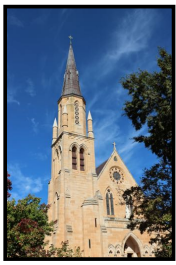


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 12TH FEBRUARY 2023 CATECHIST SUNDAY

First Reading: [Sir 15:15-20](#)

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34, R. v.1](#)

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **(R.)**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **(R.)**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Cor 2:6-10](#)

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have
revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mt 5:17-37](#)

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how

we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.



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Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Mary "Molly" Jenkins, Tammy Bull, Astrid Murcia-Adams (Perth), Fay Biddle (Muswellbrook), Patricia Jehner.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Marina Morel, Harry Price, Patrick Nolan, Vincent Adams, Meryl Astill, Ronald Archer, Daphne Sampson, Robert Moritz, Joan McGowan, Lorraine Smith.

For the deceased, especially:

George Ashcroft, Michael "Tex" Gillham, Marie Laffan, James "Cricket" Corney.

Prayers requested for:

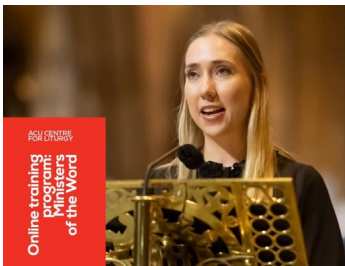
Rebecca Fletcher, Ian Johnson, Anne Mead, Roland Barros, Maria Knezevic, Joe Saliba, Ava Marakovic (Syd), Vikki Treves, John Carney, Debra O'Loughlin, Tony Spina, Eleni Roberts, Dennis Petersen, Tony Harris, Geoffrey Munn, Dianne Brown, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Cherylanne Adamson, Carmel Thompson and all those 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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GULGONG NEWS

The Gulgong Catholic Women's Group wish to advise their Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th March, at 2pm, in the Convent.

All positions have been declared vacant.

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.

Enrich your Marriage with The Marriage Kit by SmartLoving

An enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended. Accessed from the privacy of your home on your own timetable, this online course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion and equip you with practical tools for every day. To find out more visit: smartloving.org/marriage-kit



Baptism

We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee:

Florence Jean Skinner

daughter of Mathew and Abigail.

and

Trixie G Skinner

daughter of Philip and Candace

Catechists Sunday

The Catholic Diocese of Bathurst provides a ministry to students in public schools through groups of volunteer SRE (Scripture) teachers in each parish. Volunteer SRE teachers and assistants carry the message to students in public schools that God is love and Jesus came to bring the Good News.



Saturday & Sunday Hymn

Where There Is Charity and Love

Refrain

Where there is charity and love, there the God of love abides.

The love of Christ has gathered us as one, Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts; Let us revere and love the living God And love each other with unfeigning hearts.

Refrain

And so when we are gathered here as one, Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease; Be our resolve all bitterness to shun And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.

Refrain

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace, To where the blessed glory in your sight; There let us see and love you face to face, Gathered once more in everlasting light.

Refrain

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DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 13th February

Anniversary of National Apology

12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 14th February

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 15th February

10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group - Parish Centre

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.15pm Reconciliation

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

6.30pm Pastoral Council Meeting - Parish Centre

THURSDAY - 16th February

9.30am Mass Mudgee- SMCS Year 4

12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 17th February

11.00am Kanandah 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 - 18th February

2.00pm Wedding

4.00pm Wedding

5.15pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

7.00pm RCIA meeting

SUNDAY - 19th February

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong - Communion Service

11.00am Rylstone - Mass

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.

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 **12 noon on Wednesday** each week.

We have a lot of containers and utensils left in the Parish Centre from last years Parish Dinner and Farewell for Fr Thao. Please come to the Parish Centre to claim your containers and utensils. We would like to see them go back home. Any containers not claimed by Friday 20th Febraury will be used in the Parish Kitchen

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. 13th Feb	M. Walker

Mudgee Roster Saturday 25th/ Sunday 26th February 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. Mclean
First Reader	I. Byrne	L. Croake
Second Reader	C. Furney	E. de Vries
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	G. Hennessy	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Music	Rachel & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	HELP NEEDED	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 February...

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: SEVENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A

Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

1 Cor 3:16-23

Mt 5:38-48

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, and a vital component in helping to enhance the overall experience at Mass. Please consider lending your musical talents as either a chorister or as a musician. New members are always welcome. Choir rehearsals are held in the Church on Mondays at 6.30pm. No prior singing experience is necessary as you will receive vocal training at the rehearsal.

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".

Bell Ringers:

St Mary's, Mudgee need bell ringers to help with ringing the bell for the Angelus each day. Training will be provided.

Church Cleaning:

Church clean happens regularly through out the year. All volunteers welcome.

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.

