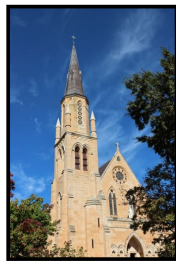


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 5TH FEBRUARY 2023 WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

First Reading: Is 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4*

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,

he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**

The just man will never waver:

he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;

with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;

open-handed, he gives to the poor;

his justice stands firm for ever.

His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE! We all have our special gifts, but sometimes we fail to recognise this. We may feel that we have little to offer. The is never true. As Jesus says: *'You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!'* Let us ask Jesus to help us recognise our unique gifts and share them with others.

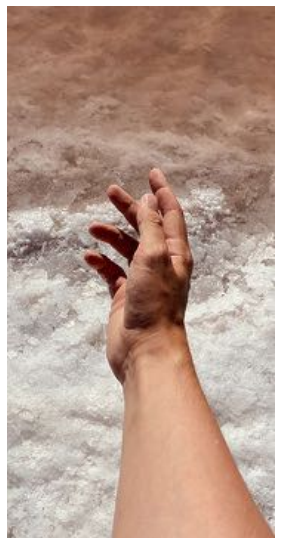
Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today, when we describe a person as being the 'salt of the earth' it's generally meant in a way that says the person is hard working, straight talking and pretty down to earth. It's usually meant as a compliment but sometimes can come across as a bit condescending when used inappropriately. When Jesus tells the disciples that they are salt of the earth and the light of the world he is really saying 'You are to be the salt of the earth; you are to be the light of the world.' It is more of a directive than an affirmation of them.

Today's first reading from Isaiah helps to shed light on Jesus' meaning in the gospel passage: 'Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn.' It sounds a lot like the message from the last judgment in Matthew 25 when the king says 'whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' It's a message of justice and right relationship not only with God but with one another also.

To be salt of the earth and light of the world means to be the one who puts their hand up and steps forward to speak for, work for and act for those who are the least in this world. To have the potential and resources to be a force for good in the world and not act on it is to be like salt that's used for salting the streets or a lamp that's under a tub.

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Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Tammy Bull, Astrid Murcia-Adams (Perth),
Fay Biddle (Muswellbrook), Michael "Tex" Gillham,
James "Cricket" Corney, Marie Laffan

We remember the anniversaries of:

Ev Gawthorne, Ted Hayman, Bill Tandy, Giovanni Leotta, Pearl Partington, Priscilla Rayner, Ambrose Williams, Thomas Welch, Teresa Welch, Kevin Organ, Gordon Waterhouse, William Adams, Doris Murray, Tobias Brennan, Shirley Sawyers. Valerie McGarth, Christopher Wood, Reginald McGarth, Edward Hayman, Judy Roberts, Llewellyn Davies, John Hemsley

For the deceased, especially:

John Baggett, Doris O'Brien, Joan Loughrey, George Ashcroft.

Prayers requested for:

Maria Knezevic, Ava Marakovic (Syd), Anne Mead, Vikki Treves, John Carney, Molly Jenkins, Debra O'Loughlin, Joe Saliba, Eleni Roberts, Tony Spina, Dennis Petersen, Geoffrey Munn, Tony Harris, Dianne Brown, Molly Jenkins, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Cherylanne Adamson, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Minister of the Word

Diocesan Pilot Program mid-February 2023

The ACU Centre for Liturgy provides parishes and deaneries throughout Australia with specialised training and formation workshops, as well as a range of short courses. Their Liturgical Ministry Training Ministers of the Word program is designed to support the ministry of Lector, a ministry that requires skill and practice so that the word of God is brought to life in the liturgy. This course is an interactive workshop that provides current and aspiring lectors with techniques for effective proclamation.

This interactive online training program is conducted over 4 weeks. Modules 1, 2 and 4 each include a Zoom class with your instructor. The program features a practical training session with your local community leader. A helpful introductory Zoom session assists participants before the program begins.

To register:

http://www.acu.edu.au/MOW_Registration

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**SACRAMENTS 2023 ST MARY'S MUDGEE
IMPORTANT DATES**

If you are considering the Sacrament of Confirmation or the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for your child in 2023, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to come along to a Parent/Carer Information Session as part of our preparation required for the sacramental journey of your child.

SAVE THESE DATES



From Year 6 onwards

School Term 1

Tuesday 21st March 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm or
Thursday 23rd March 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm



First Holy Communion

From Year 3 onwards

School Term 2

Tuesday 20TH June 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm or
Thursday 22ND June 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

** Please note that the journey for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be for Year 3 students onwards from 2023 **

Further Information will be available on the Parish website (mudgee.catholic.org.au) from Tuesday 20th December including registration to attend a Parent/Carer Information session. All enquiries to sacraments.mudgee@cdob.org.au

Please pass this message on to anyone you feel would be interested.

Important Notice

As you may be aware, there will be a significant change in our Parishes next year. With Fr Thao leaving, Fr Owen will be our only Priest for the parishes of Gulgong, Kandos / Rylstone and Mudgee. This means that some of the Masses will be change. The changes are:

1st Sunday in the Month

10.30am Communion Service Gulgong
11.00am Mass Kandos

2nd Sunday in the Month

10.30am Mass Gulgong
11.00am Communion Service Kandos

3rd Sunday in the Month

10.30am Communion Service Gulgong
11.00am Mass Rylstone

4th Sunday in the Month

10.30am Mass Gulgong
11.00am Communion Service Rylstone

5th Sunday in Month

10.30am Communion Service Gulgong
11.00am Mass Kandos

The Mass times for Mudgee will remain the same, for now.

