offertory	HELP NEEDED	Children's Liturgy
Counter	Mon 5th Sept	L. Nicholson

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
4 Sep	C. Gaudry	P. Leotta	G. Ausburn E. Donnelly
11 Sep	E. Donnelly	O. O'Brien	C. Holland
18 Sep	R. Saliba	S. Parnell	R. Saliba



Companions of the Sisters of St Joseph
(Formerly Josephite Associates)

Josephite Companions Meeting
Date: Friday, 9th Sept
Time: 1.15pm
Location: Parish Centre

Baptism: We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee



Lucas George Laurie
son of Andrew & Ashleigh

Congratulations to:



Olivia Bulkeley
Alexis Macey

who will be Confirmed this weekend.

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 29th August

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

TUESDAY - 30th August

Please note No 9.30am Mass

11.00am Requiem Mass, St Mary's - Rex Donnelly
12.00 Noon Angelus
2.00pm Requiem Mass, St Mary's - Helen Shearman

WEDNESDAY - 31st August

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

THURSDAY - 1st September

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Year 2
12.00 Noon Angelus
12.30am Mass Gulgong - All Hallows

FRIDAY - 2nd September

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 Presbytery

SATURDAY - 3rd September

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

SUNDAY - 4th September

TWENTY-THIRD 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.

**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!

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:
Malcolm Petrie, Barry Slater, Rex Donnelly, Helen Shearman, Craig Lynch, Peter Williams, Charlie Xuereb, Deborah Dziendziel, Stasia Rozenblatt,

We remember the anniversaries of:
Susan Loneragan, Tony Blazevic, Nell Goodman, Margaret Nevell, Kevin Robinson, Bertram Harris, Meg Cumberland, Ark Ryan.

We also pray for:
Jeff Jones, Paul Flynn, Michael Azar, Dave Doyle, Barbara Pierce, Michael Maloney.

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, Molly Jenkins, Howard Brady, Dianne Brown, Alicia Knights, Tony Dimmock, Eleni Roberts, Elizabeth Donnelly,, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Dyanna Thomeny, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

**NONE OF US CAN THINK
WE ARE EXEMPT
FROM CONCERNS FOR THE
POOR AND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.**
POPE FRANCES

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.

The St Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering “a hand up” to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.



The Vinnies Conference is seeking New Members to help them with this vision. If you would like volunteer for this position and

- are available for 2 hours per week in the mornings
- respect confidentiality
- have empathy
- have some basic computer skills (This can be taught on the job).

or would like to discuss help in some way, please contact Carol Jones, St Mary’s Vinnies Conference President on 0417480025 or at S.V.D.P 6372 0715 40 Market Street Mudgee

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus advises us to be humble, and not to assume that we have a higher position or status than others. That way we won’t be embarrassed if someone else comes along whose status is actually higher than ours.

A lot of status-lowering is done with put-downs. Every time you put someone down, it is an attempt to lower that person’s status and to raise your own.

How does status-lowering relate to what Jesus asks us to do?

Paying a compliment to another person raises their status. If your compliment is accepted with grace, your status is also raised. If your compliment is rejected, or coupled with a put-down against you, your status is then lowered. How often does this happen?

It seems to be more of a risk to compliment a person than it is to put someone down. Yet Jesus asks us to take that risk. Are you willing to risk giving compliments?

Are you willing to stop dishing out put-downs and to start giving more compliments to others? Why or why not? What would Jesus say about this decision?

Jesus challenges us to include people of the lowest status in our social activities.

When you have a party or when you are in the position of inviting someone to go to a movie or an athletic event with you, do you tend to seek out the most popular people with the highest social status? Or do you seek out the people who are least popular and sometimes made fun of? Why?

Do you think Jesus’ challenge is unrealistic, or do you think it is what the world needs? How so?

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>



Reading for Next Sunday: THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
Wis 9:13-18 Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v.1 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33



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



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Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service
NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS

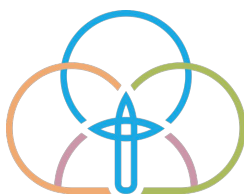
The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist in working with the local Church, in various Aboriginal communities. There is a variety of important voluntary tasks in **administration, building and vehicle maintenance, gardening, hospitality, general cleaning etc.** Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus.

In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and a small weekly allowance.

For further details, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060
 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org
 Web: www.broomedioocese.org
 Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**

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).