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 6th February

St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs

12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 7th February

9.30am Mass Mudgee

11.00am Opening - All Hallows School - St John the Baptist Church. All welcome.

12.00 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 8th February

10.40am Mass - Year 11 Secondary Chapel

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.15pm Reconciliation

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 9th February

9.30am Mass Mudgee- SMCS Year 2

12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 10th February

St Scholastica, virgin

10.30am Whiddon Nursing Home Mass

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Reconciliation available on request.

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 11th February

World day of Preyer for the Sick - Holy See

11.00am Baptisms

5.15pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

7.00pm RCIA meeting

SUNDAY - 12th February

CATECHIST SUNDAY

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong - Mass

11.00am Kandos - Communion Service

Hospital visitation Anointing/ Home Communion:

If you know of anyone who is in hospital or at home and would like the Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion, please ring the office. Fr Owen is available, and will happily visit them at home or in hospital.

Please note, reconciliation is available anytime on request

IMPORTANT...

Due to the recent changes across our Parishes, the bulletin will need to be organised earlier. All Bulletin items including Anniversaries, will need to be in by 12noon Wednesday each week.

We have a lot of containers and utensils left in the Parish Centre from last years Parish Dinner and Farewell to Fr Thao. Please come to the Parish Centre to claim your contains and utensils. We would like to see them go back home.

Mudgee Roster Saturday 11th/ Sunday 12th February 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	C. Furney	M. Matthews
First Reader	L. Nicholson	J. O'Brien
Second Reader	P. Wilkinson	M. Mclean
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	I. Byrne	P. O'Brien
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Music	Rachel & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	Mrs S. Walker	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Counter	Mon. 13th Feb	M.Walker

Mudgee Roster Saturday 18th/ Sunday 19th February 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	M. Mclean
First Reader	C. Furney	L. Croake
Second Reader	Mrs S. Walker	E. de Vries
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	L. Nicholson	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Music	Ruella & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	Mrs S. Walker	Mr S. Walker
Offertory	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Counter	Mon 20th Feb	E. Goodlet

Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
13th Feb	S. Parnell	C. Leotta	R. Saliba
20th Feb	D. Kelly	S. Parnell	M & E Carney
27th Feb	E. Donnelly	M. McGregor	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn

**Pope's Intentions for December...
For Parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Reading for Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A

Sir 15:15-20

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37

Ministries in our Parish Community

‘There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different people, it is working in all of them.’ 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

We are asking for you to volunteer to help with one or more ministries in our parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos. Below is an overview of some of the ministries within the parish that you may like to consider. There is something for everyone. We thank everyone who has volunteered in the past and urge you to re-commit for another year. We also encourage anyone who is volunteering for the first time or looking at a different ministry, there will be training provided for some of the ministries and plenty of support from the Parishes and the Parish Office. Commitment is for one year.

‘No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.’ Matthew 5:15-16

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

To assist with the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass. Training and commissioning is required for this Ministry.

Reader (Lector)

At each Mass, the Word of God is proclaimed. The priest proclaims the Gospel and delivers the Homily. The Reader/Lector proclaims the First and Second Readings, and the Responsorial Psalm (if there is no cantor).

If you commit to this ministry, there will be a formation to help carry out this ministry as it is required. There will be a course run by Australian Catholic University early this year. (see the item in the middle of the bulletin for more information).

Musicians

Music is an integral part of the celebration of the Eucharist. Musicians (organists, guitarists and others) and singers are encouraged to commit to this ministry, so that this ministry can be shared.

Altar Servers

Children are invited to be part of this ministry. They are given formation and practice. Their participation is an important contribution to the celebration and helps them gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the Mass.

Commentator

As we celebrate the Mass together, there are announcements made which help the community to participated more fully. The Commentator is required to arrive about 15 minutes before Mass.

Liturgy Group

To prepare for the various seasons of the Church year and special celebrations, the Liturgy group assists in the choice of music, structure and various ways to enhance the celebrations.

Hospitality

On various occasions, we gather after Mass to meet other parishioners, visitors and others to enjoy and cuppa and a chat.

Sacramental Preparation Team:

Each year families enrol their children to prepare for Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. To assist parents in this time of their family life, sessions are held prior to the celebration of the sacrament. Assistance with hospitality and preparation of these sessions is welcomed.

Catechists/Helpers:

Children in the Government schools in Mudgee have a half hour lesson of Special Religious Education each week. When they are preparing for the sacraments, they also attend 4-6 lessons after school beforehand. Teaching material and support is available for those who are able to help in this area.

Pastoral Council

Please consider being part of this vibrant group who work so hard for the pastoral care of our parish community. Meeting once a month to plan events and social gathers to help grow our Parish community. Please give this some thought.

Offertory - Gift Bearers

Gift Bearers bring forward the bread and wine, which will become Christ's Body and Blood, at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Individuals, couples and/or families are encouraged to act as Gift Bearers.

Welcomers

A key moment for being a welcoming church is when people who have decided to attend Mass arrive at the church. The way that a person is treated at this moment can have a profound impact on their experience of Church.

This is a beautiful and important ministry that can preformed by a family or by friends. It can be as simple as a warm smile and a "Hello".

If you are interest in a ministry please do the following:

Mudgee: in fill a form at the back of the Church and either place in the collections or bring it to the parish office.

Gulgong: There is a sheet on the table at the back of the Church for people to register their names.

Kandos / Rylstone: Please speak to Carol or Kerry Morrissey.

Or to found out more information call the Parish Office on 6372 2122.

Your help is appreciated.

